



REASON FOR POLICY

2. To provide members with direction in the safe, secure and effective use of Confidential Informers and Agents.

RELATED POLICIES

IM10 – Criminal Investigations
IP20 – Statements
IP22 – Crown Disclosure
IR20 – Notetaking & Notes Management

DEFINITIONS

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

Confidential Informer (CI): person who voluntarily provides information to Handlers regarding past, present or future criminal activity, with the explicit or implicit expectation of confidentiality.

Agent: person who obtains evidence at or under the direction of the police, or who otherwise becomes an extension of police authority.

Handler: a certified member who is responsible for the relationship between a CI/Agent and the Department.

Source Coordinator: oversees the CI/Agent Program within the Department.

PROCEDURES

Privilege

4. Handlers must ensure and communicate to the CI that they are granted privilege, i.e., their identity will remain confidential, and they will not be compelled to testify, except where innocence is reasonably at stake.
5. The identity of a CI/Agent shall not be disclosed to anyone except in accordance with this Policy or as directed by the Inspector i/c Investigative Services, and if the identity of the CI/Agent is inadvertently disclosed or revealed, the Handler must immediately advise their Staff Sergeant, the Source Coordinator, and the Inspector i/c Investigative Services.



Oversight

- 6. In consultation with the Source Coordinator, the Handler’s Staff Sergeant is responsible for overseeing the Handler’s engagement with a CI/Agent and providing advice, training, and direction to the Handler.
- 7. The Source Coordinator is responsible for the development and management of CIs/Agents, including:
 - a) oversight of handling and reporting procedures, including providing all Confidential Informer Debriefing Reports (CIDRs) to the B.C. Municipal Police Centralized Repository Data File Coordinator and ensuring disseminated intelligence does not identify the CI/Agent;
 - b) determining which Handlers are eligible to provide instruction on CI/Agent handling, based on their evaluation of Handlers’ training and experience in conducting these types of investigations;
 - c) providing direction regarding specialized circumstances; and
 - d) maintaining records of all CIs/Agents developed and/or handled by the Department, including reviewing files annually, determining whether a CI/Agent has become inactive, and auditing interviews, reports and CI/Agent notebooks.

Developing CIs/Agents

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Conflict of Interest

- 19. Handlers shall not, unless authorized by the Source Coordinator:
 - a) associate with a CI/Agent other than in an on-duty capacity;
 - b) solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any gift, token, or benefit, from a CI/Agent (refer to Policy EC11 – *Conflict of Interest*);
 - c) enter into any kind of business activity or social relationship with a CI/Agent;
 - d) share their own personal information (e.g., personal phone number, introduce to family or other employees, residence/address);
 - e) attend the CI’s/Agent’s residence or place of business, or other social functions (e.g., parties, weddings) with the CI/Agent; or
 - f) enter a personal relationship with the CI/Agent (refer to Policy EC31 – *Personal Relationships*).

- 20. A Handler who has a prior social connection with a CI/Agent may only be designated as that CI/Agent’s Handler if authorized by the Source Coordinator, and the connection is to be documented in the CI/Agent notebook and scanned to their file.

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56. CIDRs shall not be disclosed to Crown Counsel unless it is court ordered, in which case the Handler, in consultation with the Source Coordinator and Inspector i/c Investigative Services, must vet the CIDR prior to disclosure and shall make disclosure from the original documents.

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