

**POLICY NO. ER-009  
UNDERWATER SEARCH AND  
RECOVERY UNITS**

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**Related BPS Procedures**

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**1.0 Preamble**

1.1 WHEREAS subsection 31(1) of the ***Police Services Act*** provides that a Board is responsible for the provision of Police Services and for Law Enforcement and Crime Prevention in the Municipality and shall:

- 1.1.1 Generally determine after consultation with the Chief of Police, objectives and priorities with respect to the Police Service in the Municipality;
- 1.1.2 Establish priorities for the effective management of the Police Service, and
- 1.1.3 Direct the Chief of Police and monitor their performance.

1.2 AND whereas ***O. Reg. 3/99*** prescribes standards for adequacy and effectiveness of Police Services.

**2.0 Definitions**

2.1 **Board** – shall mean the Barrie Police Services Board.

2.2 **BPS** – the acronym for the Barrie Police Service.

2.3 **Chief** – shall mean the Chief of Police.

**3.0 Policy**

3.1 It is the policy of the Board with respect to the services of an Underwater Search and Recovery that:

3.1.1 The Board will contract with the Ontario Provincial Police to provide the services of an Underwater Search and Recovery Unit, available 24 hours a day, within a reasonable response time.

3.1.2 The Chief, in consultation with the OPP will:

3.1.2.1 Establish procedures that set out the circumstances in which the Underwater Search and Recover Unit will be deployed, including the process for obtaining the service and reporting relationships.

3.1.2.2 Establish procedures for the deployment of other emergency response services, including receiving assistance from other agencies, and

3.1.2.3 Ensure that the BPS Major Incident Commanders receive training in their responsibilities and the capabilities of the Underwater Search and Recovery Unit.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Board Chair

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Board Administrator