



OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE

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ER-0090SPSB Underwater Search and
Recovery Units

Pursuant to *Ontario Regulation 392/23 - Adequate and Effective Policing (General) – Emergency Response* it is the policy of the Owen Sound Police Service Board with respect to Underwater Search and Recovery Units that:

- a) Underwater Search and Recovery Unit support services is available 24 hours a day and within reasonable response time through the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Framework Agreement;
- b) The OPP will be designated as the primary responder and shall be requested first if the services of an Underwater Search and Recovery Unit (USRU) are required;
- c) The deployment of the USRU shall be authorized only by the Chief of Police; and
- d) The Chief of Police, in consultation with the service provider, will;
 - I. Establish and maintain written procedures that set out the circumstances in which the underwater search and recovery unit will be deployed, including the process for obtaining the services and reporting relationship;
 - II. Establish and maintain written procedures for the deployment of other emergency response services, including the steps for obtaining the services and the reporting relationship; and
 - III. Ensure that the police service's major incident commander(s) receive training (joint, if applicable) in their responsibilities and the capabilities of the USRU.

John Thomson
Chair

December 18th, 2024
Date

K. Wardell
Board Secretary

December 18th, 2024
Date