



TRANSIT POLICE

SERVICE DIRECTION

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POLICY

Definitions

Chief Officer – The Transit Police Chief Officer is appointed by the Police Board, subject to approval of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to s. 4.2(2)(c)(iv) of the *Police Act*,

Designated Constables – The Transit Police police officers appointed by the Police Board.

Police Act – The BC *Police Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 367, and the regulations thereto, including the Transit Police Operations Regulation, all as amended from time to time.

Police Board – The South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Board.

SCBCTA – The South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority commonly referred to as “TransLink”.

Transit Police – The South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service.

Transit Police Personnel – Sworn police officers and civilians who work for the Transit Police.

TSML – The TransLink Security Management Limited, a subsidiary of the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority and legal entity/employer for the Transit Police.

Authority

1. The Transit Police is a Designated Policing Unit in British Columbia established pursuant to s. 4.1 of the *Police Act* upon application made by the SCBCTA. Pursuant to the application approval, the Transit Police is a part of the TSML and all Transit Police Personnel are employees of TSML. The Transit Police is governed by the Police Board.

General

2. The Transit Police will operate under the authority and direction of the Chief Officer who:
 1. under direction of the Police Board, has general supervision and command over the operations and administration of the Transit Police, its Designated Constables (pursuant to s. 4.2(2)(c) of the *Police Act*), and its civilian personnel; and
 2. as the senior executive of the TSML, has authority and responsibility for the management and control of the operations and administration of the Transit Police and its personnel.
3. The Chief Officer may delegate authority to the extent considered necessary and proper, subject to the *Police Act*, policies of the TSML and any restrictions imposed by the Police Board.

[See also: Police Board Governance Manual]

4. The Transit Police will establish a line of authority that will:
 1. identify rank structure and responsibility for direction;
 2. designate the order of precedence for authority that will ensure that appropriate leadership is available at all times; and
 3. ensure that appropriate supervisory direction is available at all times.
5. Transit Police Personnel will have the authority to make decisions necessary for the effective execution of their responsibilities.

Organizational Components and Functions

6. Each organizational component and function within the Transit Police will have a designated position that has authority for that component or function and is accountable and responsible for it.

Direction Protocol

7. Where personnel from different components or functions are engaged in a single operational or administrative situation, there will be a clearly established and defined protocol to clarify reporting responsibilities that will be understood by all personnel involved.

[See also: AA010 – Organization, AA040 – Supervision]**Key References**

BC Police Act [RSBC 1996, Chapter 367]
BC Provincial Policing Standards

Designated Policing Unit Application for the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service, August 2012
South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service Operations Regulations [BC Reg. 484, 2004]