



BELLEVILLE POLICE SERVICE

BOARD POLICY

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Rescinds:

ER-009 Underwater Search and
Recovery Units

ER-009BPSB Underwater Search and Recovery Units

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

1. The Board will ensure that a valid agreement is in place, in compliance with *section 14* of the *Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA)* to have another Board or the Ontario Provincial Police provide Underwater Search and Recovery Support Services;

Based on an assessment and decision by the Chief of Police or designate, a request can be made for Underwater Search and Recovery support services from the OPP or other Police Service pursuant to a *section 14* Agreement under the *CSPA*, or the Chief of Police or designate may request temporary assistance in providing adequate and effective policing from another Police Service pursuant to *section 19* of the *CSPA – Request for Temporary Assistance*; and

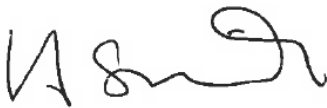
- a) If the Chief of Police or designate makes a request for temporary assistance under *section 19* of the *CSPA*, the Chief of Police shall provide notice of the request as soon as possible to,
 - I. The Inspector General; and
 - II. The Board.

The OPP are designated as the primary responder for this Police Service and shall be requested first if the services of an Underwater Search and Recovery Unit (USRU) are required.

USRU Support Services is available 24 hours a day and within a reasonable response time through the OPP.

2. The deployment of the USRU shall be authorized only by the Chief of Police or designate.
3. The Chief of Police, in consultation with the OPP, will:
 - a) Establish and maintain written procedures that set out the circumstances in which the USRU will be deployed, including the process for obtaining the services and reporting relationship;
 - b) Establish and maintain written procedures for the deployment of other emergency response services, including the steps for obtaining the services and the reporting relationship; and
 - c) Ensure that the Police Service's Major Incident Commander(s) receive training (joint, if applicable) in their responsibilities and the capabilities of the USRU.
4. Reporting:

If the Chief of Police or designate makes a request for USRU support services pursuant to a *section 14* Agreement under the *CSPA*, the Chief of Police shall report to the Board providing sufficient information to allow the Board to understand the details of the event



Chair

August 10, 2026

Date