



SAINT JOHN BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 10, 2024 – OPEN SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

❖ Chief's Youth Leadership Advisory Committee:

In order to gain the critical perspective from a cross section of our community, the Chief is inviting young leaders between the ages of 16 – 22 years of age who want to make a difference and have a say in the future of policing by joining the ***Saint John Police Chief's Youth Leadership Advisory Committee.***

Young people are encouraged to complete an application form until January 31, 2025, if interested in being considered for this unique opportunity.

❖ Saint John Police Medical Call Response:

The Saint John Police will streamline medical call responses to enhance community safety and efficiency with a **one-year pilot project** which will launch on **February 1, 2025**, to evaluate the impact of these changes

Medical calls consist of a range of health-related emergencies, including but not limited to personal injuries, heart attacks, seizures, suicide attempts, and drug overdoses.

Currently, the City of Saint John employs a three-tiered response involving Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Saint John Police, and Saint John Fire. This approach results in an overlapping of responses from multiple entities, diverting police resources away from core policing responsibilities, and inefficiencies, particularly in cases where the call is strictly medical in nature.

As a result of collaboration with Ambulance NB, Saint John Fire, and NB 9-1-1, the Saint John Police have redefined their role in responding to medical calls. Moving forward, police will respond to medical calls during specific conditions.