Timmins Police Service Board
POLICY

POLICY NUMBER: BP-ER-009

Policy Name:	Underwater Search and Rescue
Legislative Reference/Authority:	*Community Safety and Policing Act, Regulation* *Occupational Health and Safety Act* *CAN/CSA-Z275.4-02 – Competency Standard for Diving Operations* *CAN/CSA Z275.2-92 – Occupational Safety Code for Diving Operations*
Agreements & Protocols:	*Section 14 Agreement between Timmins Police Service and Ontario Provincial Police*
Replaces:	Policy – BP – ER - 009 (Formerly associated to the Police Services Act)
Last Revised:	April 14, 2026
Approved By:	Board Chair

BOARD POLICY

1. It is the policy of the Timmins Police Services Board with respect to the services of an underwater search and recovery unit that:
    a. This Board will contract with Ontario Provincial Police to provide services of an underwater search and recovery unit available 24 hours a day, within a reasonable response time;
    b. The Chief of Police, in consultation with the Ontario Provincial Police will:
        i. Establish procedures that set out the circumstances in which the underwater search and recovery unit till be deployed, including the process for obtaining the services and the reporting relationships;
        ii. Establish procedures for the deployment of other emergency response services, including receiving assistance from other agencies; and
        iii. Ensure that the police service's major incident commanders receive training in their responsibilities and the capabilities of the underwater search and recovery unit.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2026.

Signed electronically by the
Board Chair
Timmins Police Service Board