



## WOODSTOCK POLICE SERVICE BOARD POLICY

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Vehicle Pursuits</b>
<b>Policy Number:</b>	<b>LE-045</b>
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### **Authority/Legislative References**

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

*Ontario Regulation 397/23 Vehicle Pursuits*

### **Policy Statement**

The Woodstock Police Service Board (the "Board") is steadfast in its commitment to prioritizing the safety of Woodstock residents and the well-being of Woodstock Police Service (the "Service") members in all aspects of policing, including vehicle pursuits. Through comprehensive processes and policies, the Service's members will be well-prepared to make informed decisions about whether to engage in a vehicle pursuit, ensuring that public and officer safety remains the top priority. The Board also ensures that all vehicle pursuit practices adhere to the *Community Safety and Policing Act* and *Ontario Regulation 397/23 Vehicle Pursuits*.

### **Policy Application**

It is the policy of the Woodstock Police Service Board with respect to vehicle pursuits that:

1. The Chief of Police (the "Chief") shall establish procedures that set out the following tactics that may be used in the Service's area of policing responsibility:
  - a. an alternative to a vehicle pursuit; and
  - b. pursuing or stopping a fleeing motor vehicle.
2. The Chief shall establish procedures on the management and control of vehicle pursuits.