

Policy Name:	CLANDESTINE DRUG LABORATORIES		
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RELATED POLICIES

OP 4.18 *Controlled Drugs and Substances Investigations*

OP 5.2 *Retention of Property for Court Purposes (Form 5.2)*

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. To provide Surrey Police Service (SPS) Members direction with respect to the discovery of clandestine drug labs (clan labs)
- 1.2. To minimize the risk to the health and safety of responding Members, Police Service Dogs, and the public upon discovery of a clandestine drug lab.
- 1.3. To ensure that the appropriate Members and partner agencies are contacted to attend, safely investigate, and assist with the dismantling of the clandestine drug lab.

2. SCOPE

- 2.1. This policy applies to all SPS Members.

3. POLICY

- 3.1. During the performance of their regular duties, Members may encounter or be requested to assist Surrey Fire Service (SFS) or City of Surrey employees (e.g., bylaw officers or building/electrical inspectors) upon discovery of a clandestine drug lab. Clandestine drug operations have chemical, biological, physical and environmental hazards that create a potentially dangerous environment for the public and Members. Safety considerations are paramount.
- 3.2. All Members responding to any suspected clandestine drug lab incident must protect the safety of the public by first ensuring their own safety.

- 3.3. Any controlled drugs and substances exhibits seized as evidence must be seized, processed and analysed at the earliest opportunity and according to safe drug handling procedures.
- 3.4. All toxic chemicals and contaminated equipment must be properly documented and disposed of to minimize health and safety risks to the public, Members and civilian Employees.
- 3.5. Engage City of Surrey Building Inspections to determine if the premises is unsafe to occupy as per City of Surrey *Controlled Substance Property Bylaw, 2006*, No. 15820.

4. PROCEDURE

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APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS

“BCAS” means British Columbia Ambulance Service.

“Clandestine Drug Lab” means any illicit operation consisting of apparatus and chemicals that have been or could be used for the production of a controlled drug, substance or precursor.

“Clandestine drug lab Trained” means a Member who has taken the Canadian Police College (CPC) Clandestine Laboratory Investigators Course, or equivalent Clandestine Lab Investigators course, and is certified in that training.

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

“SFS” means the Surrey Fire 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

Cannabis Act, S.C. 2018, c. 16

Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, S.C. 1996, c. 19

City of Surrey: *Controlled Substance Property Bylaw, 2006*, No. 15820