



## WOODSTOCK POLICE SERVICE BOARD POLICY

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Ground Search for Lost and Missing Persons</b>
<b>Policy Number:</b>	<b>ER-007</b>
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### **Authority/Legislative References**

*Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1*

*Ontario Regulation 392/23 Adequate and Effective Policing (General)*

*Ontario Regulation 394/23 Major Case Management and Approved Software Requirements*

*Missing Persons Act, 2018, S.O. 2018, c. 3, Sched. 7*

*Ontario Regulation 182/19: General*

### **Policy Statement**

The Woodstock Police Service Board (the "Board") acknowledges the importance of effective coordination in ground searches for lost or missing persons. The Board is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of the community through structures and collaborative efforts.

## **Policy Application**

1. It is the policy of the Board with respect to ground search for lost or missing persons that the Chief of Police (the "Chief") shall:
  - a. promote, through partnerships with other police services, emergency service providers and/or volunteer groups, the coordination of ground search services in the jurisdiction served by the Woodstock Police Service (the "Service");
  - b. develop procedures on ground search for lost or missing persons;
  - c. ensure that search coordinators and team leaders have the knowledge, skills and abilities required to perform these functions; and
  - d. ensure that all equipment listed under "emergency ground or waterway search" in Schedule 1 – Required Equipment and Other Resources, of Ontario Regulation 392/23 Adequate and Effective Policing (General), is available to members involved in ground search services.