

<b>Policy Name:</b>	<b>CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL &amp; NUCLEAR INCIDENTS</b>		
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**RELATED POLICIES**

OP 4.34.13 *Bomb Threats and Improvised Explosive Devices*

OP 4.50 *Workplace and Industrial Accidents*

**1. PURPOSE**

1.1. To ensure that Surrey Police SPS (SPS) Members are aware of safety and investigative procedures for chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) incidents.

**2. SCOPE**

2.1. This policy applies to all SPS Members.

**3. POLICY**

3.1. CBRN incidents represent a significant risk to public safety. The safety and protection of the public and of responding emergency personnel is paramount.

3.2. Members will liaise with investigators from the Worksafe BC and BC Coroner’s Service when a potential CBRN-related exposure, injury or death takes place in a workplace (see OP 4.50 *Workplace and Industrial Accidents*).

3.3. Members who may have suffered a CBRN-related exposure during an investigation will follow AD 5.8.2 *Occupational Health and Safety – Workplace Injuries*.

3.4. Reports of CBRN packages or potential exposure must be assessed on a case-by-case basis and considered as potentially legitimate threats until determined otherwise. Members must be aware that multiple incidents may occur simultaneously and consider this when responding to calls.



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## **APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS**

“BCAS” means British Columbia Ambulance Service.

“Cold Zone” means an area where command and other key personnel are located.

“Duty Officer” means the Frontline Policing Inspector on duty.

“Hot Zone” means an area where the contaminant is deemed to be sufficient to cause death and/or injury to unprotected personnel or responders without appropriate personal protective equipment.

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

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

“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.

“Unified Command” means a team effort established with the Provincial Incident Command System that allows all agencies with responsibilities at an incident to establish a common set of incident objectives and strategies. This is accomplished without losing or surrendering agency authority, responsibility or accountability.

“Warm Zone” means an area where decontamination of personnel and care of casualties occurs.

## APPENDIX B: REFERENCES