



SARNIA POLICE SERVICE

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Dear Property Owner,

If you are applying for a demolition permit, the Sarnia Police Emergency Services Unit is seeking opportunities to conduct vital tactical training exercises. We are reaching out to ask if you would consider allowing our teams (Emergency Response Team and K9 Teams) to utilize your structure for training purposes during the window of time between the building being vacated and the start of physical demolition.

Why Your Contribution Matters

Realistic training environments are essential for our Emergency Response Team and K9 Teams. Using "acquired structures" allows our officers to practice life-saving skills such as:

- *Mechanical Breaching*: Testing techniques on real-world locked or barricaded doors.
- *Tactical Search & Rescue*: Navigating unfamiliar layouts to locate "victims."
- *De-escalation Maneuvers*: Practicing safe entries in a controlled, realistic setting.
- *K9 Search*: Allowing our dogs to navigate realistic structures while searching for items or suspects.

What You Need to Know

- *No Cost to You*: There is no financial cost to the property owner.
- *Liability*: The City provides full insurance coverage and can provide a copy of liability coverage to protect the property owner during the training period.
- *Non-Destructive Options*: While we are specifically looking for sites where we can practice breaching (which involves damage to doors/frames), we can tailor our training to your comfort level.
- *No Delays*: We work strictly within your existing timeline. We will ensure our training is completed and the site is vacated prior to your scheduled demolition date.

Next Steps

If you are interested in supporting our teams or would like more information regarding the scope of training, please contact:

Sgt. Dave Ferrera, *Emergency Services Unit*

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Thank you for your time and for considering this partnership to help keep our community safe.

Sincerely,

Dave Ferrera



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Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Will this training delay my demolition schedule?** No. Our goal is to work within your existing timeline and will only move forward if our training schedule aligns with your demolition schedule. We will coordinate with you or your contractor to ensure we are off-site well before any demolition takes place.
2. **What exactly will the team be doing to my property?** Depending on the structure, we primarily focus on Mechanical Breaching. This involves using hand tools (rams, halligan bars, saws) to force open locked exterior and interior doors. We may also practice "room clearing" and search-and-rescue drills.

Note: We do NOT use explosives or live fire in these training scenarios.

3. **Do I need to clean the building first?** No. In fact, structures that still have some interior debris or old furniture can provide a more realistic "navigational challenge" for our team. However, the building must be vacant of all residents and pets.
4. **Do utilities need to be on?** No. If they are shut off, we will bring our own portable lighting and power equipment as needed.
5. **Will the ESU clean up the mess?** Since the building is slated for professional demolition, we do not perform any cleaning. However, we will ensure that the site is secured as best as possible when we leave (e.g., closing exterior gates or securing perimeter fences or broken doors) and that no tools or hazardous materials are left behind.
6. **What if I only want you to use certain parts of the house?** We are guests on your property. If there are specific areas you wish to keep "off-limits," simply let us know during the initial walkthrough, and we will respect those boundaries.