



TRANSIT POLICE

INTERPRETATION

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This reference tool for South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service (SCBCTAPS) Members provides interpretation of acronyms and terms used in the policing or transit sectors, and/or in the SCBCTAPS Policies and Procedures Manual.

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A	
ACIIS	Automated Criminal Intelligence Information System – CISC national repository for intelligence and organized and serious crime
ACUPIES	Automated Canada/USA Police Information Exchange System – <small>FIPPA s.15 Harmful to Law Enforcement</small>
ADP	Administrative Driving Prohibition
AG	Attorney General
Amber Alert	A program which rapidly provides information about missing children to law enforcement and the public
APCO	Association of Public Safety Communications Officers
Appearance Notice	A notice in Form 9 issued by a Designated Constable compelling a person not yet charged with an offence to appear before a justice
ASD	Approved Screening Device – a device designed to ascertain the presence of alcohol in the blood of a person
ASP	Armament System and Procedures Baton – a compliance tool
AWOL	Absent Without Leave
B	
BCACP	BC Association of Chiefs of Police
BCAMCP	BC Association of Municipal Chiefs of Police
BCAPB	BC Association of Police Boards
BCAS	BC Ambulance Service
BCCS	BC Coroners Service
BCPA	BC Police Academy – Justice Institute of BC
BCPMPC	BC Police Missing Persons Centre
BCPPS	BC Provincial Policing Standards
BCRTC	BC Rapid Transit Company – a subsidiary company of the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority (SCBCTA) that operates the rapid transit system
Bulk Files	Used to group documentation for certain types of incidents,

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	including Violation Tickets, Fare sellers
C	
CACOLE	Canadian Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement
CACP	Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police
CAD	Computer Aided Dispatch
CAP	Community Accountability Program – a community-based restorative justice program
CAPB	Canadian Association of Police Boards
CBFC	Central Bureau for Counterfeits
CBP	Community Based Policing
CBRN	Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear – weapons of mass destruction (deadly chemical and biological agents, nuclear explosive materials/devices and dispersal radioactive substances in air or water)
CCC	Criminal Code of Canada
CCJS	Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television – cameras located at SkyTrain Stations, with the recording system housed at the OMC
CDL	Crime Detection Laboratory (RCMP)
CDSA	Controlled Drugs & Substances Act – Federal Act respecting the control of certain drugs, their precursors and other substances
CEA	Canada Evidence Act
CEW	Conducted Energy Weapon (Taser like device)
CFA	Canadian Firearms Centre
CFASU	Canadian Forces Area Support Unit
CFSEU	Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit-British Columbia – an integrated police unit focusing on the disruption and suppression of organized crime and serious crime which effects BC
Charter Warnings	Official statements that police officers must read to a person immediately if there is reasonable or probable grounds to arrest or detain
Child	A person who is or, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, appears to be less than 12 years of age
CHRA	Canadian Human Rights Act
CID	Critical Incident Debriefing
CIDT	Critical Incident Defusing Team
CISC	Criminal Intelligence Service Canada
CLEAR	Clandestine Laboratory Enforcement and Response Team (RCMP)
CLO	Court Liaison Officer
CMBC	Coast Mountain Bus Company – a subsidiary company of the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority that operates the bus system
CO	Chief Officer of SCBCTAPS
Conduct Complaint	An internal discipline complaint or public trust complaint

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Controlled Net	lodged under the Police Act A SkyTrain radio channel [REDACTED] <small>FIPPA s.15 Harmful to Law Enforcement</small>
COPE	Canadian Office & Professional Employees Union
COPS	Community Policing Station
CPC	Canadian Police College
CPIC	Canadian Police Information Centre – a computerized Canadian Police Service database consisting of information on persons, vehicles, property and criminal records (see CPIC manual for code interpretations]
CPR	Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation
CPTSD	Crime Prevention Through Social Development
CRS/CNI	Criminal Records Synopsis/Criminal Name Index – indexes on CPIC that enable system users to search for the status of a subject's record/description/history/names (aliases), queried through FPS (Fingerprints Serial) or CNI depending on information known
CSC	Corrections Services Canada
CSIS	Canadian Security Intelligence Service
D	
DA	Discipline Authority – in relation to a SCBCTAPS Designated Constable against whom a conduct complaint is made, the Chief Officer and in relation to the SCBCTAPS Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer whom a conduct complaint is made, the SCBCTA Police Board
DCO	Deputy Chief Officer of SCBCTAPS
Designated Access Point	Access points along the rapid transit line that have been identified to allow emergency access to the guideway
Designated Constable	Person appointed as a police constable to the SCBCTAPS under s. 4.1(11) of the Police Act
DFAIT	Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
Diary Date Process	An administrative process that assigns specific dates for updating investigation files
Diversion Program	A program that diverts people from the criminal justice program when they have committed a criminal offence but were principally motivated by something other than criminal intent
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic Acid
DPU	Designated Policing Unit – a designated policing unit, such as the SCBCTAPS, established under s. 4.1(7) of the Police Act
DRE	Direct Report Entry – direct application or writing and submitting reports to PRIME
DSO	Diplomatic Security Officer
E	
E-COMM	Emergency Communications for South West BC Inc. – supplies emergency communications and related services

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	for public safety and public services (e.g., wide-area radio system, post-disaster facility, 911 call out, dispatch and records management)
ED	Excited Delirium
EDC	Executive Development Course
EDU	Explosive Demolition Unit
EHS/BCAS	Emergency Health Services (also known as BC Ambulance Service)
Emergency Codes	Codes used to transmit sensitive or urgent information during an emergency
EO	Exhibit Officer
EOC	Emergency Operations Centre
ERT	Emergency Response Team
Extrajudicial measures	Measures other than judicial proceedings under the YCJA used to deal with a young person alleged to have committed an offence and includes extrajudicial sanctions
F	
FA	Firearms Act
FAC	Firearms Acquisition Certificate
FIMS	Forensic Image Management System – a Mug shot application on PRIME for booking image capture and photo line-ups
FIS	Forensic Investigation Section
FLV	Forensic Laboratory Vancouver (RCMP)
FOIPPA	Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act – Provincial legislation that governs access to information held by public bodies and collection, use and disclosure of personal information
FRA	Family Relations Act
FRS	Fire Rescue Service
FTO	Firearms Training Officer
G	
GIS	General Investigation Section
GO	General Occurrence – an incident report in PRIME
GVRD	Greater Vancouver Regional District
GVTA (now SCBCTA)	Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority – the 2004 legal entity (employer) for the GVTAPS (Designated Policing Unit), replaced by the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority in 2008 and TransLink Security Management Limited in 2013
GVTA Act (now SCBCTA Act)	Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Act [SBC 1998] Chapter 30, replaced by the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Act in 2008
GVTA Police Board (now SCBCTA Police Board)	The Board established to govern the GVTAPS under s. 4.1(7) of the Police Act in 2005, replaced by SCBCTA Police Board in 2008
GVTAPS	Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Police Service

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(now SCBCTAPS)	– a Designated Policing Unit established under 4.1(2) of the Police Act
GVTAPS Matters (now SCBCTAPS Matters)	Matters identified in a Memorandum of Understanding between GVTAPS (now SCBCTAPS) and jurisdictional police departments identifying areas of primary responsibility for GVTA (now SCBCTA): a. offences committed under BC provincial statutes, b. Criminal Code of Canada summary conviction offences, and c. Criminal Code of Canada hybrid offences
H	
HAZCO	Hazard Environmental Services
I	
IACOLE	International Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement
IACP	International Association of Chiefs of Police
ICBC	Insurance Corporation of British Columbia
ICPB	Insurance Crime Prevention Bureau
IDWG	Infectious Diseases Working Group – an internal GVTA (now SCBCTA) working group
IHIT	Integrated Homicide Investigation Team – a joint forces team that assists police agencies in the Lower Mainland with the investigation of homicides, attempted homicides, missing persons where foul play is suspected, deaths in custody and police shooting which result in serious injury or death
ILCC	International Law and Conventions of Canada
IMPACT	Integrated Municipal Police Auto Crime Task Force
Indictable Offence	An offence under the Criminal Code of Canada or another statute of Canada that may be prosecuted by indictment and includes dual offences as described in the definition of “indictable offence” in the Interpretation Act (Canada)
INSET	Integrated National Security Enforcement Team
International Phonetic Alphabet	A standard radio code system using 26 words or names, one for each letter of the alphabet; used when spelling out names or license plates
INTERPOL	International Criminal Police Organization
Investigating Member	A police officer or SCBCTAPS Designated Constable assigned the responsibility of investigating an incident
ISPOT	Integrated Sexual Predators Operations Team – a joint forces team working to reduce sexual violence and exploitation by maintaining detailed and accurate information on reported exploitative and sexually violence incidents, and on sex offenders
ITAC	Integrated Threat Assessment Centre

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J	
JFO	Joint Forces Operation
JIBC	Justice Institute of British Columbia
JP	Justice of the Peace
JPD	Jurisdictional Police Department – a police organization in the Transportation Service Region
JUSTIN	Justice Information Network – Provincial justice application that allows PRIME Reports to Crown Counsel to be electronically submitted to Crown
K	
KGB Statement	A method for taking statements from a witness for any serious case where there is a possibility that the witness may recant at trial – such method includes videotaping the statement in its entirety
L	
LCLA	Liquor Control and Licensing Act
LEN	Law Enforcement Notification – a notice requiring a police officer to attend Criminal Court
LSD	Lysergic Acid Diethylamide – a controlled substance under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act
LNR	Lateral Neck Restraint
M	
MDT	Mobile Data Terminal
Member	SCBCTAPS Designated Constable
MHA	Mental Health Act [RSBC 1996] Chapter 288
MIERT	Municipal Integrated Emergency Response Team (Delta, Abbotsford, Port Moody and New Westminster police departments)
MJ	Multi-jurisdictional
MMD	Mainland Municipal Departments
MNI	Master Name Index – a master list of persons dealt with by police as recorded on PRIME
MPSSG	Minister of Public Safety & Solicitor General
MRE	Mobile Report Entry – mobile application or writing and submitting of reports to PRIME
MRO	Media Relations Officer
MVA	Motor Vehicle Act
MWS	Mobile Work Station – MRE is an PRIME application that runs on the MWS
N	
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NCO	Non Commissioned Officer – a police supervisor under the rank of Inspector
NODB	National DNA Data Bank
No Go's	A condition of release or probation as per an undertaking or recognizance

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NWEST	National Weapons Enforcement Support Team
O	
OCC	Operations Communication Centre
Occurrence Report	Incident reports on SIRS
OC Spray	Oleoresin Capsicum Aerosol (also known as “Pepper Spray”) – an aerosol irritant used as a compliance tool
OIC	Order In Council
O i/C	Officer in Charge
OIPC	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner – an independent agency that monitors and enforces FOIPPA
OMC	Operating Maintenance Centre – control/communication centre at BCRTC
OP	Operations Plan
OPCC	Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner – an independent agency established under the Police Act that monitors complaints against the police
OPIMs	Other Potentially Infections Materials – materials other than blood that can be sources of blood borne pathogens
OPR	Operational Planning Report
ORI	Originating Agency
ORS	Operational Reporting System – master file records of information contained on CPIC master file
OSC	On-Site Coordinator
OSM	Operational Support Manager
OSS	Operational Support Section
P	
PAA	Passenger Assistance Alarm Strip – a SkyTrain security device located in each car that, when activated by a touch, will hold that particular train at the next attended station (also known as “yellow strip”)
PAFR	Public Agents Firearms Regulation
PAN	Provincial Appearance Notice – a notice requiring a violator to appear in court on a particular date to respond to a charge
PARIS	Police Automated Registration Information System – a data system that allows CPIC agencies to access MVA Registrations and Driver’s License information
Pass	A pass sold or issued by or on behalf of SCBCTA equivalent in value to a fare or entitling the holder to payment of a concession fare or other discounted fare when used in accordance with the Transit Tariff
Patrol Sergeant	A SCBCTAPS Member having the job description tile of “Police Sergeant” or “Sergeant”
PCP	Psilocybin – a controlled substance under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act
Peace Bond	Surety to Keep the Peace
PEP	Provincial Emergency Program

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Personnel	Sworn and civilian staff working at the SCBCTAPS
PESM	Police Exemplary Service Medal
PIO	Public Information Officer – Media Relations Officer
PIRS	Police Information Retrieval System – a RCMP computer database containing investigative information
PO	Police Officer
POBTP	Police Officers Basic Training Program
Police Act	BC Police Act [RSBC 1996] Chapter 367 – Provincial legislation respecting the delivery of police services and law enforcement in BC, including: establishment and mandate of police agencies and police boards; inspections, evaluations and reviews of police agencies and services; establishing standards for officer training and selection, and police operations; and process for complaints in relation to a conduct of a police officer
POPAT	Peace Officers' Physical Abilities Test
POR	Protection Order Registry – a Provincial government confidential database that contains all civil and criminal protection orders in BC
PPM	Policies and Procedures Manual
PRIME	Police Records Information Management Environment – an online data sharing system that will be used by all police agencies in BC
PSC	Public Service Counter
PSD	Police Services Division of the Ministry of Justice (formerly Public Safety and Solicitor General)
PSU	Professional Standards Unit – a unit of police officer(s) responsible for investigation of complaints against the police and assisting with police standards training
PTA	Promise to Appear – a notice issued on a Form 10 that requires a person, in order to be released from custody, to promise to attend court
Q	
R	
Recognizance	A release agreement entered into between an offender and a police officer in charge, or a justice of judge which includes a requirement to appear in court on a particular date
Respondent	As related to the Police Act and Code of Professional Conduct Regulation, a SCBCTAPS Designated Constable, Chief Officer or Deputy Chief Officer against whom a complaint is made
RMS	Records Management System
RSS	Records Service Section
RTCC	Report to Crown Counsel – a report to Crown recommending charges and describing the circumstances of an incident

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S	
s.	Section
SCBCTA	South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Act (formerly the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Act) – the legal entity (employer) for the SCBCTAPS (Designated Policing Unit)
SCBCTA Police Board	South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board (formerly the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Police Board), the Board which governs the SCBCTAPS pursuant to s. 4.1 of the Police Act
SCBCTAPS	South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service (formerly the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Police Service), a Designated Policing Unit created under 4.1 of the Police Act
SDR	Source Debriefing Report
Secondary Warning	A warning that a police officer may use to remove any inducements that may have been made previously by other persons in authority
SEPP	Security Emergency Preparedness Plan – security and emergency plans for organizational components of the SCBCTA
Sergeant	A SCBCTAPS Member having the job description title of “Police Sergeant” or “Sergeant”
Service	South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service (formerly GVTAPS)
SG	Solicitor General
SFST	Standard Field Sobriety Test
Shift	personnel working during a set period of time, which includes a squad of designated constables on duty
SINAD RATIO	Signal to Noise and Distortion
SIP	Special Interest Police
SIPP	A state of intoxication in a public place
SIRS	Security Incident Reporting System – TransLink Transit Security computer database program that stores incident data and provides crime analysis capabilities and management reports
SLO	School Liaison Officer
SPAC	Senior Police Administration Course
SPMD	Seized Property Management Directorate
SRF	Source Registration Form
ss.	Sections
STA/CLA	SkyTrain or Canada Line Station Attendant
Subpoena	A legal document requiring a person’s attendance at court to testify as a witness
Summons	A document which requires a person to attend Court on a specified date and time to answer or respond to a complaint filed in Court

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Supervisor	Sergeant, Watch Commander, or other SCBCTAPS personnel designated to supervise SCBCTAPS personnel
T	
TCLO	Transit Centre Liaison Officer
TDD	Telephone Device for the Hearing Impaired
THFIR	Transportation and Handling of Firearms Individual Regulations
TR	Greater Vancouver Transit Conduct and Safety Regulations
Transcription	A work queue in PRIME where submitted reports are downloaded to the Records Management System, where they are reviewed for quality control
Transit Employee	An employee of the SCBCTA or an Operating Company, or an agent or contractor of the SCBCTA or its subsidiaries
Transit Property	Under the Greater Vancouver Transit Conduct and Safety Regulation means property that is used to provide transit services and that is owned or controlled by: (a) the SCBCTA, (b) a subsidiary of the SCBCTA, (c) an agent or contractor of a subsidiary of the SCBCTA, or (d) an agent or contractor of a subsidiary of the SCBCTA
Transit Tariff	Terms and conditions of all fares for transit services of the SCBCTA and its subsidiaries (see Transit Tariff document for fare definitions)
Transit Vehicle	Under the Greater Vancouver Transit Conduct and Safety Regulation means any vehicle operated by or on behalf of the SCBCTA or one of its subsidiaries for the transportation of passengers, goods or both
TransLink (“TL”)	Working name of the SCBCTA
Transit Police (“TP”)	Working name for the SCBCTAPS
Transportation Service Region	Municipalities and rural areas in the Greater Vancouver Regional District – as defined in the SCBCTA Act
TRC	Telephone Report Centre – allows GOs to be created directly from CAD and completed in MRE
TSML	TransLink Security Management Limited – a TransLink subsidiary and the legal entity (employer) for the SCBCTAPS (effective March 4, 2013)
TVM	Ticket Vending Machine
U	
UCR	Uniform Crime Reporting
UofF	Use of Force
UTA	Undertaking to Appear – a release agreement entered into between an offender and a police officer in charge, or justice or judge
V	
VAWIR	Violence Against Women In Relationships
V-Mail	Versadex Email sent through PRIME system
VI	Vehicle Impound

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ViCLAS	Violent Crime Linkage Analysis System
VIN	Vehicle Identification Number
VIR	Violence in Relationships
VT	Violation Ticket – ticket issued under the <i>Offence Act</i>
W	
Warrant	A writ issued by a Justice of the Peace or other authorized officer, directed to a police officer or other proper person, requiring him to arrest a person, named therein, charged with committing some offence, and to bring him before that or some other Justice of the Peace
WCB (now WorkSafeBC)	Workers' Compensation Board of BC (now known as WorkSafeBC)
WCE	West Coast Express – a subsidiary company of SCBCTA
WLA	Warehouse Liens Act
Written Statement Caution	A warning that must be given before taking a written statement from a suspect or an accused
Y	
YCJA	Youth Criminal Justice Act
YDC	Youth Detention Centre
Young Person	A person who is or, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, appears to be 12 years or older but less than 18 years old
YPO	Youth Probation Officer
BC POLICE AGENCIES	
APD	Abbotsford Police Department
CSPD	Central Saanich Police Department
DPD	Delta Police Department
GVTAPS	Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Police Service (now SCBCTAPS)
KXPSD	Kitasoo-Xaixais Public Safety Department
NPD	Nelson Police Department
NWPS	New Westminster Police Service
OBPD	Oak Bay Police Department
OCABC	Organized Crime Agency of British Columbia (agency for CFSEU-BC)
PMPD	Port Moody Police Department
RCMP	Royal Canadian Mounted Police
SCBCTAPS	South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service (working name "Transit Police") - formerly Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Police Service
SPD	Saanich Police Department
STP	Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police
VPD	Vancouver Police Department
VPD	Victoria Police Department
WVDP	West Vancouver Police Department