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UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS

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POLICY

1. The Delta Police Department (Department) will conduct Undercover Operations in a professional manner with public and officer safety being the principal consideration.
2. UCOs conducted by the Department will abide by the following guidelines:
 - a) be undertaken in full compliance with federal and provincial statutes;
 - b) have supervisory approval;
 - c) be used as an investigative aid; and
 - d) be conducted using only selected and trained personnel holding those duties through the British Columbia Municipal Undercover Program (BCMUP) or Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Undercover Unit.

REASON FOR POLICY

3. To ensure member safety.
4. To ensure that Municipal Undercover Operations are conducted in compliance with federal and provincial statutes, as well as relevant case law.



5. To ensure that all Municipal Undercover Operations comply with the BCMUP business rules and best practices or those of the RCMP Undercover Unit.
6. To ensure all members participating in undercover operations are properly trained as Undercover Operators (UCOs) or Cover Officers to make certain the integrity of all undercover techniques are maintained.
7. To comply with the provisions of Bill C 24 legislation.

RELATED POLICIES

IM10 – Criminal Investigations

DEFINITIONS

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

Operators Pool: all qualified UCOs and Cover Officers who are presently deployable in the BCMUP.

Major Crime Undercover Operation: an Undercover Operation that involves high risk targets and tactics, as well as multiple or complex scenario development involving a UCO and a cover officer.

Covert Investigation: a covert investigation is an Undercover Operation in which a member assumes a role designed to conceal their true identity in an effort to gain intelligence or evidence (most likely resulting in direct interaction with the target).

Undercover Operator: a member involved in an Undercover Operation, participating in a covert capacity, who is trying to gain the suspect's confidence to gather intelligence or evidence.

Undercover Operation: require the Undercover Operator to have multiple interactions or a prolonged single interaction with a target.



PROCEDURES

Conducting an Undercover Operation

9. Undercover Operators and Cover Officers must have successfully completed the Municipal Undercover/Cover team training program or the equivalent.
10. All Undercover Operations require an Operational Plan, and it must be approved by the Inspector i/c Investigative Services, or delegate, except in exigent circumstances, where verbal approval with documented notes of the conversation shall be sufficient, and once approved:
 - a) the plan shall be sent to the NCO;
 - b) the BCMUP or the RCMP Undercover Unit, and Operational Committee, shall be consulted to determine whether they must conduct a review; and
 - c) the plan must comply with the Business Rules agreed upon by the B.C. Municipal Chiefs of Police pertaining to the BCMUP.

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