



**SIoux LOOKOUT  
OPP DETACHMENT BOARD**

**LOCAL POLICIES**

Per Section 69 of the  
*Community Safety and Policing Act, S.O. 2019*

## **LOCAL POLICIES – EXPLANATION**

### **Section 69 of the *Community Safety And Policing Act***

**69** (1) An O.P.P. detachment board may establish local policies, after consultation with the detachment commander or his or her designate, with respect to policing in the area receiving policing from the detachment.

#### **Local policy requirements**

(2) A local policy established under subsection (1) must meet the following requirements:

1. The local policy must not be inconsistent with,
  - i. the strategic plan prepared by the Minister,
  - ii. any policies established by the Minister under section 60,
  - iii. any procedures established by the Commissioner, or
  - iv. the local action plan prepared by the detachment commander.
2. The local policy must not relate to specific investigations, the conduct of specific operations, the management or discipline of specific police officers or other prescribed matters.
3. The local policy must not require a member of the Ontario Provincial Police to do something or refrain from doing something where this would be inconsistent with his or her duties under this Act or the regulations.
4. The local policy must not prohibit a member of the Ontario Provincial Police from attempting to collect information for the purpose of investigating an offence or assisting with the prosecution of an offence.
5. The local policy must not require a member of the Ontario Provincial Police to provide any policing that is not required as a component of adequate and effective policing.
6. The local policy must comply with any prescribed requirements.

#### **Detachment commander to comply with local policies**

(3) Every detachment commander shall ensure that his or her detachment provides policing in accordance with the local policies of his or her O.P.P. detachment board.

#### **Dispute**

(4) If a detachment commander believes that a local policy of his or her O.P.P. detachment board does not comply with subsection (2),

- (a) he or she shall inform the O.P.P. detachment board, in writing, of the reasons why he or she believes that the local policy does not comply with subsection (2); and
- (b) despite subsection (3), he or she is not required to ensure that policing is provided in accordance with the policy unless directed to do so by the Commissioner under subsection

#### **Application for review**

(5) If the O.P.P. detachment board is not satisfied with the detachment commander's reasons for not complying with the local policy, it may apply to the Commissioner to review the decision and provide direction to the detachment commander, which may include requiring compliance with the local policy.

#### **Commissioner to consider submissions**

(6) The Commissioner shall consider any submissions from the O.P.P. detachment board and shall provide it with written reasons for his or her decision to provide directions or not to provide directions to the detachment commander.

#### **Publication**

(7) The O.P.P. detachment board shall publish any local policies established under subsection (1) on the Internet in accordance with the regulations made by the Minister, if any.

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# LOCAL POLICY

## Sioux Lookout OPP Detachment Board

<b>POLICY NAME</b>	Reporting of Serious Incidents by Detachment Commander; Reports by Detachment Commander		
<b>SECTION</b>	Local Policies	<b>DATE LAST REVISED</b>	New
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### 1.0 Reporting Serious Incidents

- 1.1 If a serious incident occurs in either Sioux Lookout or Pickle Lake, the Detachment Commander shall, as soon as practicable, report such occurrence to the Sioux Lookout OPP Detachment Board Administrator (the CAO/Municipal Clerk of Sioux Lookout) or the Deputy Administrator of the Board (the Town Clerk of Pickle Lake), depending on where the incident took place.
- 1.2 As soon as practicable, the Administrator (or the Deputy Administrator in the absence of the Administrator) shall then inform the Board Chair of the incident, and shall also inform the Mayor or designated contact person in the respective Municipality.
- 1.3 Serious Occurrences include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Weapons-related occurrences and/or active shooters
  - Serious assaults
  - Serious occurrences on Municipal or Township property, as the case may be
  - Any serious occurrence that may generate concern on the part of the public in the respective Municipality
  - (Others to be determined by Board, if required)
- 1.3.1 This reporting is important so that Municipal or Township Staff can respond with basic information should they receive inquiries from the public. Media or other inquiries for in-depth information about an incident will be referred to the Detachment Commander or other OPP personnel as directed by the OPP for response.

## **2.0 Reporting Issues of Significant Public Interest**

- 2.1 When emergent operational matters under the jurisdiction of the Detachment Commander are likely to cause significant public interest, the Detachment Commander shall inform the Administrator (or the Deputy Administrator in the absence of the Administrator) as far in advance as possible and before issuing a public statement, if possible. The Administrator (or the Deputy Administrator in the absence of the Administrator) shall inform the Board and the respective Mayor as soon as possible.
- 2.2 If warranted by the significance and seriousness of the matter, the Detachment Commander may consult with the Administrator and/or the Board Chair, who may consult with the Board before the information is released to ensure public release of the information is appropriate and justified, and to receive advice on the format and tone of the communication.

## **3.0 Reports**

- 3.1 The Detachment Commander shall provide the Board with reports regarding policing provided by the Detachment for its quarterly meetings and/or at the Board's request.
- 3.2 The Detachment Commander may delegate, in writing, any of his or her powers and duties with respect to the Board to another person in writing, subject to any limitations, conditions or requirements set out in the delegation, and shall inform the Administrator (or Deputy Administrator in the absence of the Administrator) of such delegation, who shall inform the Board.