



## WOODSTOCK POLICE SERVICE BOARD POLICY

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Witness Protection</b>
<b>Policy Number:</b>	<b>LE-018</b>
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### **Authority/Legislative References**

*Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1*

*Ontario Regulation 392/23 Adequate and Effective Policing (General)*

### **Policy Statement**

The Woodstock Police Service Board (the "Board") is committed to safeguarding the safety and security of witnesses who play a crucial role in the pursuit of justice. The Board is dedicated to providing comprehensive support through a designated Witness Protection Liaison Officer, and by equipping Woodstock Police Service (the "Service") members with the knowledge and tools required to uphold the highest standards of witness protection and security. Through these efforts, the Board aims to foster a community where justice can be served without compromise to personal safety.

### **Policy Application**

1. It is the policy of the Board with respect to witness protection and security that the Chief of Police (the "Chief") shall:

- a. establish procedures and processes in respect of witness protection and security; and
- b. ensure that the Service has a Witness Protection Liaison Officer, or an arrangement with another police service to use their Witness Protection Liaison Officer.