



STRATFORD POLICE SERVICE

BOARD POLICY

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Rescinds: ER-009-2000 Underwater Search and Recovery Units

ER-009SPSB Underwater Search and Recovery Units

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

- a) The Chief of Police will;
 - I. Establish procedures, in consultation with agencies of the *Shared Services and Resources Agreement* and/or the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to ensure that the services of an Underwater Search and Recovery Unit (USRU) is available 24 hours and day and within a reasonable response time;
 - II. 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;
 - III. Establish and maintain written procedures for the deployment of other emergency response services, including the steps for obtaining the services and the reporting relationship;
 - IV. Establish procedures for command and control of the response; and
 - V. Ensure that the police service's major incident commander(s) receive training (joint, if applicable) in their responsibilities and the capabilities of the USRU.

"Steve Cousins"
Chair

Approved January 15, 2025
Date