



OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICES

BOARD POLICY

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Management of Towing and Storage
Services

OSPSB GP-011 Towing , Release and
Storage of Vehicles

The *Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act (2021)* removes municipal licencing powers for the towing sector to ensure that operators and drivers in the towing and vehicle storage industry are not required to pay or follow multiple licencing regimes when the Provincial Certification Program is in effect. Municipal oversight programs will end January 1, 2024.

Therefore, it is the policy of the Owen Sound Police Service Board with respect to Towing, Release and Storage of Vehicles that the Chief of Police will:

a) Develop and maintain written procedures that address:

- I. The requirements set out in *Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act*;
- II. When vehicles are privately towed;
- III. When Police Officers of this Police Service are to use this Police Service's approved Contract Tow Operator;
- IV. When recovering/towing stolen vehicles, detained, seized, impounded, or otherwise held by this Police Service whether such motor vehicles have been abandoned, stolen, involved in accidents, required for the purposes of evidence or any prosecution, or otherwise taken or held;
- V. The storage of vehicles; and
- VI. The releasing of towed vehicles.

John Thomson
Chair

December 18th, 2024
Date

K. Wardell
Board Secretary

December 18th, 2024
Date