



Peterborough Police Services Board

ER – 009 – Underwater Search and Recovery Units

1.0 Policy

- 1.1 It is the policy of the Peterborough Police Services Board with respect to Underwater Search and Recovery Units that:
- a) The police service will provide the services of an underwater search and recovery unit by entering into an agreement with the Ontario Provincial Police, the Durham Regional Police Service and any other police service as required to provide the services of an underwater search and recovery unit, available 24 hours a day and within a reasonable response time;
- 1.2 The Chief of Police will:
- a) establish procedures that set out the circumstances in which the service will be deployed, including the process for obtaining the service and reporting relationships;
 - b) establish procedures for the deployment of other emergency response services, including receiving assistance from other agencies;
 - c) ensure that underwater search and recovery unit members comply with the *OHSA*, and *Diving Operations Regulation* or where amended;
 - d) ensure that underwater search and recovery unit members are qualified to perform their specific tasks in accordance with *Competency Standard for Diving Operations CAN/CSA-Z275 4-02* or where amended;
 - e) ensure that the underwater search and recovery unit members perform their tasks according to the *Operational Safety code for Diving Operations CAN/CSA-Z275.2-92* or where amended;

- f) develop and maintain a reference file on all diving hazards that is available to each member providing this service;
- g) establish a selection process for the unit, including ensuring that members who provide this service meet the requirement of local policies and procedures;
- h) ensure the ongoing and joint training of members who provide this service;
- i) ensure that the police services' major incident commanders receive training in their responsibilities and the capabilities of the underwater search and recovery unit; and
- j) ensure that appropriate equipment, in accordance with the Ministry's designated equipment and facilities list, is used/available to the members who provide this service.

2.0 Administration

- 2.1 That this Policy is hereby enacted by the Peterborough Police Services Board on this 20th day of October 2014 and shall take effect on January 1st 2015.
- 2.2 That this policy be unrestricted.

Garth Wedlock, Chair
Peterborough Police Services Board

Additional References:

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