



# Chatham-Kent Police Service Board Policies

## PSB.PO.03 - POLICING INDIGENOUS OCCUPATIONS & PROTESTS

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Approved by Chair of the Chatham-Kent Police Service Board

### A STANDARDS

- A1 *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*
- A2 *Constitution Act, 1982*
- A3 Policing Standards Manual (2012), Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services – PO-003

### B DEFINITIONS

- B1 In order to ensure the correct interpretation of a capitalized term and/or abbreviation used in this policy and not otherwise defined below, the following definitions form part of this policy.
  - a. **Indigenous Occupation** – means the seizure and control of an area arising from assertions of or treaty rights by members of an Indigenous People/group.
  - b. **Indigenous Protest** – means a physical demonstration related to assertions of Indigenous or treaty rights by members of an Indigenous People/group.
  - c. **Indigenous People** – has the same meaning as Aboriginal people in s.35 (2) of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, which states that Aboriginal peoples include Indian, Inuit and Metis people

### C POLICY

- C1 The objective of policing Indigenous Occupations and Protests is to preserve the peace, prevent offences and enforce the law in a manner that respects the rights of all involved parties. To this end, it is the policy of the Chatham-Kent Police Services Board (the “**Board**”) with respect to policing Indigenous Occupations or Protests that:
  - a. the role of the police at an Indigenous Occupation or Protest is to preserve the peace, prevent offences and enforce the law including offences against persons and property, in accordance with the powers and discretion available to a police officer under the law;
  - b. the consideration of police actions at an Indigenous Occupation or Protest include preserving the peace, communication, negotiation and building trust with participating and affected communities; and



- c. the Chief of Police of the Chatham-Kent Police Service (the “**Service**”) will develop and maintain procedures on:
- i. communicating information in relation to police procedures on Indigenous Occupations and Protests;
  - ii. training requirements for policing Indigenous Occupations and Protests;
  - iii. fostering community understanding of the police response to such events;
  - iv. the collection and analysis of information prior to and during such events; and
  - v. addressing the uniqueness of Indigenous Occupations and Protests.

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