



WOODSTOCK POLICE SERVICE BOARD POLICY

Subject:	Underwater Search and Recovery Unit
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Authority/Legislative References

Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1

Ontario Regulation 392/23 Adequate and Effective Policing (General)

Occupational Health and Safety Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.1

Policy Statement

The Woodstock Police Service Board (the “Board”) is committed to providing effective and timely emergency response services. The purpose of this policy is to ensure the Woodstock Police Service (the “Service”) has access to specialized underwater search and recovery services through formal agreements with other jurisdictions.

Policy Application

1. It is the policy of the Board with respect to the services of an underwater search and recovery unit that:
 - a. the Board will contract with the Ontario Provincial Police (the “OPP”) through a Framework Agreement to provide the services of an underwater

search and recovery unit, available 24 hours a day, within a reasonable response time;

- b. the Chief of Police, in consultation with the OPP, will:
 - i. establish procedures that set out the circumstance in which the underwater search and recovery unit will be deployed, including the process for obtaining the services and the reporting relationships;
 - ii. establish procedures for the deployment of other emergency response services, including receiving assistance from other agencies;
 - iii. ensure that the Service's major incident commanders receive training, if appropriate; and
 - iv. ensure that all equipment listed under "underwater search and recovery units" in Schedule 1 – Required Equipment and Other Resources, of Ontario Regulation 392/23 Adequate and Effective Policing (General), is available to members of the underwater search and recovery unit.