

Policy Name:	HOSTAGE TAKING AND KIDNAPPING		
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RELATED POLICIES

OP 4.1 *Amber Alerts*

OP 4.34.8 *Major Case Management*

OP 4.35 *Missing Person Investigations*

1. PURPOSE

1.1. To ensure Surrey Police Service (SPS) Members follow policy and procedure regarding Kidnappings and Hostage Takings.

2. SCOPE

2.1. This policy applies to all Members.

3. POLICY

3.1. Hostage Taking and Kidnapping present significant danger to the public. Exceptional efforts are required to resolve these incidents quickly and without injury. The main concern in this type of incident is the safety of the Victim and/or the Hostage.

3.2. Covert methods are required in most Kidnapping incidents, unless otherwise advised by a Team Commander. When covert methods are required, utmost discretion is required before sharing information. Details of the investigation must be strictly limited to Members directly involved and will not be provided to anyone, including other Members, except as authorized by the Team Commander.

3.3. Questions from the public or media will be referred to the Strategic Communications Section. Members must not acknowledge whether a Kidnapping or Hostage Taking incident is under investigation.

4. PROCEDURE

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APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS

“Complainant” means the person who calls police.

“Dispatcher” means the Operational Communications Centre dispatcher.

“Duty Officer” means the Frontline Policing Inspector.

“Hostage” means the person who has been taken and/or kidnapped.

“Hostage Taking” means a person is seized or detained with the threat to kill, injure, or continue to detain the person in order to compel a third-person or governmental organization to do, or to abstain from doing, an act as an explicit or implicit condition for the release of the person. The location of the Hostage is often known when police are contacted (example: where a barricaded person contacts police).

“ILMD ERT” means the Integrated Lower Mainland District Emergency Response Team.

“Kidnapping” means the seizure or detention of a person by criminals for the purposes of obtaining ransom or other action by a family or private employer. The location of the Hostage is generally unknown when police are contacted. A Kidnapping may also be an abduction (e.g., abduction of a child by persuasion, deceit, threats, or physical force).

“MDT” means Mobile Data Terminal.

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

“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.

“Team Commander” means a member of the Command Triangle and the person to whom overall authority, responsibility and accountability for an investigation are assigned, including its resources (human and physical) and mandate, and adherence to the principles of major case management.

“Victim” means the person receiving demands (could also be the Complainant).

APPENDIX B: REFERENCES

Kidnapping and Crimes in Action Protocol - Office of Investigative Standards & Practices (OISP), RCMP E Division