



OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE

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Communications and Dispatch

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It is the policy of the Owen Sound Police Service Board with respect to communications and dispatch services that:

- a) The Police Service will provide the services of a Communication Centre, staffed by members of the Police Service;
- b) The Chief of Police will:
 - I. Ensure a communication centre that operates 24 hours a day with one or more communication personnel to answer emergency calls for service and that maintains constant two-way voice communication capability with police officers who are on patrol or responding to emergency calls must be used for the purposes of dispatching members of a police service;
 - II. Ensure that 24 hours a day a member of the Owen Sound Police Service is available to supervise police communications and dispatch services;
 - III. Ensure that police officers on patrol have a portable two-way voice communication capability that allows the police officers to be in contact with the communications centre when away from their vehicle or on foot patrol;
 - IV. In consultation with the Owen Sound Emergency Communication Centre (OSECC), establish and maintain written procedures and processes on communications and dispatch services;

- V. Ensure that members who provide communication and dispatch services meet the requirements of section 15 of the *Ontario Regulation 392/23 - Adequate and Effective Policing (General)*;
- VI. Regularly monitor and evaluate the management and effectiveness of the communications/dispatch centre;
- VII. Ensure that Communicators and those supervising them have successfully completed the prescribed training by the Minister; and
- VIII. Establish and maintain a written procedure that sets out when more than one officer will respond to an occurrence or call for service and ensure the OSECC are provided with a copy of the procedure.

John Thomson
Chair

December 18th, 2024
Date

K. Wardell
Board Secretary

December 18th, 2024
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