



OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE

BOARD POLICY

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The Owen Sound Police Service has not been "designated" by the Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General to provide police services in respect of all navigable bodies and courses of water in Ontario.

Section 19 (1) of the *Police Services Act* provides that the OPP is responsible for providing police services in respect of all navigable bodies and courses of water in Ontario, except those that lie within municipalities designated by the Solicitor General.

It is the policy of the Owen Sound Police Services Board with respect to waterways safety that the Chief of Police will:

- a) Establish procedures to provide direction to members who may engage in routine activities or emergency response - in, on or near bodies of water;
- b) Set the expectations regarding police activities near bodies of water including routine work and the role of first responders in emergency situations;
- c) Ensure that members have the knowledge, skills and abilities required to perform their duties when working near a body of water; and
- d) Ensure members have the sufficient person safety equipment made available in vehicles.

Chair

Date