

Policy Name:	INTEGRATED SEXUAL PREDATOR OBSERVATION TEAM (ISPOT)		
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RELATED POLICIES

OP 4.34.10 *Sexual Offences*

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To ensure Surrey Police Service (SPS) Members have access to the resources and describe the circumstances in which the Integrated Sexual Predator Observation Team (ISPOT) may be used.
- 1.2 To ensure SPS enters a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ISPOT, other municipal police agencies, and the RCMP for the operational use of ISPOT services.
- 1.3 To inform SPS Members of their responsibilities when seconded to an integrated team.

2. SCOPE

- 2.1 This policy applies to all Members.

3. POLICY

- 3.1 The Province of British Columbia created ISPOT in 2005 to monitor Sexual Predators and reduce the risk of Sexual Assaults and other crimes. Recently released Sexual Offenders are kept under surveillance to ensure they comply with conditions of their release.
- 3.2 ISPOT offers the following assistance to SPS investigating sexual predators and crimes involving sexual violence:

- i. surveillance to determine the lifestyle of a high-risk sex offender;
- ii. surveillance to determine whether or not a high-risk sex offender has breached conditions of their release;
- iii. surveillance of high-risk sex offenders who have been released from custody and are unsupervised;
- iv. surveillance of high-risk offenders reported to be in their crime cycle;
- v. support to police agencies investigating sexually motivated crimes or series of crimes;
- vi. Support to police agencies investigating child abductions; and
- vii. the collection of cast-off DNA evidence.

Members Seconded to ISPOT

3.3 Members seconded to ISPOT are subject to the command of, and accountable to, the Officer in Charge (OIC) RCMP Behavioural Science Group (BSG).

3.4 SPS will post positions for ISPOT vacancies as they become available and will maintain a roster of potential candidates that are available for selection, in collaboration with SPS Employee Services Section, by the OIC BSG.


3.5 Members seconded to ISPOT must follow the core values and integrity standards of SPS and must follow related SPS administrative policies.

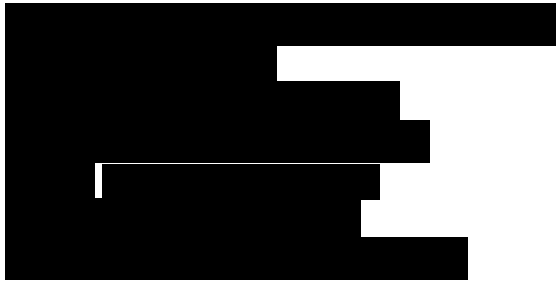
4. PROCEDURE

4.1 Members who request the services of ISPOT will be asked to submit a package of information by email, by fax or by hard copy, to the OIC BSG or designate containing:

- i. the Primary Investigator's name and contact information;
- ii. the offender's "tombstone" data and current photo;
- iii. a case summary or series summary, if applicable;
- iv. police reports for all incidents, including Report to Crown Counsel;
- v. victim statements, if available;
- vi. a list of all known associated addresses (e.g., residence, business and associates);
- vii. previous surveillance reports, if applicable; and
- viii. justifications for the request.

4.2 Members must submit requests for assistance to:

OIC Behavioural Sciences Group




APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS

“ISPOT” means the Lower Mainland Integrated Sexual Predator Observation Team.

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

“Primary Investigator” means a member of the Command Triangle who reports directly to the Team Commander and is responsible for controlling the speed, flow and direction of the overall investigative process.

“Secondment” means an SPS Employee’s temporary reassignment to an external agency or unit.

“SPS” means Surrey Police Service.