



WOODSTOCK POLICE SERVICE BOARD POLICY

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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 ensuring compassionate and effective support for victims of crime. The Board mandates the Chief of Police (the "Chief") to develop and implement procedures that align with victims' rights, promote collaboration with local support services, and ensure that all officers are equipped to provide timely and effective support to victims, prioritizing their safety and dignity.

Policy Application

1. It is the policy of the Board with respect to providing assistance to victims that the Chief shall:
 - a. in collaboration with the Victim/Witness Assistance Program (VWAP) and Victim Assistance Services of Oxford County (VASOC), community and

- social service agencies and other local organizations, promote the development of an integrated service delivery framework for providing assistance to victims, including safety planning;
- b. ensure that all members of the Woodstock Police Service (the "Service") are aware of victim service providers or a victim referral service available in the area; and
 - c. establish procedures on providing assistance to victims.