



<b>Policy Name:</b>	<b>ASSISTING OTHER POLICE AGENCIES</b>		
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**RELATED POLICIES**

**1. PURPOSE**

1.1. To ensure Surrey Police Service (SPS) Members comply with the *Police Act* and British Columbia Policing Standards to provide temporary assistance to other police agencies when requested.

**2. SCOPE**

2.1. This policy applies to all SPS Members.

**3. POLICY**

3.1. Under s. 68 of the *Police Act*, upon receiving a request for temporary assistance made by another police force, police department or designated policing unit, SPS must assign to the requesting agency Members and equipment practicable to assign for the purpose.

3.2. The police agency or designated policing unit that requests and receives assistance is responsible for all costs of that assistance.

**4. PROCEDURE**

4.1. When assistance is requested by another police agency or designated policing unit, such assistance will be given as soon as practicable and shall only be limited insofar as responsibilities and lawful authority of a police officer under the *Police Act*.

4.2. When a Member or Members provide immediate assistance to another police agency, the Member(s) will notify their Supervisor(s) as soon as practicable.

4.3. The Supervisor(s) will notify the Duty Officer who will notify the Deputy Chief Constable, Community Policing Bureau, or designate.

## **APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS**

“Designated Policing Unit” means a designated policing unit established under section 4.1(7) of the *Police Act*.

“Duty Officer” means the Frontline Policing Inspector.

“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 the SPS.

## **APPENDIX B: REFERENCES**

British Columbia Provincial Policing Standards, Addendum 1 – *Continuation of Policing Standards Established by the Former British Columbia Police Commission*, Section A2.1.4.

*Police Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 367