



OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE

BOARD POLICY

Issued: November 30, 2022

Reviewed:

Revised: May 15, 2023

Expires: Indefinite

Rescinds

ER-010OSPSB Canine Units

It is the policy of the Owen Sound Police Services Board with respect to the services of a canine unit that:

- a) The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) will provide the services of a canine unit, available 24 hours per day and within a reasonable response time, under the terms of the Framework Agreement; and
- b) Canine support services through the Saugeen Shores Police Service, when available, can be considered as an alternate responder if this service is required.
- c) The Chief of Police will:
 - I. Establish procedures that set out the circumstances in which the canine services will be deployed, including the process for obtaining the services and the reporting relationships;
 - II. Ensure members of the police service providing canine services train with their police service canine team and/or unit that is providing the services of canine;
 - III. Ensure that members performing the functions of a canine team and/or unit have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to provide the canine functions assigned;

- IV. Ensure the ongoing joint training of members who provide the functions of a canine team/unit; and
- V. Establish procedures for the deployment of other emergency response services, including receiving assistance from other agencies.

Chair

Date