



Safe Families Windsor-Essex

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Sarah Sabihuddin
Administrative Director
Windsor Police Services Board
150 Goyeau Street | Windsor, ON | N9A 6J5

Dear Sarah,

Safe Families Windsor-Essex is part of a community group of charities and not for profit organizations that provide services to four local communities (Amherstburg, LaSalle, Harrow and McGregor).

At our most recent roundtable, we discussed the cost of volunteers acquiring Police Clearances and how it can impact volunteering. It was also noted that some towns in Essex County are serviced by the OPP for Police Clearances. Volunteers in these areas receive Police Clearances free of charge, while the other areas pay fees ranging from \$25 to \$35 per clearance. Our organization is a charity which runs on a very tight budget and funded by donations from within the community. We don't have the funds to reimburse volunteers the cost of the clearances, so they bare the cost personally.

As a group, we are asking the Windsor Police Services Board to consider waiving the fees for Police Clearances for volunteers. This would provide equity for all volunteers within Essex County and provide agencies with volunteers that can serve without the cost of the clearance.

I thank you in advance for the Windsor Police Services Board's consideration of this request.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you require anything further.

Kindest Regards,

Joanne

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