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CANADIAN ARMED FORCES ASSISTANCE

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POLICY

1. The Chief Constable may apply to the Provincial Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General (Solicitor General) for assistance from the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) to preserve the peace and prevent offences against the law, if requesting the assistance of other police agencies in British Columbia will not suffice.

REASON FOR POLICY

2. To provide direction when considering assistance from the CAF.

RELATED POLICIES

IR60 – Explosives
IR70 – Protests & Civil Disobedience

PROCEDURES

3. Before recommending to the Chief Constable to engage the Solicitor General to request CAF assistance, the Duty Officer must assess and consult with the Chief Constable on the sufficiency of making a request for emergency assistance to municipal police agencies and/or the provincial police.
4. If it is determined that CAF assistance is required, a request providing details of the circumstances, documented in writing, must be made to the Solicitor General, who will liaise with the Department of National Defence to make arrangements.
5. The *National Defence Act* (s. 273.6(2)) states that the Minister of National Defence may authorize the CAF to assist police forces in law enforcement matters if:
 - a) the assistance is in the national interest; and

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- b) the matter cannot be effectively dealt with except with the assistance of the CAF.
6. The Duty Officer shall maintain overall command of the incident and is responsible for coordinating with the CAF commander.

Note: The CAF commander is responsible for directing CAF members, who are required to act under their own command.

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