

### POLICY

#### **Definitions:**

<u>Bomb</u> – A container filled with explosive, incendiary material, smoke, gas, or other destructive substance, designed to explode using a triggering mechanism such as a time mechanism, remote-control device, or lit fuse.

<u>CSO</u> – Community Safety Officer; a Designated Law Enforcement Officer of the Transit Police.

<u>EDU</u> – Explosive Disposal Unit (i.e., RCMP Lower Mainland Bomb Disposal Unit or Vancouver Police Department Emergency Response Unit / Explosive Disposal Unit).

<u>ERU</u> – Enhanced Response Unit of the Transit Police.

<u>Explosive</u> – An explosive is a reactive substance or combination of substances, that, when triggered, rapidly releases a large amount of energy through a violent chemical reaction, generating heat, light, shock waves, and gases.

<u>Improvised Explosive Device ("IED") – A homemade or makeshift explosive device that is</u> created and deployed with malicious intent. IEDs are typically constructed using readily available materials and improvised techniques.

<u>Incident Command System</u> – An organizational structure employed by many companies and government agencies in British Columbia to manage major emergencies.

JPD – Jurisdictional Police Department.

 $\underline{HOT}$  – A principle applied to assess threat of an item, based on the premise that genuinely lost articles are: Not **H**idden, Not **O**bviously suspicious, and Not **T**ypical of what is regularly encountered as lost /found property.

<u>Member</u> – Designated Constable (all ranks), a Deputy Chief Officer, Chief Officer and Designated Law Enforcement Officers of the Transit Police.

<u>Metro Vancouver Transit Police ("Transit Police")</u> – The operating name of the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service (Designated Policing Unit and Designated Law Enforcement Unit).

<u>OCC</u> – Transit Police Operations Communication Centre.

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<u>Suspicious Package</u> – A confirmed threat or assessed by a Member or other trained persons in the HOT principle.

#### General

- 1. Transit Police must be prepared to react, respond to and mitigate bombs/explosive threats.
- According to the <u>Transit Police Jurisdictional Police Operational MOU</u> ("Transit Police-JPD MOU")<sup>1</sup>, the JPD will be the lead investigating agency on bomb/explosive threats; however, Transit Police will likely find themselves playing an active role as first responders and assisting the JPD, if required.
  - (1) During bombs/explosive threats, Transit Police will employ basic first responder protocols with respect to initial threat assessment, scene containment, evacuation and investigation (consistent with the Incident Command Management System).
- 3. Protection of life must be given prime consideration. Property and infrastructure is of secondary importance. Members must not approach a suspected bomb/explosive.
- 4. Pursuant to the BCPPS<sup>2</sup>, Transit Police will develop a written plan for handling situations involving bombs/explosives that will provide for the following:
  - (1) The role of personnel in ascertaining details from the bomb threat caller;
  - (2) The notification of appropriate persons in the Transit Police chain of command;
  - (3) The establishment of a security perimeter, both inner and outer;
  - (4) The organization of search teams;
  - (5) Search and evacuation procedures;
  - (6) The notification of the appropriate jurisdictional EDU personnel, if a suspected device is located;
  - (7) Coordination with the fire department and BC Ambulance Service;
  - (8) Communications procedures; and
  - (9) Use of an explosive detection dog team.
- All TransLink property and infrastructure are within the jurisdiction of the Transit Police when it relates to deployment of an explosive detection dog. If a Transit Police explosive detection dog team ("Transit Police Dog Team") is not available, one will be called out to the incident when required. [Refer to Transit Police policy chapter OK060 – Police Dogs.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Section B.13 of the Transit Police – JPD MOU.

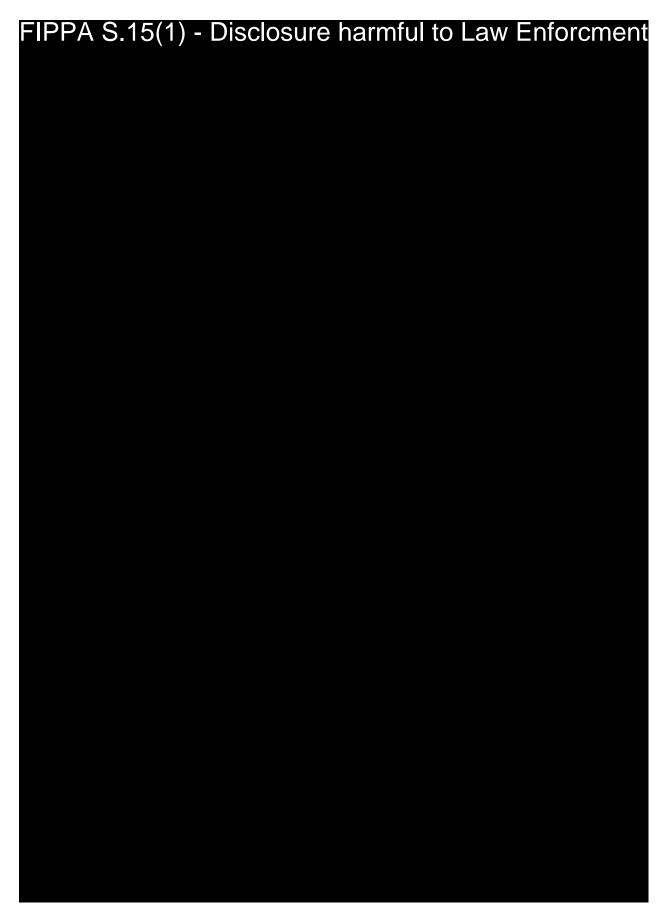
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Requirements arising from BC Provincial Policing Standards/Addendum 1 – D13.1.2C and D13.2.7.

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