



TRANSIT POLICE

SPECIALIZED ASSIGNMENT

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Office of Primary Responsibility: Deputy Chief Officer Support Services

POLICY

Definitions

Chief Officer – The Transit Police Chief Officer or delegate.

Member – A Designated Constable, the Chief Officer or a Deputy Chief Officer of the Transit Police.

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 Academy – The entity authorized by the Director - Police Services/Ministry of Justice to administer provincially-approved recruit and advanced training for municipal constables, designated constables and enforcement officers.

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

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. Transit Police Personnel are employees of the TSML. 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 the TSML. The Transit Police is governed by the Police Board.

General

2. This policy applies to temporary assignments and not permanent positions.
3. Staffing for specialized assignments will be based on the skills, knowledge and abilities required for the assignment and in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Transit Police.
4. Specialized assignments may be created to respond to operational needs, at the discretion of the Chief Officer.
5. Any specialized assignments in existence for a year will be subject to an annual review. The formal review will be conducted to prevent over-specialization, as well as to ensure the continued effective operation of the assignment. The review will include:
 1. evaluation of the initial problem or condition that required the implementation of the specialized assignment; and
 2. analysis of continuing the specialized assignment.
6. Openings or vacancies in specialized assignments will be advertised throughout the Transit Police. Exceptions may occur for undercover or temporary/short term assignments.

[See also: AB380 – Acting Ranks & While So Employed]

Key References:

BC Provincial Policing Standards (1994)