



## TORONTO POLICE SERVICES BOARD

### UNDERWATER SEARCH AND RECOVERY UNITS

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<b>LEGISLATION</b>	<i>Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.15, as amended, s. 31(1)(c). Adequacy and Effectiveness of Police Services, O. Reg. 3/99. Occupational Health and Safety Act Diving Operations Regulation 629/94.</i>	
<b>DERIVATION</b>	Adequacy Standards Regulation - ER-009	

It is the policy of the Toronto Police Services Board that:

1. The Service will provide the services of an underwater search and recovery unit by identifying service delivery methods using its own members;
2. The Service will be available 24 hours a day within a reasonable response time;
3. The Chief of Police will establish procedures that:
  - a. set out the circumstances in which and processes by which underwater search and recovery units will be deployed;
  - b. ensure the ongoing training of members who provide this service; 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;
  - c. ensure that the underwater search and recovery unit members perform their tasks according to the *Occupational Safety Code for Diving Operations* CAN/CSA-Z275.2-92 or where amended;
  - d. ensure that underwater search and recovery unit members comply with all relevant standards as set out in the OHSAA Diving Operations Regulation, the Canadian Standards Association and all relevant standards and legislation as set out by the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services; and

- e. ensure that appropriate equipment, in accordance with the OSHA Diving Operations Regulation and the Ministry's designated equipment and facilities list, is used/available to the members who provide this service.