POLICY MANUAL: OPERATIONAL

Policy Name:	HOMICIDE		
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RELATED POLICIES

OP 4.13 Crime Scene Management

OP 4.34 Major Crime Investigations

1. PURPOSE

1.1. To ensure appropriate action is taken by Surrey Police Service (SPS) Members at scenes of suspicious deaths, missing persons where foul play is suspected, and homicides.

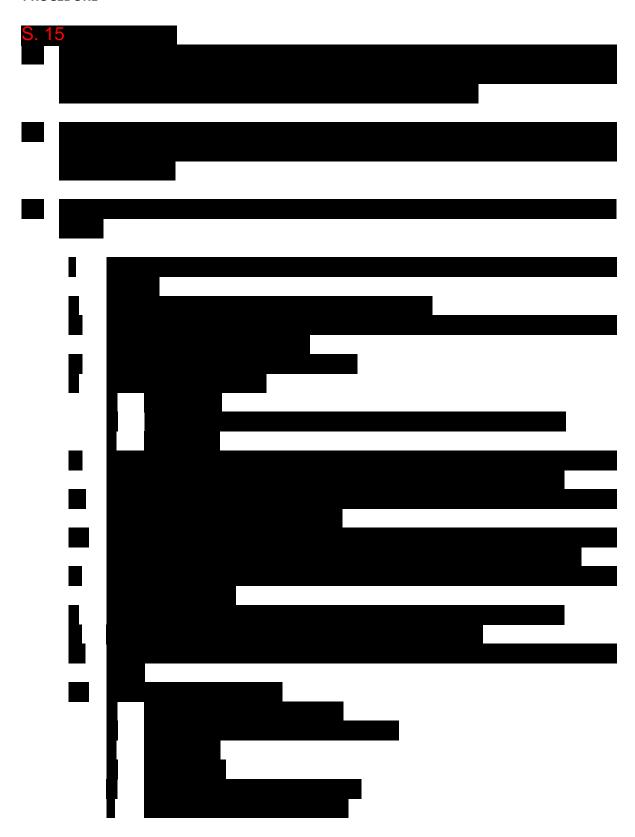
2. SCOPE

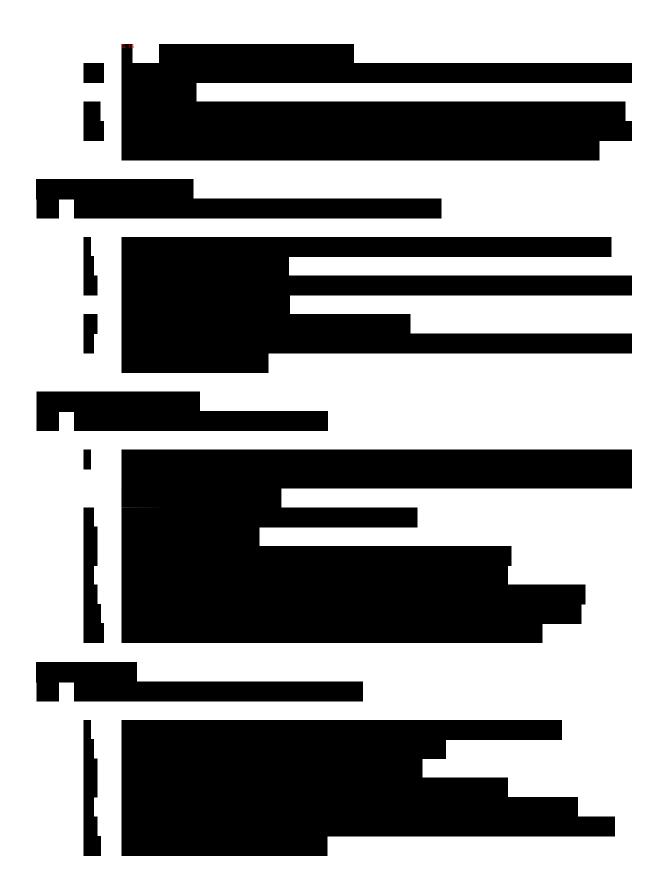
2.1. This policy applies to all SPS Members.

3. POLICY

- 3.1. Where there is a sudden, unexpected death of a child under eighteen (18) years of age, or a suspicious death, suspected homicide (which may include an unexplained cause of death, found human remains, obvious or suspected foul play), or any other suspicious circumstance, Members must treat the death as suspicious and follow this policy's procedures.
- 3.2. If there is a missing person where the circumstances are suspicious and foul play is suspected, Members must treat the incident as suspicious.
- 3.3. Where there is a suspicious death or homicide, or a missing person where foul play is suspected, the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) and the Serious Crime Unit (SCU) must be notified.

4. PROCEDURE





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APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS

"IHIT" means the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team.

"LMD IFIS" means the Lower Mainland Integrated Forensic Identification Service.

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

"SCU" means SPS Serious Crime Unit.

"Supervisor" means 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