Timmins Police Service Board
POLICY

POLICY NUMBER: BP-PO-003

Policy Name:	Policing Aboriginal Occupations and Protests
Legislative Reference/Authority:	*Community Safety and Policing Act, Regulation(s), Criminal Code, Constitution Act, Human Rights Code and Trespass to Property Act.*
Replaces:	Policy – BP – PO - 003 (Formerly associated to the *Police Services Act)*
Agreements and Protocols:	Section 14 Agreement between the Timmins Police Service and the Ontario Provincial Police, CACP National Framework for Police Preparedness for Demonstrations and Assemblies
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BOARD POLICY

1. The objective of policing Aboriginal 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 Timmins Police Services Board with respect to policing Aboriginal occupations or protests that:

    a. The role of the police at an Aboriginal 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 Aboriginal occupation or protest include preserving the peace, communication, negotiation and building trust with participating and affected communities.

2. The Chief of Police will develop and maintain procedures on:
    a. Communicating information in relation to police procedures on Aboriginal occupations and protests;
    b. Training requirements for policing Aboriginal occupations and protests;
    c. Fostering community understanding of the police response to the events;
    d. The collection and analysis of information prior to and during events; and
    e. Addressing the uniqueness of Aboriginal occupations and protests.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2026.

Signed electronically by the
Board Chair
Timmins Police Service Board