



TRANSIT POLICE

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POLICY

Definitions

Chief Officer – The Transit Police Chief Officer or delegate.

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

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.

Use of Force Issue Equipment – Use of force tools issued by Transit Police to its Members, including firearm(s), ammunition, oleoresin capsicum aerosols and expandable baton.

Authority

1. The Chief Officer is responsible for the general supervision and command over Transit Police staff (civilians and Members).

General

2. Members will refer to policy chapter AC160 – Professional Standards regarding provisions for relinquishment of Use of Force Issue Equipment and other issue equipment arising from reassignment or suspension from duties pending investigation or hearing under Division 3 of Part 11 of *the Police Act*, or an issue of the Member's fitness for duty.

Sick Leave, Leave without Pay and Extended Absence

3. When a Member will be on sick leave for more than ■■■ calendar days, or when commencing any type of leave without pay or commencing an extended absence from duty (e.g., vacation) over ■■■ days, the Member will return, or make arrangements to return, their Transit Police Use of Force Issue Equipment to their supervisor (unless authorization to retain is granted to the Member by the Chief Officer).

4. The supervisor will ensure that the Member's Use of Force Issue Equipment has been turned in and securely stored in accordance with policy.
 1. Transit Police possession of the turned in equipment will be properly documented and held in a secure location in accordance with applicable policy.
 2. When an authorization for return of the relinquished equipment is granted by the supervisor, or other senior officer as specific to the circumstances of the leave, the re-issuance to the Member will also be documented.

Other

5. When a Member ceases to be a Designated Constable with the Transit Police, the Member will be required to turn in issue equipment as so directed by the Inspector Support Services.
6. In addition to those circumstances addressed in ss. 2, 3 and 5 of this policy, the Chief Officer will retain the discretion to request a Member to turn in Use of Force Issued Equipment or other issued equipment after consideration of a Member's circumstance.

Safekeeping of Issue Equipment

7. The Deputy Chief Officer Support Services will be responsible for ensuring that there are proper procedures in place for the Transit Police safekeeping, security and continuity of Use of Force Issue Equipment that is retrieved or turned in by Members pursuant to provisions of this policy.

[See also: AC160 – Professional Standards, AG010 – Property Management, OH010 – Firearms and OH020 – Use of Force]

Key References

BC Police Act [RSBC 1996, Chapter 367] (As Amended November 11, 2011)

Transit Police Policy Chapter: AC160 – Professional Standards

Transit Police Policy Chapter: AG010 – Property Management

Transit Police Policy Chapter: OH010 – Firearms

Transit Police Policy Chapter: OH020 – Use of Force

South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service Operations Regulations [BC Reg. 484 2004]