



TRANSIT POLICE

HOSTAGES and BARRICADED PERSONS

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POLICY

Definitions

BCPPS – British Columbia Provincial Policing Standards.

CSO – Community Safety Officer at the Transit Police (also known as a Designated Law Enforcement Officer).

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

ERT – Emergency Response Team (either the Jurisdictional Police's team or the assigned integrated unit).

IAP – Immediate Action Plan.

ICLEAR – An acronym used to assist police officers in planning a response to critical incidents (i.e., high risk arrest and Immediate Rapid Deployment).

JPD – Jurisdictional Police Department.

Member – Designated Constable (all ranks), the Chief Officer or a Deputy Chief Officer of the Transit Police. (For this policy, "Member" does not include the CSOs except where expressly stated in the policy.)

Metro Vancouver Transit Police ("Transit Police") – The operating name for the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service Designated Policing Unit.

MRO – Media Relations Officer at the Transit Police.

Negotiator – A police officer trained as a crisis negotiator, who utilizes communication skills in an effort to achieve a peaceful resolution during critical incidents.

OCC – Operations Communication Centre at the Transit Police.

General

- 1. As required by the BCPPS¹, as a potential first responder to an incident of a hostage or barricaded person, Transit Police will have written procedures for handling situations involving hostages and barricaded persons.
- 2. Pursuant to the operational [Memorandum of Understanding between the Transit Police and JPDs](#), incidents of hostages and barricaded persons will be referred by the Transit Police to the JPD². The JPD is the command authority in these incidents; however, Transit Police will retain command until the JPD assumes control. (The JPD has first right of refusal to maintain conduct of the incident.)

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PROCEDURES

Notifications

- 3. In the event of a hostage or barricaded person incident, the OCC will notify the following the Patrol Supervisor and Watch Commander.

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- 4. A Patrol Supervisor will attend the scene as soon as is practicable.
- 5. As soon as practicable, the Duty Officer will notify the Chief Officer, Deputy Chief Officers and other relevant Inspectors, as set out in [SOP55 – Notification of Sensitive Matters](#).

First Members on Scene

- 6. The major concern in this type of incident is the safety of the hostage(s) and every precaution must be taken to ensure their safety.
- 7. Each incident is unique and must be assessed by Members on a case-by-case basis, given consideration to all factors. Sec. 15 FOIPPA - Harmful to Law Enforcement

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¹ BCPPS – Addendum 1 - D.13.2.1.

² Schedule B.14 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Transit Police and JPDs.

NOTE: Due to situational dynamics, it may be necessary to defer some of the possible tasks identified for the first responding Members to the additional Members responding and/or the Patrol Supervisor.

Additional Transit Police Personnel Responding

10. Additional Members and CSOs responding to this incident type will:

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Patrol Supervisor

11. Upon becoming aware of this incident type, the Patrol Supervisor will attend to the location of the initiating unit as quickly as possible.

12. Upon arriving on scene, the Patrol Supervisor will:

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⁴ This is the "A" of the ICLEAR protocol.

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- 13. Once the Patrol Supervisor transfers command responsibility to the JPD (or their assigned designated unit), the Patrol Supervisor will:

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Watch Commander

- 15. Upon learning the details of a hostage or barricaded person incident, the Watch Commander will:

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[Refer also to Transit Police policy chapters OM010 – Media Relations and OF010 – Evidence (and DEMS)]

Post Incident Actions

16. All Members involved in the incident will:

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17. The investigating Member will complete a detailed incident report on PRIME of Transit Police involvement, thereby also making the report available to the JPD.

18. The Inspector Patrol Section will ensure that an operational debriefing is conducted with the involved Members and OCC staff.
19. The Watch Commander will prepare a briefing note and submit it through the chain of command to the Deputy Chief Officer Operations.

Key References:

Integrated Regional Municipal Training – Risk Arrest and Immediate Rapid Deployment Lesson Plan, 2022 May 16, Delta Police Department