



OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE

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Pursuant to *Ontario Regulation 392/23 - Adequate and Effective Policing (General)* it is the policy of the Owen Sound Police Service Board with respect to the search of persons that the Chief of Police will:

a) Establish and maintain written procedures that address:

- I. The compliance by members of the Police Service with the legal, constitutional, and case law requirements relating to when and how searches of persons are to be undertaken;
- II. The circumstances in which an officer may undertake a search of person;
- III. Charter of Rights and Freedoms;
- IV. Frisk/field searches;
- V. Strip/complete searches;
- VI. Body cavity searches;
- VII. Strip searches of Transgender or Inter-sexed persons;
- VIII. Consent searches;

- IX. Cultural considerations in searches of persons;
 - X. The supervision – Officer-in-Charge- responsibilities of searches of persons; and
 - XI. The documentation of searches of persons.
- b) Ensure that officers and other members as appropriate are kept informed of changes in the law relating to the search of persons; and
- c) Annual Reporting – The Chief of Police shall obtain strip search data and report to the Board on the following information:
- I. Number of strip searches conducted each year;
 - II. Race, if known, of the arrestees;
 - III. Gender, if known, of the arrestees;
 - IV. Age of arrestees;
 - V. Number of times force was used;
 - VI. Number of times items were found during strip search, and
 - VII. Analysis of trends and concerns, if any.

John Thomson
Chair

December 18th, 2024
Date

K. Wardell
Board Secretary

December 18th, 2024
Date