

Policy Name:	SUDDEN DEATH INVESTIGATIONS		
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RELATED POLICIES

OP 4.13 *Crime Scene Management*

OP 4.46.1 *In-Custody Deaths*

OP 2.4 *IIO Notification*

OP 5.1 *Seized Property*

1. PURPOSE

1.1. To provide Surrey Police Service (SPS) Members direction to ensure consistent and standardized initial responses and investigations of sudden deaths in accordance with existing law, policies, standards and best practices.

2. SCOPE

2.1. This policy applies to all Members.

3. POLICY

3.1. SPS will provide the initial response and conduct the preliminary investigation in all cases of a sudden death in cooperation with the BC Coroners Service.

3.2. If SPS investigates a sudden death, SPS will be responsible for notifying the next of kin, if applicable.

4. PROCEDURE

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APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS

“Body” means the body of a deceased person and the included parts.

“Child” means a person who is under the age of 19 years.

“Coroner” means the Chief Coroner or the Deputy Chief Coroner or a coroner appointed under section 54 of the *Coroners Act*.

“LMD IFIS” means Lower Mainland District Integrated Forensic Identification Service.

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

“NOK” means Next of Kin.

“Peace Officer” means:

- a. a Sheriff or Sheriff's officer, and
- b. a police officer, police constable, constable or other person employed for the preservation and maintenance of the public peace, but does not include a warden, correctional officer, or any other officer or permanent employee of a penitentiary, prison, correctional centre, or youth custody centre.

“PRIME-BC” means the Police Records Information Management Environment, British Columbia's police records management system.

“Sudden Death” means a death as described in s. 4.1 of this policy.

“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

Coroners Act, S.B.C. 2007, c. 15