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FACIAL COMPARISON ANALYSIS

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POLICY

- Delta Police Department employees may engage in Facial Comparison Analysis, using software and a Facial Comparison Analyst, to assist in the identification of an individual during an investigation, in accordance with Procedures pursuant to this Policy provided by the Chief Constable.

REASON FOR POLICY

- To seek to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of police investigations and ensure that the use of Facial Comparison Analysis is subject to appropriate oversight.

RELATED POLICIES

- IC31 – Identification of Criminals Act
- IM10 – Criminal Investigations
- IP34 – Digital Images, Video & Audio Recordings
- IP51 – Photo Packs

DEFINITIONS

- For the purposes of this Policy, the following definitions will apply:



Facial Comparison Software: technology that utilizes biometrics to analyze an investigative image (including marks, scars and tattoos) against a database and detects potential matches to the investigative image.

Facial Comparison Analysis: comparison between potential matches identified by the software and the investigative image, conducted by a Facial Comparison Analyst.

PROCEDURES

Requests for Investigative Analysis

4. A member who determines that Facial Comparison Analysis may assist in identifying an individual in an investigation may make an analysis request to their supervisor.
5. A member's supervisor may refer a request to a Facial Comparison Analyst if, upon review of the investigation, the supervisor determines that an analysis may assist in the investigation.
6. A referral to an Analyst is to include an original image that is not a 'screenshot' and has not been altered from its originating source (e.g., not focus-enhanced, lighting changed, cropped).

Analysis Process

7. The Facial Comparison Analyst will conduct a comparison of the provided investigative image (by comparing it against comparator images identified by the approved software) and provide the investigator with an analysis report detailing any investigative lead generated.
8. If comparing an investigative image to arrest booking images, the Analyst must ensure that the software-identified image is of a person who was charged with or convicted of an indictable or hybrid offence, or that the photo was otherwise authorized to be taken and retained in accordance with the *Identifications of Criminal Act*.
9. If a photo was not authorized to be taken and retained, in accordance with the *Identifications of Criminal Act*, the Analyst shall not disclose it to the investigator, but report photo to their Supervisor, who shall take steps necessary to have it and associated photos removed from the database.



Members' Use of Analysis Results

10. The member shall treat an Analyst's identification as an investigative lead, not as a conclusive proof the identified person committed an offence, and whether the identified person committed an offence is to be determined through additional investigation.
11. Members may only use an Analyst's report for the investigation in relation to which it was requested.
12. A member who has requested a facial comparison analysis must document that they made the request, as well as the results of the request (whether or not an investigative lead was generated) in their notes and the associated GO report.
13. The Analyst's report shall be retained with the investigative file and is subject to prosecution disclosure.
14. A member who shares the identify of a suspect identified by an Analyst, with another member or an officer of another police agency, must:
 - a) provide accompanying notice that the individual was identified through electronic facial comparison software and analysis; and
 - b) direct that the subject's identification may only be further disseminated for investigative purposes, and not publicly disclosed without approval of the Analyst's supervisor.

Requests by Outside Agencies

15. A Facial Comparison Analysis may only be performed for another police agency, and using an image provided by that agency, in exigent circumstances and if approved by the Analyst's Inspector, or in the Inspector's absence the Duty Officer.

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