POLICY MANUAL: OPERATIONAL

Policy Name:	BOMB THREATS / IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES (IEDs)		
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RELATED POLICIES

OP 4.7 Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN) Incidents

1. PURPOSE

1.1. To provide Surrey Police Service (SPS) Members procedures regarding bomb threats and investigations involving Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), commercial explosives, and military ordnance.

2. SCOPE

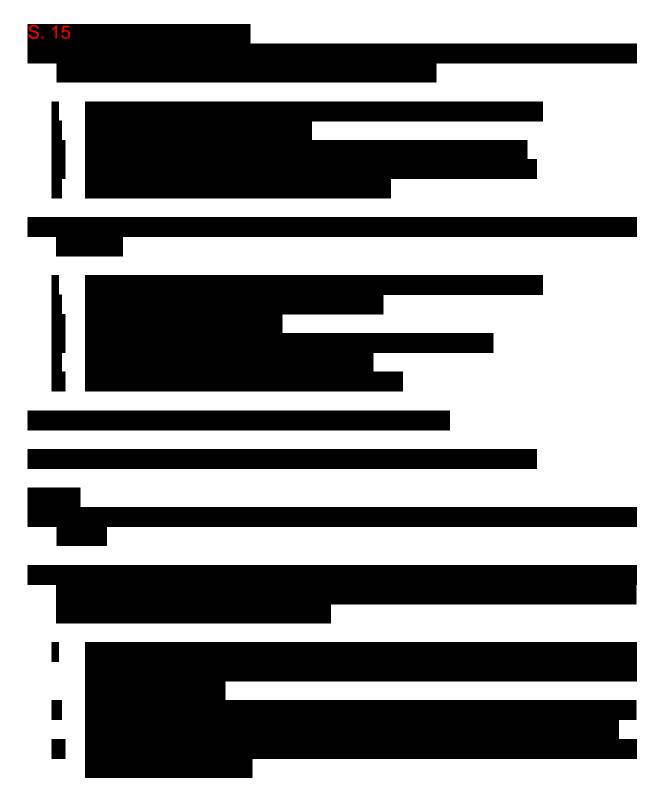
2.1. This policy applies to all SPS Members.

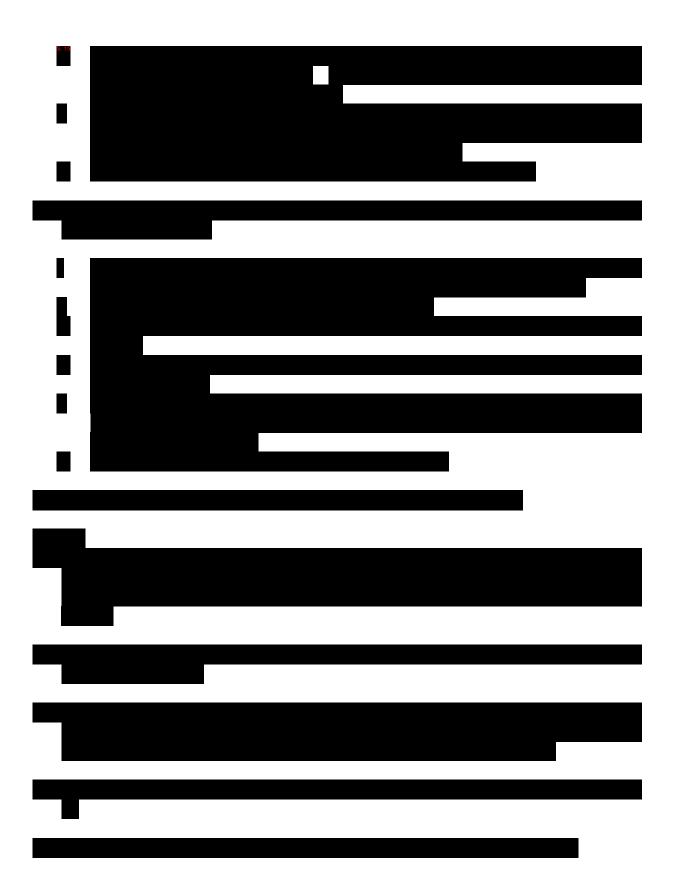
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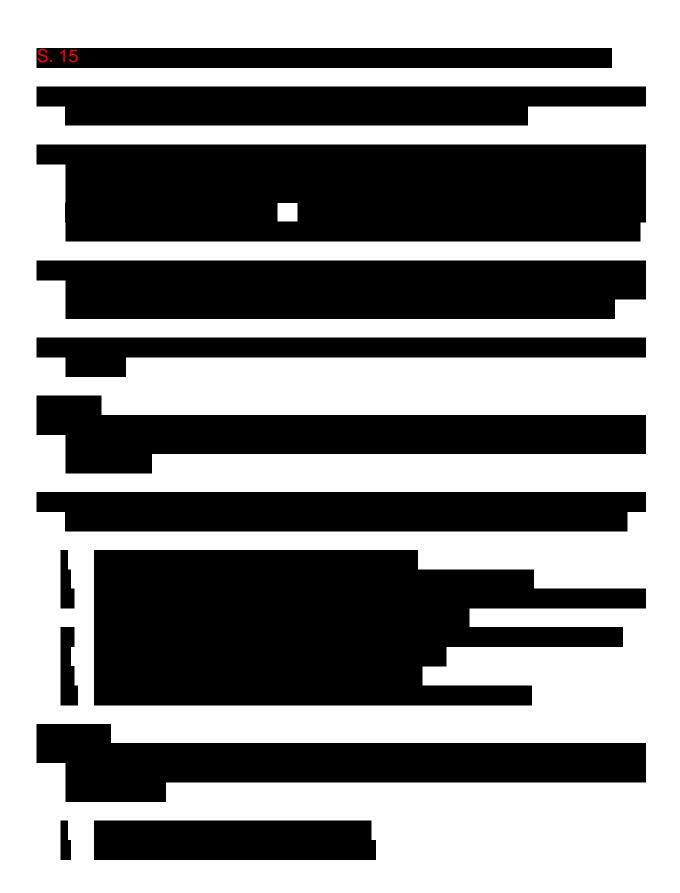
- 3.1. Calls for service regarding bomb threats, IEDs, military ordinances, commercial explosives, and post blast investigations must be treated as real incidents until proven otherwise. Appropriate actions and precautions must be taken to prevent death, injury, or property damage.
- 3.2. The RCMP Explosives Disposal Unit (EDU) is a provincial unit which provides support to all police agencies in BC regarding IEDs, suspicious packages, and military ordinance. EDU will not conduct a search for a device or suspicious package but will assist SPS Members once one has been located. To reach EDU, Members call 5.15 (Federal RCMP Operational Communications Centre) and request EDU. This is a police-only line available 24/7.
- 3.3. If an IED, explosive, or suspicious package is located, SPS will attempt to identify a designated "safe location" where the device or explosives can be disposed of. These locations should be away from the public and away from residential premises or businesses.

4. PROCEDURE

Bomb Threats









APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS

"CBRN" means Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear incidents.

"EDU" means the Explosives Disposal Unit, a provincial Unit which provides support to all police agencies in BC. Contact EDU via the Federal OCC 24/7 at S. 15

"IED" means Improvised Explosive Device.

"Member" means a sworn Police Officer appointed by the Surrey Police Board.

"Personal Protective Equipment" and "PPE" means clothing and equipment that is worn or used to provide protection against hazardous substances or environments.

"Post Blast" means the materiel remaining and after effects/damage of an explosion.

"SPS" means Surrey Police Service.

"Supervisor" means a Sergeant, Staff Sergeant, Inspector, Superintendent, Deputy Chief Constable, Chief Constable, and any other person acting in a Supervisory capacity who is accountable for a particular area or shift on behalf of SPS.

APPENDIX B: REFERENCES