



Policy Name:	ROAD SAFETY ADMINISTRATION		
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RELATED POLICIES

AD 9.14 *Records Administration and Retention*

OP 4.36.4 *Collision Investigations*

OP 4.36.7 *Impaired Driving Investigations*

OP 4.36.8 *Towing and Impounding Vehicles*

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. To identify the traffic-related roles and responsibilities of the Road Safety Section and Members responsible for these functions.
- 1.2. To comply with BC Provincial Policing Standards - Addendum D9.1 *Traffic Management* and D9.2 *Traffic Operations*.

2. SCOPE

- 2.1. This policy applies to all SPS Members.

3. POLICY

- 3.1. The mandate of the SPS Road Safety Section is to enhance road safety for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians by reducing collision-related fatalities and serious injuries among all road users through strategic enforcement of traffic laws, collision investigation, educational initiatives, and collaborating with community partners to identify engineering solutions.

3.2. The Road Safety Section is responsible for:

- i. Collection, analysis, and distribution of police-attended collision data;
- ii. Providing investigative expertise and training to SPS Members in alcohol and drug impaired driving investigations;
- iii. Coordinating with Community Policing volunteers on road safety enforcement and educational initiatives;
- iv. Participating in Vision Zero Surrey through a multi-agency collaborative process focusing on enforcement, educational and engineering solutions;
- v. SPS lead on national and provincial road safety campaigns and initiatives;
- vi. Investigation of serious injury, fatal, and high-profile collisions;
- vii. Investigation and managerial review of police-involved collisions to ensure compliance with the *Motor Vehicle Act*, *Emergency Vehicle Driving Regulations*, and SPS policies; and
- viii. SPS representation at the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police and the BC Association of Chiefs of Police Traffic Safety Committees.

Traffic Data

3.3. The Officer in Charge of the Road Safety Section will ensure that traffic-related information sharing is maintained with agencies and community groups involved in traffic safety.

3.4. The Road Safety Section will produce on a quarterly basis, at minimum, traffic collision and enforcement data for distribution to the City of Surrey and regional traffic engineering authorities.

3.5. The SPS Road Safety Dashboard is a traffic-related information management system that will provide data regarding:

- i. Police reported motor vehicle collisions involving other motor vehicles, pedestrians, or cyclists;
- ii. Traffic-related public complaints tracking; and
- iii. Enforcement activity tracking.

Traffic-Related Equipment

3.6. The Road Safety Section is responsible for the maintenance, servicing, and calibration of traffic-related equipment, including:

- i. speed measuring devices (e.g., laser and radar equipment);
- ii. collision investigation equipment and software;
- iii. alcohol breath test instruments; and
- iv. drug testing instruments.

4. PROCEDURE

Driver's Licence Review

4.1. Members who are concerned about a driver's driving record, competency, physical or mental ability, or other conditions that might prevent the person from exercising reasonable care in operating a motor vehicle may submit a Report to the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles through their Supervisor requesting a re-examination or review of a person's driver's licence status.

High Visibility Safety Vests / Clothing

4.2. Members must comply with WorkSafe BC Health and Safety Regulations by wearing their issued high visibility safety vest / jacket when engaged in the following duties:

- i. Stationary speed enforcement operations;
- ii. Police roadblocks (e.g., Impaired Driving Counter-Attack checkpoints);
- iii. Motor vehicle incidents and collisions;
- iv. Directing traffic; and
- v. Planned events such as parades and demonstrations where Members are directed to by a Supervisor.

Temporary Traffic Control Devices

4.3. Members may request the assistance from the City of Surrey Engineering when traffic control devices are inoperative, or road closures are required, to have the contracted facilitator attend with the placement and subsequent removal of temporary traffic control devices (e.g., portable stop signs) or road closure barricades.

Police Escorts

4.4. Members must not participate in providing escorts for dignitaries, public officials, funerals, and internationally protected persons unless they have been trained and are currently qualified to provide police escorts and the escort has been authorized by a Supervisor.

4.5. Members may provide a police escort for an emergency vehicle or a member of the public having a medical emergency in exigent circumstances. The escort must be authorized by a Supervisor.

4.6. Members may assist in escorting oversized vehicles and vehicles transporting hazardous or dangerous goods when authorized by the Member's Supervisor. The Supervisor will liaise with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to ensure the route has been authorized.

Impaired Driving Roadblocks

4.7. Members who proactively set up or are assigned to an impaired driving roadblock must:

- i. Inform the Operational Communications Centre of the location and anticipated duration of the set up;
- ii. Be authorized by their Supervisor;

- iii. Wear their issued high-visibility vest / jacket;
- iv. Place cones, lighting, and lane delineators at least 30 meters in advance of their location on the roadway; and
- v. Ensure the location has sufficient space to safely pull vehicles from the travelled portion of the roadway.

APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS

“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 SPS.

APPENDIX B: REFERENCES

BC Provincial Policing Standards – Addendum 1 - Interim Continuation of Policing Standards Established by the Former British Columbia Police Commission: D9.1 *Management (Traffic)*; D9.2 *Operations (Traffic) Operations*

Canadian Standards Association (CSA) standard Z96-15: High-Visibility Safety Apparel. OHS guideline G8.24

Motor Vehicle Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 318

Motor Vehicle Act Regulations, B.C. Regulation 26/58