



## OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE

### BOARD POLICY

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**CP-001OSPSB SP-001** Community  
Safety and Well-Being.

#### a) **Community Safety and Well-Being:**

The Ministry of the Solicitor General has been working with multi-sectoral government partners and local community and policing partners to develop the Provincial Approach to Community Safety and Well-Being.

This work began in 2009 with a partnership between the Ministry and the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) – together, these two groups initiated the development of a provincial response to crime and victimization.

A new legislative requirement came into force on January 1, 2019, and municipalities had until January 1, 2021, to prepare and adopt a plan. The current Police Services Act (1990) mandates every municipal council to prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWBP). Under the legislation [s. 4(1)], the responsibility to prepare and adopt a CSWBP applies to:

- I. Single-tier municipalities;
- II. Lower-tier municipalities in the County of Oxford and in counties; and
- III. regional municipalities, other than the County of Oxford.

Municipalities have the discretion and flexibility to develop joint plans with surrounding municipalities or First Nation communities [s. 143(2)], although First Nation band councils are not required to engage in Community Safety and Well-Being Planning by legislation.

The majority of Municipalities of Bruce and Grey have come together with community partners to undertake Community Safety and Well-Being Planning - this process involved the identification of risks across Bruce and Grey related to safety and well-being, and then the creation of a plan to address priority risks, taking a crime prevention approach.

It is the policy of the Owen Sound Police Service Board with respect to Community Safety and Well-Being that:

- I. As a legislative requirement, a member of the Board will participate as an Advisory Committee member to undertake the Community Safety and Well-being planning and the subsequent implementation of a Community Safety and Well-being plan; and
- II. As a legislative requirement, the Chief of Police or designate will participate as an Advisory Committee member to undertake the Community Safety and Well-being planning and the subsequent implementation of a Community Safety and Well-being plan;

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Chair

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Date