



**SOUTH COAST BRITISH COLUMBIA  
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
POLICE SERVICE**

## **POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS**

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### **POLICY**

1. Polygraph examinations, or the use of technical aids for the detection of deception, will only be used under the following conditions:
  1. the circumstances of the investigation warrant the use of a polygraph or other technical aid,
  2. the truthfulness of the subject cannot be reasonably determined by any other lawful means,
  3. the examination is used as an aid to the investigative or hiring process,
  4. the required approval within the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service (SCBCTAPS) has been given,
  5. the subject understands that the examination is voluntary and consents to it, and
  6. the examination will be conducted only by trained and authorized persons in the designated manner.

### **REASON FOR POLICY**

2. To provide an aid to criminal investigations or to the hiring process of Members.

### **PROCEDURES**

3. A request for the services of a Polygraph Technician in criminal investigations may be requested by the Deputy Chief Officer from either the RCMP or the Vancouver Police Department (VPD), in accordance with the Jurisdictional Police Department (JPD) policy.
4. A request for service is to be first directed to the VPD Polygraph Section. Alternatively, via CPIC to the Officer In Charge, Contract Policing "E" Division.
5. When requesting a polygraph examination, include the following information:
  1. full name and birthdate of subject to be examined,
  2. a summary of case facts must be prepared; including steps which may implicate or eliminate a suspect as:
    - a. alibis/excuses/reasons checked,
    - b. reason to verify truth regarding a person having knowledge,
    - c. specify charges laid,

3. specify whether statements are available from subject and if not, why,
  4. verbal confirmation is necessary that the subject is willing to be examined, unless a young offender, in which case consent forms must be prepared and signed,
  5. criminal record, if applicable, of the subject should be available,
  6. the medical record of the subject with details of any continuing medication; also, if the subject is under the care of a physician and/or psychiatrist, the name(s) and telephone numbers should be available,
  7. the name of the investigator on the case should be available, and
  8. the name of the Supervisor supporting a polygraph examination and authorizing any related costs should be available.
6. Undergoing a polygraph test is entirely voluntary; this must be explained and understood by the person taking the test. It must also be communicated that the examiner is impartial.

**[See also: AB010 – Recruitment and Selection, OD020 - General Criminal Investigations]**