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**RESERVE CONSTABLES**

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**POLICY**

1. The Chief Constable may appoint special municipal constables under the *Police Act* to perform authorized non-enforcement activities, in support of public safety and crime prevention, as Delta Police Reserve Constables (DPRCs).
2. The Chief Constable shall ensure the provision of a Reserve Program and provide Procedures, pursuant to this Policy, regarding its facilitation and associated responsibilities.

**REASON FOR POLICY**

3. To strengthen community and police partnerships and allow volunteers to support public safety and crime prevention.
4. To provide direction for the Reserve Program and DPRCs.

**PROCEDURES**

**Oversight**

5. The Inspector i/c Recruiting & Professional Development or delegate (Inspector) is responsible for establishing authorized non-enforcement activities, in support of public safety and crime prevention, that DPRCs may perform (hereafter “authorized activities”).



6. The Inspector shall oversee the Reserve Program, in compliance with the Ministry of Justice's *Reserve Constable Program Provincial Policy* (Provincial Policy), including:
  - a) establishing the application and selection process (e.g., required qualifications, training);
  - b) establishing equipment and uniform requirements, including ensuring uniforms are clearly distinguishable from those of members;
  - c) facilitating initial and ongoing training, including ensuring DPRCs have completed all training necessary to perform authorized activities and as required by the Department and Police Services;  

Note: DPRCs may receive use of force training but are not to receive any firearm training beyond safe handling.
  - d) ensuring DPRCs are appropriately supervised while performing authorized activities;
  - e) conducting an annual written evaluation for each DPRC, including documenting their performance and identifying any further training needs;
  - f) reviewing and evaluating the Program annually; and
  - g) maintaining records in relation to the above.
7. DPRCs shall not be considered in determining authorized strength or as a secondary member if participating in a ride-along.
8. Members are responsible for DPRCs assigned to work with them by their supervisor.

**DPRC Responsibilities & Authorities**

9. DPRCs must adhere to the requirements established by the Inspector (e.g., in relation to authorized activities, restrictions, training, volunteer hours and commitments, and performance evaluations).
10. DPRCs may only engage in authorized activities and are subject to the following:



- a) the supervision and direction of a member;
- b) all applicable Department policies;
- c) the Provincial Policy; and
- d) the provisions of Part 11 [Misconduct, Complaints, Investigations, Discipline and Proceedings] of the *Police Act*; and

despite the above, DPRCs may exercise enforcement authorities if requested by a member in exigent circumstances.

11. DPRCs are not, at any time, authorized to:

- a) identify themselves as a police officer;  

Note: DPRCs must carry a Department-issued identification card while performing authorized duties and may identify themselves as a special municipal constable in accordance with Department policies and the Provincial Policy.
- b) carry or use firearms (except for authorized training);
- c) exercise emergency vehicle driving authorities granted under s. 122 of the *Motor Vehicle Act*;
- d) be responsible for persons in custody;
- e) engage in covert surveillance or other related plainclothes duties; or
- f) issue, serve, or execute documents relating to Court processes, or sign any document in the capacity of a police officer.

### DPRC Administration

12. DPRCs are engaged as volunteers and are not considered employees of the Department or the City of Delta, meaning they are not:

- a) paid any remuneration for the performance of any authorized activity or training, including if required to appear in court or other inquiries; and
- b) covered under Department insurance, but insurance may be provided by the province if injury occurs while performing authorized activities or training.



13. If a DPRC is injured while performing an authorized activity or training, the Reserve Coordinator shall complete and submit any required form(s) to the Inspector i/c Human Resources, who shall submit the same to WorkSafeBC and any applicable insurance provider.
14. A DPRC returning to Program activities after being absent due to medical reasons is required to submit a report from an attending medical professional certifying that they are fit for the full range of duties associated with their role.
15. If required to incur an expense while performing an authorized activity, and if approved by a supervisor, a DPRC may submit a receipt to the Reserve Coordinator and shall be reimbursed.
16. A DPRC may be suspended or terminated from the Program, with written documentation, at any time by the Inspector i/c Recruiting & Professional Development for breaching this Policy, other applicable Department policies, the Provincial Policy, or the *Police Act*, or if otherwise determined to no longer be suitable to carry on within the Program.

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