



# SURREY POLICE BOARD

## Regular Meeting Agenda

Venue: SPS HQ Boardroom

Date: February 12, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM

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ITEM	PRESENTER
<b>A. CALL TO ORDER</b>	Chair
The Surrey Police Board recognizes that our work takes place on the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territories of the Coast Salish Peoples.	
<b>B. ADOPTIONS</b>	
1. Adoption of the Agenda – February 12, 2025	Chair
2. Adoption of Minutes – November 27, 2024	Chair
Note: These minutes were reviewed by the Surrey Police Board Administrator and approved to be adopted.	Chair
<b>C. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS</b>	
1. <b>Presentation</b>	
a. <b>District Model</b> Insp. S. Sidhu and Insp. Darin Shepherd - (Presentation)	Chief Lipinski
2. <b>No Delegation Requests</b>	
<b>D. REPORTS</b>	
<b>CHIEF CONSTABLE REPORTS</b>	
1. <b>SPS Hiring and Diversity Update</b> Report 2025-R003 – For Information	Chief Lipinski
2. <b>OPCC 2023/2024 Annual Report</b> Report 2025-R004 – For Information	Chief Lipinski
3. <b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 Crime Statistics</b> Report 2025-R005– For Information	Chief Lipinski
4. <b>2024 Surrey Illicit Drug Overdose Report</b> Report 2025-R006 – For Information	Chief Lipinski
5. <b>Chief Constable’s Updates - Verbal</b> For Information - (Presentation)	Chief Lipinski

- E. INFORMATION** Melissa Granum
1. BCAPB Conference 2025 – May 7, 8 and 9, 2025
  2. BCAPB Notice of AGM – Call for Resolutions and Guidelines
- F. CORRESPONDENCE** Melissa Granum
1. Letter from ADM Lewis – re: Board Evaluations and Needs Assessments – 2025 – Dated December 24, 2024
- G. SERVICE OR POLICY COMPLAINTS** Melissa Granum
- 1. OPCC File No. 2025-00011**
    - a. Letter to Complainant – Dated January 16, 2025
    - b. Letter to Chief Constable – Dated January 16, 2025.
- H. NEW BUSINESS**  
No new business.
- I. Public Q & A** Melissa Granum
- J. NEXT MEETING** Chair
- The next meeting of the Surrey Police Board is to be determined.
- K. MOTION TO HOLD A MEETING IN A CLOSED SESSION** Chair
- It is in order for the Board to pass a motion to close the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 69 (2) (c), and (d) of the *Police Act*, which states:
- (2) if it believes that any of the following matters will arise in a meeting or hearing held by it, a board or committee may order that the portion of the meeting during which the matter will arise be held in private:
    - (c) a matter concerning labour contract discussions, labour management relations, layoffs or another personnel matter;
    - (d) a matter concerning information that a person has requested he or she be allowed to give in private to the board or committee.
- L. ADJOURNMENT** Chair



# SURREY POLICE BOARD

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Venue: Virtual  
Date: November 27, 2024  
Time: 12:00 PM

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**Present:**

Mike Serr, Administrator

**Regrets:**

Mike LeSage, Deputy Chief

**Staff Present:**

Norm Lipinski, Chief Constable  
Todd Matsumoto, Deputy Chief  
Cliff Chastellaine, Supt.  
Sukh Sidhu, Inspector  
Melissa Granum, Executive Director  
Marion Chow, Executive Assistant  
Gayle Wlasiuk, Executive Services Manager  
Nathan Wong, Director, Finance

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The November 27, 2024, Regular Board meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM.

Mike Serr, Board Administrator advised that comments can be received during the livestream and any questions asked will be responded to at the end of the meeting.

The Board Administrator thanked the previous Surrey Police Board for their hard work and dedication to move this transition forward and also acknowledged the incredible amount of work that has been done by the Board staff and the SPS team in the last several months to get to the POJ date of November 29, 2024.

**B. ADOPTIONS**

1. Adoption of the Agenda – November 27, 2024

The agenda for the November 27, 2024 Regular board meeting was approved.

2. Adoption of Minutes – October 29, 2024

The minutes of the October 29, 2024 Regular board meeting were approved.

**C. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

1. **Presentations**

- a. Police of Jurisdiction Implementation  
(Presentation)

2. **No Delegation Requests**

**D. REPORTS**

**CHIEF CONSTABLE REPORTS**

**1. Lease Agreements with City of Surrey**

Report 2024-R018 – For Decision

The Surrey Police Board received the report and approved the recommendations in the report.

**2. 2024 Strategic Plan Outcomes**

Report 2024-R019 – For Information  
(Presentation)

The Surrey Police Board received the above report for information.

**3. Financial Update - Year to Date Expenditures – October 31, 2024**

Report 2024-R020 – For Information  
(Presentation)

The Surrey Police Board received the above report for information.

**E. INFORMATION**

No information.

**F. CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence.

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**H. Questions Received From the Public during the Livestream**

No questions or comments were received during the livestream.

**I. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Surrey Police Board to be determined.

The Board Administrator acknowledged his privilege to be in this critical role as sole administrator to the Board and respected the resilience of SPS through some very challenging times.

The Chief Constable thanked the Administrator for his contributions and advice in getting the Surrey Police Service to becoming police of jurisdiction.

**J. MOTION TO HOLD A MEETING IN A CLOSED SESSION**

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Motion approved.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

The Surrey Police Board meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Certified correct:

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Marion Chow, Executive Assistant

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Mike Serr, Administrator



**REGULAR**

**REPORT DATE:** February 5, 2025

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** February 12, 2025

**BOARD REPORT #** 2025-R003

**TO:** Surrey Police Board

**FROM:** Chief Constable

**FILE:** 60540-20-03

**SUBJECT:** SPS Hiring and Diversity Update

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Chief Constable recommends that the Surrey Police Board (the “Board”) receive this report for information.

## **ISSUE**

### **Experienced Officer Hiring**

As of January 16, 2025, SPS has hired 485 sworn officers, marking significant progress toward its goal of 785 officers by the end of the transition. Newly hired Experienced Officers (EO) attend six weeks of customized SPS training prior to their deployment. An EO class started at SPS on January 6, 2025 and join other EO’s who have been recruited from various agencies across Canada, contributing to a wide array of skills, expertise, and perspectives that will be invaluable as the force continues to expand.

### **Recruit Hiring**

To-date, 52 SPS recruits have completed their training and are now deployed. SPS currently has 37 recruits in training:

- **Recruit Class 7 (JIBC Class 174)** – 11 SPS recruits began training at the JIBC on May 6, 2024, and will graduate March 10, 2025
- **Recruit Class 8 (JIBC Class 175)** –13 SPS recruits began training at the JIBC on Sept. 9, 2024, and will graduate June 30, 2025
- **Recruit Class 9 (JIBC Class 176)**- 13 SPS recruits began training at the JIBC on January 13, 2025, and will graduate on November 3, 2025

One Pre-Recruit has been hired and five Pre-Recruits have been identified for the March 2025 JIBC class (Class 177). These employees will start with SPS on February 10, 2025, and will participate in a 10-week training program that will help prepare them for a successful career in policing.

The JIBC has allotted SPS 10 recruit spaces for the March 2025 recruit training class.

### **Officer Deployment**

All SPS officers were deployed on November 29, 2024, when SPS became Police of Jurisdiction. Currently 315 SPS Officers are supporting operations in District 1 and District 3 and select speciality units are providing services citywide.

### **DIVERSITY STATISTICS**

SPS has made significant strides in hiring and deploying officers while maintaining a strong focus on diversity. As of January 2025, the department continues to expand both in terms of total staffing numbers and diverse representation, which is vital for ensuring that SPS can effectively engage with and serve the community. Recruitment remains a priority, with ongoing efforts to ensure that the department remains representative of the community it serves.

SPS remains committed to ensuring its workforce reflects the diverse community it serves. Below are the current diversity statistics for the sworn officers and management roles:

- **Management (Sworn)**
  - **Male:** 27 (79.41%)
  - **Female:** 7 (20.59%)
  - **Non-visible minority:** 17 (51.52%)
  - **Visible minority:** 11 (33.33%)
  - **Indigenous:** 5 (15.15%)
- **Sworn Officers (Total)**
  - **Male:** 392 (80.82%)
  - **Female:** 93 (19.18%)
  - **Non-visible minority:** 260 (53.61%)
  - **Visible minority:** 205 (42.27%)
  - **Indigenous:** 20 (4.12%)
- **Sworn Officer Diversity (Self-Identified)**
  - **Asian:** 49
  - **South Asian:** 107
  - **Black:** 5
  - **Southeast Asian:** 7
  - **Hispanic:** 1
  - **Filipino:** 11
  - **Middle Eastern:** 4
  - **Other:** 17
  - **Not a visible minority:** 208
  - **Multiple visible minorities:** 3
  - **Blank (no identification):** 53

**Languages Spoken:** A total of **35 languages** are spoken among SPS sworn officers, further demonstrating the diversity and cultural competence of the workforce.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable.


**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable.

**CONCLUSION**

Recruiting, hiring, and deployment of SPS officers are critical components of building SPS and the corresponding demobilization of the RCMP. Regular updates on the progress of recruitment, staffing, and diversity will continue to be provided.

The above matters are provided for the Boards awareness and information.

<p>BUREAU APPROVAL</p> <p>Corporate Services Bureau</p>	 <p>Todd Matsumoto, Deputy Chief</p>
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Norm Lipinski, OOM, LLB, MBA  
Chief Constable





**REPORT DATE:** February 3, 2025

**REGULAR**

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** February 12, 2025

**BOARD REPORT #** 2025-R004

**TO:** Surrey Police Board

**FROM:** Chief Constable

**FILE:** 60550-20-03

**SUBJECT:** OPCC 2023/2024 Annual Report

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Chief Constable recommends that the Surrey Police Board (the “Board”) receive this report for information.

## **ISSUE**

The Police Complaint Commissioner is a civilian, independent Officer of the Legislature overseeing complaints, investigations and discipline involving municipal police in British Columbia.

The Police Complaint Commissioner operates independently of government and police, and may accept complaints from the public or independently order investigations into allegations of police misconduct.

The Police Complaint Commissioner may call public hearings, refer matters to Crown Counsel for consideration of prosecution and make recommendations to police boards or to government regarding policies, practices or systemic issues that may contribute to the misconduct.

The Office of the Police Complaints Commissioner (OPCC) has the authority to initiate systemic investigations arising from police complaints or problems identified with the complaints process, and to provide meaningful recommendations aimed at preventing police misconduct and to report on these publicly. The Police Complaint Commissioner is required under the Police Act to publish an annual report each year<sup>1</sup>

## **DISCUSSION**

The OPCC 2023/24 Annual Report provides a comprehensive overview of the mandate, responsibilities and activities of the OPCC over the reporting period. It explains the processes of their investigations, provides statistics and reports on outcomes and recommendations resulting from investigations. The report also addresses the importance and impact of the Surrey Policing Transition and the new model of police oversight and accountability for the residents and business owners in Surrey. The report is a valuable source of information and education relevant to the work of the Board.

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<sup>1</sup> OPCC News Release, January 9, 2025

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable.

**CONCLUSION**

The Chief Constable recommends that the Board receive this report for information.

Office of the Chief Constable	 Gayle Wlasiuk, Executive Services Manager
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Norm Lipinski, OOM, LLB, MBA  
Chief Constable

Annual Report: [OPCC 2023-24 Annual-Report](#)



**REGULAR**

**REPORT DATE:** February 3, 2025

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** February 12, 2025

**BOARD REPORT #** 2025-R005

**TO:** Surrey Police Board

**FROM:** Chief Constable

**FILE:** 60540-20-03

**SUBJECT:** 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 Crime Statistics

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Chief Constable recommends that the Surrey Police Board (the “Board”) receive this report for information.

## **ISSUE**

The SPS Crime Analysis Section produces various reports for information, research, operational and investigative purposes. The Quarterly Crime Stats report has historically been produced four times each year and provides statistics for the crime and occurrences for each policing District for the quarter and year-to-date.

## **DISCUSSION**

The crime and offence data contained within the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Crime Stats (Appendix I) report is drawn from the Police Records Management Information Management Environment (PRIME) system which captures crime and occurrences that are either reported to or discovered by police. Not all crime and occurrences are reported or otherwise brought to the attention of police. Incidents reported to police may result in one or more offences or violations being counted. Through investigation police determine or substantiate which offences, if any, took place.

The data represents a ‘snapshot’ in time and is subject to change for a variety of reasons, including late reporting and reclassification due to changes in circumstance, the stage and/or outcome of an investigation, or corrective action taken for quality assurance purposes. Additional data qualifiers are set out in the report.

Some key metrics identified in the report for Q4 show that violent crime increased by 3% when compared to Q4 2023. Property crime decreased by 2% in the same period.

Year-to-date data shows an overall city-wide decrease of 3% for violent crime. District 1 (City Centre), District 2 (Guildford), and District 3 (Newton) all experienced decreases in violent crime with Districts 4 (Cloverdale) and 5 (South Surrey) showing slight increases. Homicides decreased by 33% in 2024 with 8 homicides in total for the year.

In 2024, property crime in Surrey decreased by 1% from 2023. The most significant decreases were seen in identity theft/fraud (-29%), arson (-22%), and theft from vehicle (-20%). Theft over \$5,000 saw in the biggest increase with 21% more incidents, and shoplifting files went up by 20%.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable.

**CONCLUSION**

The Quarterly Crime Stats will be published on the SPS website. For this report, the same format as previous RCMP reporting has been maintained to ensure consistency until the end of the reporting year. Beginning in January 2025, the format of the quarterly crime statistics will be updated, therefore the next report may capture different metrics to provide a more fulsome view of crime and police activity in Surrey.

Quarterly Crime Stat reports will be presented to the Board on an ongoing basis.

The Chief Constable recommends that the Board receive this report for information.

BUREAU APPROVALS  Office of the Chief Constable	 Gayle Wlasiuk, Executive Services Manager
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Norm Lipinski, OOM, LLB, MBA  
Chief Constable



**SURREY**  
**POLICE SERVICE**

# Crime Stat Report

4th Quarter 2024

DATE: 2025-01-17

AUTHOR: Crime Analysis Section

## Report Notes & Data Qualifiers

The crime and offence data contained within this report is drawn from the PRIME records management system which captures crime and occurrences that are either reported to or discovered by police. Not all crime and occurrences are reported or otherwise brought to the attention of police. Incidents reported to police may result in one or more offences or violations being counted. Through investigation police determine or substantiate which offences, if any, took place. All reported incidents are considered founded at the outset, but may be determined to be unsubstantiated upon investigation. The information in this report is considered preliminary incident data and may not represent statistics submitted to the Canadian Center for Justice Statistics. The data represents a 'snapshot' in time and is subject to change for a variety of reasons, including late reporting and reclassification due to changes in circumstance, the stage and/or outcome of an investigation, or corrective action taken for quality assurance purposes. Such changes can affect the number and nature of offences recorded in PRIME.

All data (2023/2024) queried from PRIME on 2025-01-14<sup>1</sup>.

Report selection criteria included all 'founded' incidents (CCJS = B:Z) for all crimes and crime types (i.e., not just the most serious) occurring within the Surrey municipality and for which the primary investigative unit was Surrey Police Service or RCMP Provincial Operations Support Unit (Surrey GO = SP or 1301<sup>2</sup>). Crime type and category totals include incidents with an unknown district/location. Unfounded incidents are not included. Surrey Police Service (SP) files, but not Surrey Provincial Operations Support Unit (1301) files, marked *Private* are included. First Nation (Surrey Prov) data is included.

Violent Crime figures extracted from PRIME are under-counted; they do not account for violent crimes with more than one victim (person targeted). As per UCR II scoring rules, person (violent) crime offences are typically counted by the number of victims.

UCR Codes included in Offence Category groupings:

<b>CC Offences</b>	<b>1000-3000 level series (total)</b>
<b>Violent Crime</b>	<b>1000 level series (total)</b>
Attempted Murder	1200 level
Robbery	1610 level (1610-1, 1610-2, 1610-3)
Sexual Offences	1300 level
Assault	1400 level
Forcible Confinement/ Kidnapping/Abduction	1500 level
<b>Property Crime</b>	<b>2000 level series (total)</b>
Business B&E	2120-1
Residential B&E	2120-2
B&E (All)	2120 level
Auto Theft	2135 level
Theft from Auto	2132-0, 2142-0
Theft Over \$5000	2130-10, 2130-13, 2130-15
Theft Under \$5000	2140-10, 2140-13, 2140-14
Shoplifting	2133, 2143
Stolen Property	2150 level
Fraud (Total)	2160 level
Identity Theft/Fraud	2165, 2166
Arson	2110-0, 1629-0
Mischief (property)	2170 level
<b>Other CC Offences</b>	<b>3000 level series (total)</b>
Offensive Weapons	3300 level
Cause a Disturbance	3430-0
Breach/Bail Violations	3410-0
<b>CDSA</b>	<b>4000 level series (total)</b>
Possession	4100 level
Trafficking	4200 level
Production	4300-4400 level

<sup>1</sup> Homicide data, provided by IHIT based on their investigational files, has been included for reference only. Surrey homicide figures are not included in the Violent Crime or Criminal Code totals.

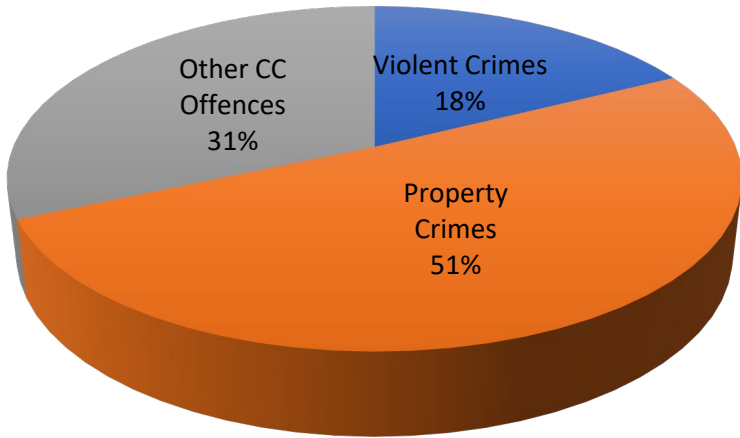
<sup>2</sup> Due to the change in Police of Jurisdiction from Surrey RCMP to Surrey Police Service, some police files were transferred (from 1301 to SP) and resulted in duplicated police reports in the data set.

Q4	Recorded Offences Q4 2024						Recorded Offences Q4 2023						% Change Q4 2023 to Q4 2024					
	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	TOTAL	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	TOTAL	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	TOTAL
Homicide	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C
<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>1468</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>1425</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>3%</b>
Attempted Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-100%	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	-100%
Robbery	39	22	11	3	2	79	26	18	19	5	6	74	50%	22%	-42%	-40%	-67%	7%
Sexual Offences	27	25	35	16	15	122	24	17	25	13	8	90	13%	47%	40%	23%	88%	36%
Assault	232	125	219	62	59	698	234	152	210	67	51	714	-1%	-18%	4%	-7%	16%	-2%
Abduction/Kidnapping	3	0	1	2	0	6	0	1	3	1	0	5	N/C	-100%	-67%	100%	N/C	20%
<b>Property Crimes</b>	<b>1234</b>	<b>1177</b>	<b>1138</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>4738</b>	<b>1163</b>	<b>1162</b>	<b>1275</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>4817</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>-2%</b>
Business B&E	19	22	22	19	19	101	27	18	25	32	35	137	-30%	22%	-12%	-41%	-46%	-26%
Residential B&E	15	25	22	17	47	126	16	45	18	10	25	114	-6%	-44%	22%	70%	88%	11%
Total B&E (All)	53	58	59	45	84	299	64	81	62	56	71	334	-17%	-28%	-5%	-20%	18%	-10%
Theft Motor Vehicle	58	76	54	41	44	273	70	64	60	45	29	268	-17%	19%	-10%	-9%	52%	2%
Theft From Vehicle	161	194	153	88	130	735	173	222	203	91	111	814	-7%	-13%	-25%	-3%	17%	-10%
Theft Over 5000	7	7	7	10	12	43	10	6	1	6	4	27	-30%	17%	600%	67%	200%	59%
Theft Under 5000	293	208	179	69	114	870	272	197	201	79	115	869	8%	6%	-11%	-13%	-1%	0%
Shoplifting	215	265	269	29	96	875	167	234	280	25	115	821	29%	13%	-4%	16%	-17%	7%
Stolen Property	12	6	3	6	4	32	5	9	4	7	2	28	140%	-33%	-25%	-14%	100%	14%
Fraud (Total)	203	180	237	94	132	853	198	195	264	99	119	903	3%	-8%	-10%	-5%	11%	-6%
Identity Theft/Fraud	11	2	17	2	3	35	13	16	13	4	7	58	-15%	-88%	31%	-50%	-57%	-40%
Arson	12	4	11	4	3	34	15	5	12	6	4	42	-20%	-20%	-8%	-33%	-25%	-19%
Mischief	205	170	158	78	77	689	177	148	183	80	94	683	16%	15%	-14%	-3%	-18%	1%
<b>Other CC Offences</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>1919</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>2176</b>	<b>-29%</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>-12%</b>
Offensive Weapons	25	15	6	5	1	53	28	19	18	8	2	75	-11%	-21%	-67%	-38%	-50%	-29%
Cause a Disturbance	808	350	359	111	136	1765	550	347	338	124	159	1518	47%	1%	6%	-10%	-14%	16%
Breach/Bail Violations	62	37	48	12	11	172	54	32	47	10	14	157	15%	16%	2%	20%	-21%	10%
<b>TOTAL CC</b>	<b>2331</b>	<b>1899</b>	<b>2080</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>1010</b>	<b>8125</b>	<b>2519</b>	<b>1888</b>	<b>2174</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>8418</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>-3%</b>
Possession	14	4	2	6	3	29	28	10	6	11	2	57	-50%	-60%	-67%	-45%	50%	-49%
Trafficking	16	2	6	8	0	32	7	11	2	4	2	26	129%	-82%	200%	100%	-100%	23%
Production	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	N/C	N/C	-100%	N/C	N/C	-100%
<b>TOTAL CDSA</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>-14%</b>	<b>-64%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>-25%</b>	<b>-24%</b>

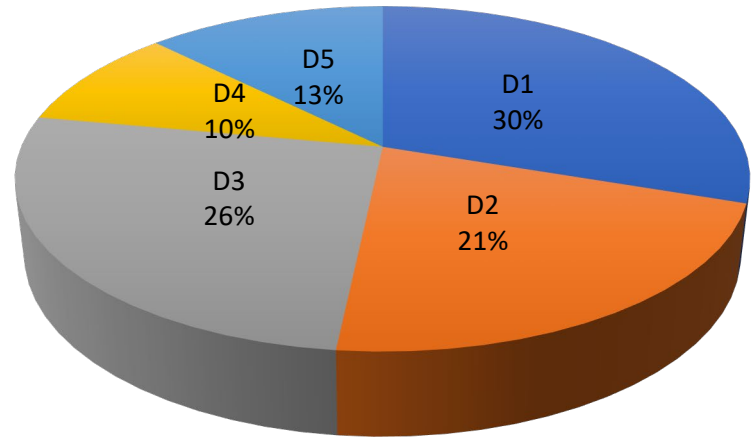
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<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>1761</b>	<b>1124</b>	<b>1743</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>5831</b>	<b>1888</b>	<b>1204</b>	<b>1769</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>6002</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>-3%</b>
Attempted Murder	0	0	2	0	1	3	1	1	3	0	0	5	-100%	-100%	-33%	N/C	N/C	-40%
Robbery	136	76	66	18	24	324	135	75	67	22	23	323	1%	1%	-1%	-18%	4%	0%
Sexual Offences	118	101	116	57	62	472	117	101	100	40	32	404	1%	0%	16%	43%	94%	17%
Assault	950	534	854	272	244	2856	1056	595	916	264	214	3049	-10%	-10%	-7%	3%	14%	-6%
Abduction/Kidnapping	12	4	10	3	1	32	9	8	8	3	3	31	33%	-50%	25%	0%	-67%	3%
<b>Property Crimes</b>	<b>5076</b>	<b>4413</b>	<b>4996</b>	<b>1901</b>	<b>2846</b>	<b>19426</b>	<b>4917</b>	<b>4600</b>	<b>5034</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2845</b>	<b>19664</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-1%</b>
Business B&E	93	91	88	85	87	444	123	100	89	79	121	512	-24%	-9%	-1%	8%	-28%	-13%
Residential B&E	80	103	80	71	170	504	106	114	84	58	144	506	-25%	-10%	-5%	22%	18%	0%
Total B&E (All)	246	242	213	178	303	1182	295	264	218	164	308	1249	-17%	-8%	-2%	9%	-2%	-5%
Theft Motor Vehicle	231	237	212	145	124	949	270	239	260	162	130	1064	-14%	-1%	-18%	-10%	-5%	-11%
Theft From Vehicle	701	806	676	366	490	3102	825	903	990	491	583	3862	-15%	-11%	-32%	-25%	-16%	-20%
Theft Over 5000	25	27	24	24	33	133	31	26	16	15	22	110	-19%	4%	50%	60%	50%	21%
Theft Under 5000	1169	776	801	294	452	3526	1084	794	763	293	466	3431	8%	-2%	5%	0%	-3%	3%
Shoplifting	934	961	1244	134	520	3794	693	994	936	116	433	3173	35%	-3%	33%	16%	20%	20%
Stolen Property	48	26	16	17	17	125	33	22	30	17	17	120	45%	18%	-47%	0%	0%	4%
Fraud (Total)	800	720	989	371	507	3474	780	730	953	365	430	3385	3%	-1%	4%	2%	18%	3%
Identity Theft/Fraud	33	25	48	22	20	153	44	63	52	23	23	215	-25%	-60%	-8%	-4%	-13%	-29%
Arson	40	21	44	22	12	139	69	24	47	18	21	179	-42%	-13%	-6%	22%	-43%	-22%
Mischief	845	578	757	348	366	2902	809	588	797	367	414	2991	4%	-2%	-5%	-5%	-12%	-3%
<b>Other CC Offences</b>	<b>3159</b>	<b>1585</b>	<b>1949</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>8237</b>	<b>4483</b>	<b>2205</b>	<b>2549</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>1102</b>	<b>11188</b>	<b>-30%</b>	<b>-28%</b>	<b>-24%</b>	<b>-19%</b>	<b>-29%</b>	<b>-26%</b>
Offensive Weapons	99	70	57	24	15	266	116	77	76	37	12	318	-15%	-9%	-25%	-35%	25%	-16%
Cause a Disturbance	2623	1211	1455	481	634	6404	3911	1799	2068	560	927	9267	-33%	-33%	-30%	-14%	-32%	-31%
Breach/Bail Violations	231	161	202	62	69	727	235	157	194	71	65	725	-2%	3%	4%	-13%	6%	0%
<b>TOTAL CC</b>	<b>9996</b>	<b>7122</b>	<b>8688</b>	<b>3151</b>	<b>4163</b>	<b>33494</b>	<b>11288</b>	<b>8009</b>	<b>9352</b>	<b>3380</b>	<b>4438</b>	<b>36854</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>-9%</b>
Possession	48	27	19	21	11	126	104	39	31	36	15	227	-54%	-31%	-39%	-42%	-27%	-44%
Trafficking	44	19	26	19	5	113	59	36	29	19	9	153	-25%	-47%	-10%	0%	-44%	-26%
Production	1	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	N/C	N/C	100%	N/C	N/C	200%
<b>TOTAL CDSA</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>-40%</b>	<b>-37%</b>	<b>-23%</b>	<b>-26%</b>	<b>-24%</b>	<b>-34%</b>



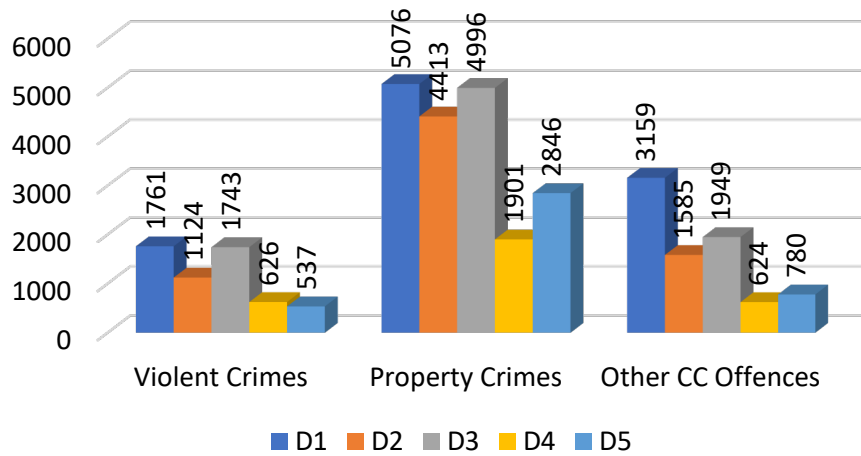
**Total YTD CC Offences**



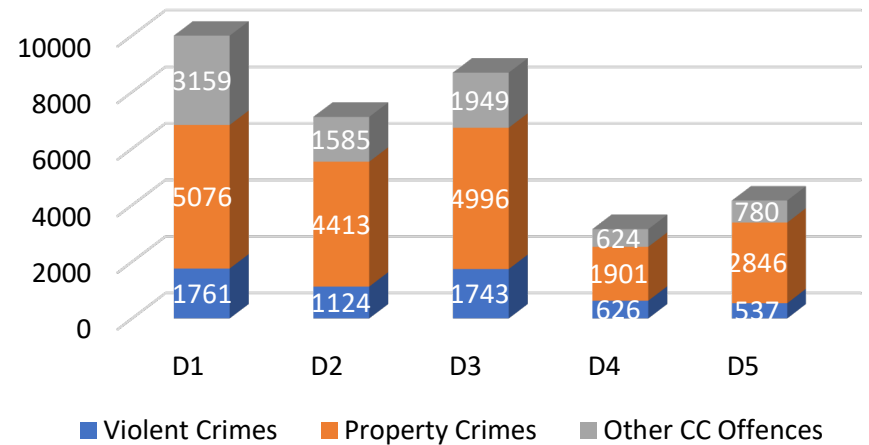
**Total YTD CC Incidents Across Districts**



**YTD Crime Categories Across Districts**



**YTD CC Incidents Within Districts**





REPORT DATE: February 3, 2025

REGULAR

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 12, 2025

BOARD REPORT # 2025-R006

TO: **Surrey Police Board**

FROM: **Chief Constable**

FILE: **60550-20-03**

SUBJECT: **2024 Surrey Illicit Drug Overdose Report**

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## RECOMMENDATION

The Chief Constable recommends that the Surrey Police Board (the “Board”) receive this report for information.

## ISSUE

The attached report (Appendix I) provides statistics on suspected illicit drug overdoses attended by or reported to Surrey Police Service (SPS) and the BC RCMP Surrey Provincial Operational Support Unit (SPOSU) from 2023-01-01 to 2024-12-31. Files were identified via a Crime Analyst review of SPS and the SPOSU PRIME files.

## DISCUSSION

This is a regular bi-weekly report that also includes year end statistics for 2023 and 2024.

This two-week reporting period extended into 2025 by one day (2025-01-01), however, the attached report details statistics only to the end of 2024 so that year end totals are accurate. The next report will begin with statistics for 2025.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

## RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

**CONCLUSION**

This report is provided for the information of the Board. Additional reports will be introduced periodically to ensure familiarity with the types of reports generated by SPS Crime Analysts and other staff.

BUREAU APPROVALS  Office of the Chief Constable	 Gayle Wlasiuk, Executive Services Manager
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Norm Lipinski, OOM, LLB, MBA  
Chief Constable

Appendix I: Surrey Illicit Drug Overdose Report Dec 19 to Dec 31, 2024



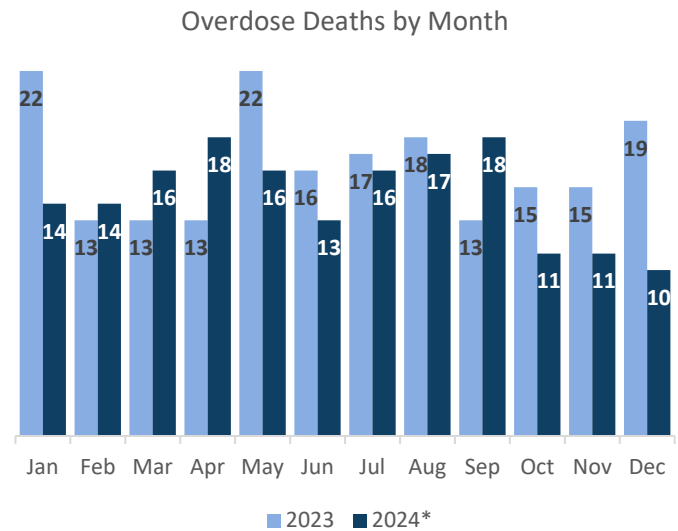
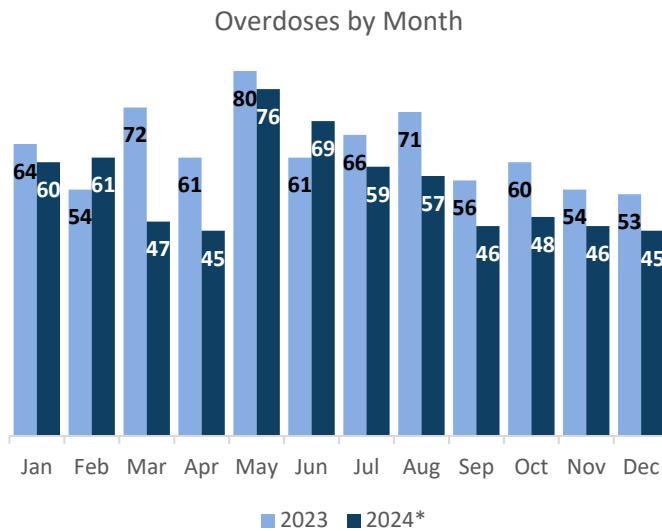
**SURREY**  
**POLICE SERVICE**

## Illicit Drug Overdose Report

DATE: 2025-01-02

This report provides statistics on suspected illicit drug overdoses attended by or reported to Surrey Police Service (SPS) and the BC RCMP Surrey Provincial Operational Support Unit (POSU) from 2023-01-01 to 2024-12-31. Location Category and District data is based on the location of overdose, not death. Files were identified via a Crime Analyst review of SPS and the BC RCMP Surrey POSU PRIME files.

Illicit Drug Overdoses to Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>			
Outcome	2023	2024	% Change
Fatal	196	174	-11%
Non-Fatal	556	485	-13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>-12%</b>



\*2024 data to December 31<sup>st</sup>

Naloxone was administered by police officers during 160 of the 659 drug overdoses reported in 2024.

Overdoses by District (to Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> )			
District	2023	2024	% Change
1	387	329	-15%
2	106	95	-10%
3	165	143	-13%
4	42	41	-2%
5	49	39	-20%
UK	3	12	300%
<b>Total</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>-12%</b>

Overdose Deaths by District (to Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> )			
District	2023	2024	% Change
1	75	76	1%
2	38	33	-13%
3	50	39	-22%
4	15	13	-13%
5	17	13	-24%
UK	1	-	-100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>-11%</b>

## Overdose Deaths by Overdose Location

Overdose Deaths by Overdose Location (to Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> )			
Location	2023	2024	% Change
Private Residence	118	100	-15%
Outside	40	35	-13%
Other Residence	21	32	52%
Business	7	2	-71%
Vehicle	5	3	-40%
Corrections	4	-	-100%
Medical Facility	-	1	N.C.
Supervised Consumption Site	-	1	N.C.
UK	1	-	-100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>-11</b>

## Demographics

The following demographic information is for all illicit drug overdose reports to the SPS and/or the BC RCMP Surrey POSU in 2024. Information is provided for the 14-day period ending on the Wednesday prior to reporting (“Current”), and year-to-date (YTD).

Sex		
	Current	YTD
Female	5	154
Male	11	479
UK	3	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>659</b>

Age		
	Current	YTD
0-18	-	12
19-29	4	95
30-39	4	196
40-49	4	137
50-59	3	89
60-69	1	39
70-79	3	4
UK	-	87
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>659</b>

Ethnicity		
	Current	YTD
Asian	-	6
Black	-	20
Caucasian	10	335
Hispanic	1	13
Indigenous	2	55
Middle Eastern	-	13
South Asian	3	96
Other	-	1
UK	3	120
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>659</b>

## Definitions

- For the purposes of this report, “illicit drugs” are those that are suspected to be street drugs or illicitly obtained prescription drugs, based on evidence at the scene and during the initial stages of the investigation
- Location categories:
  - Private Residence (your own or someone else’s residence, driveways, garages, trailer homes)
  - Other Residence (hotels, motels, shelters, rooming houses, social/supportive housing)
  - Outside (streets, sidewalks, parking lots, public parks, wooded areas, campgrounds, stairwells)
  - Correctional Facility (provincial and federal correctional facilities, police cells)
  - Medical Facility (hospitals, community care facilities, medical clinic, supervised consumption sites)

BCAPB Conference 2025

presents:

## FOCUS FORWARD

# The Evolving Role of Police Boards

Hosted by:

DELTA POLICE BOARD

British Columbia Association of Police Board invites you to register for its 2025 Conference on May 7, 8 and 9, 2025 at the Cascades Casino Conference Centre, 6005 BC-17A, Delta, BC, V4K 5B8.

Programmed around the theme: "Focus Forward: The Evolving Role of Police Boards", this conference is packed with activities to engage and inform a target audience of Police Board members, Police Executives, leaders of the Provincial Government and other agencies related to public safety, policing and police governance in BC. A full package of information will be forwarded to you in the near future.

Delta Hotels Vancouver, Delta has offered BCAPB Conference Delegates a preferred rate of \$229.00 plus taxes, per night. Accommodation reservations can be made using this [link](#) or by calling (604) 382-8222 and referring to the group code: **BC Association of Police Boards**. Reservations must be made by March 25, 2025 for this offer.

To register for the conference, please email the Group Registration and Individual Registration forms (see attached) to [bcapbs@gmail.com](mailto:bcapbs@gmail.com) or via regular mail to: **BCAPB, Attention: Veronica Bandet, PO Box 33012, Victoria RPO Colwood Corners, BC, V9B 6K3**.

Cheques should be payable to **BC Association of Police Boards** and mailed to the address noted above. For further information please contact Veronica Bandet at [bcapbs@gmail.com](mailto:bcapbs@gmail.com) or at (250) 216-1205.

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE IS APRIL 18, 2025**





**BC Association of Police Boards  
2025 Annual General Meeting & Conference**

May 7, 8 & 9, 2025

Delta Hotels Vancouver Delta, 6005 BC-17A, Delta, British Columbia, V4K 5B8

Name of Board/Organization :

Address :

Contact Name :

Email :

Telephone :

- Registration for Conference (includes breakfast and lunch for all 3 days, reception on Wednesday, Thursday dinner, bus service to TFN and Axon Roadshow):
  - \$550.00 per person EARLY BIRD (member or non-member)
  - \$650.00 after February 15, 2025 (member or non-member)
- Companion Registration for Conference: \$350.00 per person (registration includes all items listed above)
- Additional Guest(s) for banquet: \$110 per guest

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# INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM

## BC Association of Police Boards 2025 Annual General Meeting & Conference

May 7, 8 & 9, 2025

Delta Hotels Vancouver Delta, 6005 BC-17A, Delta, British Columbia, V4K 5B8

MEMBER/NON-MEMBER

COMPANION

Name :

Address :

Email :

Telephone :

Please indicate your attendance at (schedule subject to change):

### Wednesday, May 7, 2025

- 8:15 am - 9:30 am : Breakfast
- 9:30 am - 12:00 noon : Conference
- 12:00 noon - 4:15 pm : Tsawwassen First Nation (Lunch & Tour)
- Bus transportation to & from Tsawwassen First Nation lands
- 4:15 pm - 5:30 pm : Axon Road Show
- 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm : Welcome Reception

### Thursday, May 8, 2025

- 8:15 am - 9:15 am : Breakfast
- 9:15 am - 4:00 pm : Conference
- 12:30 pm : Lunch
- 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm : Buffet Dinner

### Friday, May 9, 2025

- 8:15 am - 9:30 am : Breakfast
- 9:30 am - 10:30 am : AGM
- 10:30 am - 11:00 am : BCAPB Executive Committee Meeting
- 11:00 am - 1:00 pm : Conference Keynote Speaker and Lunch
- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm : Educational Workshop for Police Board members

Please note any allergies or dietary restrictions:



## **BCAPB Notice of Annual General Meeting**

Friday, May 9, 2025

Delta Hotels Vancouver Delta, 6005 BC-17A, Delta, BC

9:30 a.m.

In accordance with the BC Association of Police Boards constitution and by-laws, notice is hereby given of the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** to be held in conjunction with the 2025 conference. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, May 9, 2025, at 9:30 am. at the Delta Hotels Vancouver Delta, Delta, BC.

Attached is a call for resolutions along with information regarding submissions of resolutions for your consideration. Timelines are tight on the preparation of resolutions so we encourage Boards to circulate this item to all their Board members so that it can be on their next agenda.

Thank you and if you have any questions please contact me at 604-762-5250 or Veronica Bandet, Administrative Assistant at 250-216-1205.

Sincerely,

Lara Victoria  
President, BCAPB

Attachments



## **CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS**

### **BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEETING**

An important part of each Annual Meeting of the BCAPB is the consideration of Resolutions forwarded by member boards.

To ensure adequate time for review, the BCAPB Board of Directors has set a deadline of March 15, 2025 for all Resolutions to be forwarded to the BCAPB.

Following review by the Resolutions Committee, resolutions will be distributed to members in advance of the General Meeting.

Voting on the Resolutions will take place at the Delta Hotels Vancouver Delta, 6005 BC-17A, Delta, BC, on May 9, 2025 as part of the BCAPB Annual General Meeting.

Please refer to the BCAPB Resolutions Guidelines for assistance in drafting proposed resolutions.

***This is your chance to ensure your voice is heard!***

Please forward your resolution(s) to Veronica Bandet at [bcapbs@gmail.com](mailto:bcapbs@gmail.com)

# Resolutions

## What is a Resolution?

A resolution is a formal way of stating an intended or desired action/direction/position by a group.

## Guidelines for Resolution Writing

1. Choose a topic that is important, relevant and deserving of an official BCAPB position.
2. Identify your Board as the author of a resolution.
3. WHEREAS clauses are factual clauses to support your resolution; they should be concise and to the point. Resolutions that have a page or more of WHEREAS clauses only serve to make the reader less amenable to your idea if he or she has to sort through multiple WHEREAS clauses in order to determine your point. The entire resolution should be no longer than one page.
4. RESOLVED clauses state your proposed policy change or position. Internal resolutions should be directed to the BCAPB (resolved that the BCAPB); external resolutions should be directed to the appropriate level of government or Minister/Ministry. Internal and external intents may not exist within the same RESOLVED clause, rather, separate resolved clauses are necessary if you want the BCAPB to take an action separate from the government. RESOLVED clauses should be only one sentence in length and must be able to stand alone as they are the only part of the resolution that will be debated or considered.

Other helpful tips: If possible have financial implications information in your resolution. Factual information to support your resolution should be available or included as an attachment to your resolution.

## Format for a Resolution

- The TITLE identifies the topic/problem or issue or its proposed solution.
- The AUTHOR names the Police Board putting forward the resolution.
- The PREAMBLE is used for factual information that is necessary to support the RESOLVED section. Each PREAMBLE clause should be written as a separate paragraph, beginning with the word Whereas. The first word should begin with a capital letter. The PREAMBLE, regardless of its length and number of paragraphs, should never contain a period. Each paragraph should close with a semi-colon. The next to the last paragraph should close with a semi-colon, after which a connecting phrase such as Therefore or Therefore Be It or Now Therefore, Be It is added.
- The RESOLVED section indicates what action is proposed. There may be more than one Resolved clauses, each stated separately. The word RESOLVED is printed in capital letters, followed by a comma and the word THAT. Each resolved clause must be a separate paragraph and may be ended with a period or a semi-colon and in the case of the next to the last clause, be followed by the word AND,.
- If factual information is available it should be included as an attachment.
- Estimated cost of implementation if available should also be included.

## Resolution Strategies

Here are some hints to help you get your resolution passed:

1. Be concise. The delegates will get copies of all resolutions and this means a lot of reading. If your resolution is too wordy, it will not get the attention it deserves. Try and limit your resolution to five "whereas" clauses: choose the strongest five facts and use the others in discussion and debate. Resolutions should not be longer than one page.
2. Be realistic. The resolved statements should include specific actions that are realistic and implementable. Resource availability (both human and financial) will affect the implementability of resolutions.
3. Be positive. A positive approach always works better than a negative one. Write positive statements, and address the issue positively when you are speaking to it.
4. Be knowledgeable. Know the facts about all parts of your resolution. Be aware of other resolutions that have been passed on your issue and be sure to state in your resolution why reaffirmation of the same stand is timely.
5. Gather support and assistance. Try to involve other members in supporting your resolution. Share your facts and ask others to speak pro to your resolution. This will not only help you get your resolution passed, it will also encourage other members to get involved.
6. Use your time on the floor wisely, time is limited. As the author, you will have an opportunity to speak to the resolution first. Remember that the delegates have a copy, so don't read it to them. Instead, take this opportunity to state some of the facts that might not be included in the "whereas" clauses.
7. Be available. Make sure you are available to the Delegates to answer questions. Be on time for all meetings.

Have your documentation handy. Make sure you have at least two copies of your documentation with you – questions may be asked that need further clarification.



December 24, 2024  
Ref: 674033

Chairs of Municipal Police Boards

Dear Chairs of Municipal Police Boards:

**Re: Board Evaluation and Needs Assessments – 2025**

Governance and oversight of municipal police agencies is a significant responsibility, and I am grateful to each of you for sharing your skills, abilities and experiences to serve as police board members. I write to you advise that the Board Evaluation and Needs Assessment process is one of the ways my staff will be supporting you in your role in 2025. I would like to thank those who participated in the 2023 Board Evaluation and Needs Assessment Survey.

The Survey results along with continued efforts by the Police Governance Unit to connect with board members and identify areas for additional support and resources has culminated in a more comprehensive and robust Board Evaluation and Needs Assessment framework.

As the Director of Police Services, I am responsible for superintending policing and law enforcement functions in British Columbia. As part of fulfilling my responsibility to superintend policing in the province, I am committed to providing police boards with the best support possible, including access to information and training. The Police Governance Unit will be reaching out to each board to collect various documents, if not already on file or available online, such as:

- Governance Manuals
- Board rules, processes, and policies
- Board priorities, goals, and objectives
- Annual Reports
- Meeting Minutes

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These documents will allow the Police Governance Unit to review compliance with legislated responsibilities within the *Police Act*, including the BC Provincial Policing Standards. The Police Governance Unit will connect with board members to provide any further information not provided in the documents requested.

The purpose of this assessment is to identify any gaps in compliance and provide support toward compliance through a report of findings that will be presented to each board. Information collected will also be used to update the BC Police Board Training Program content, to support effective practices for police boards across BC, and to inform new strategies and initiatives.

I thank you in advance for your participation in this process, and for your continued efforts toward public safety in BC.

Regards,



Glen Lewis  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
and Director of Police Services  
Policing and Security Branch

January 16, 2025



DELIVERED VIA EMAIL: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

The Surrey Police Board is in receipt of your complaint (OPCC File no. 2025-00011) related to a motor vehicle incident on [REDACTED].

Under section 171(1)(e) as Surrey Police Board Administrator I have requested that the Chief Constable of Surrey Police Service undertake the following:

1. A review of SPS policies related to motor vehicle incident scene management, in particular with a view of trauma-informed practices related to victims and witnesses, and
2. A review of police vehicle equipment to ensure police officers have the appropriate tools to maintain the dignity and privacy of victims who pass away on scene.

The Chief Constable will report back to the Board upon the completion of his review, the results of which will be shared with you, the Police Complaint Commissioner and the Director of Police Services. If upon receipt of our findings, you are not satisfied, you may, within 20 business days of receiving the summary, request the Police Complaint Commissioner to review the matter.

Should you have any question regarding this process, please contact Surrey Police Board Executive Director, Melissa Granum at 778.846.0536 or by email at [melissagranum@surreypoliceboard.ca](mailto:melissagranum@surreypoliceboard.ca).

Sincerely,



Mike Serr, M.O.M.  
Administrator  
Surrey Police Board

c.c. Cameron Loveless, Executive Director, Oversight Operations  
Glen Lewis, Assistant Deputy Minister and Director Police Services



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**From:** The Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner <website@web.opcc.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** Web Submissions  
**Subject:** Complaint Form - [REDACTED]

**Categories:**

**CAUTION:** This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

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<b>Last Name</b>	[REDACTED]
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<b>City/Town</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Province</b>	B.C.
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<b>Where did the incident happen?</b>	[REDACTED]

**Name of the police department involved, if known. Choose from this menu**

Surrey

**Choose the type of complaint you are filing**

**Choose the type of complaint you are filing**

- Service or Policy

**Complaint Description**

**Complaint Details**

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**Complaint Resolution**

**Are you interested in participating in Complaint Resolution?**

Yes

**My Statement**

**Please write first and last name here**

[REDACTED]

**Date Signed**

[REDACTED]

January 16, 2025

Chief Norm Lipinski  
Surrey Police Service  
14355 57 Avenue  
Surrey, BC  
V3W 1A9

Dear Chief Lipinski,

The Board is in receipt of Service or Policy complaint 2025-00011, the details of which are attached.

As a result of the complaint, I am requesting that you conduct a review of policies related to motor vehicle incident scene management and the handling of victims and witnesses on scene. In particular, I ask that you review these policies from a trauma-informed lens and make amendments as required.

In addition, please conduct a review of the equipment in police vehicles to ensure that appropriate tools are available to police officers for use at fatal motor vehicle scenes to further protect victims and witnesses, as well as to ensure the dignity to those who may pass away on scene.

Please report back to the Board on any amendments to policy and/or additional equipment you feel would support both the police officers and affected members of the public at serious and fatal motor vehicle scenes.

Sincerely,



Mike Serr, M.O.M.  
Administrator  
Surrey Police Board

Attachment: OPCC File: 2025-00011

**From:** The Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner <website@web.opcc.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** [REDACTED]  
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Your Contact Details	
Title	[REDACTED]
First Name	[REDACTED]
Last Name	[REDACTED]
Mailing Address	[REDACTED]
City/Town	[REDACTED]
Province	B.C.
Postal Code	[REDACTED]
Contact Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Complaint Information	
When did the incident happen?	[REDACTED]
What time did it occur?	[REDACTED]
Where did the incident happen?	[REDACTED]

**Name of the police department involved, if known. Choose from this menu**

Surrey

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**Complaint Resolution**

**Are you interested in participating in Complaint Resolution?**

Yes

**My Statement**

**Please write first and last name here**

[REDACTED]

**Date Signed**

[REDACTED]

January 13, 2025

VIA E-MAIL: [MelissaGranum@surreypoliceboard.ca](mailto:MelissaGranum@surreypoliceboard.ca)

Mike Serr  
Board Administrator, Surrey Police Board  
16450 104 Ave  
Surrey, BC V3T 1V8

Dear Mike Serr,

**Re: Service or Policy Complaint – Surrey Police Service  
OPCC File No. 2025-00011**

On December 27, 2024, the Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner (OPCC) received a complaint from [REDACTED] outlining their concerns related to the Surrey Police Service not providing the proper coverage by tarp or tent to preserve the privacy of a deceased person after a motor vehicle incident. Furthermore, [REDACTED] states that lack of privacy caused her further traumatization as a victim. A copy of the original complaint is attached.

As you are aware, a service or policy complaint may include a complaint regarding the general direction and management or operation of a municipal police department. It may also include a complaint about the inadequacy or inappropriateness of a municipal police department's policies or internal procedures, training programs or resources, staffing or resource allocation, or the department's ability to respond to requests for assistance.

Upon receiving a copy of the complaint, pursuant to section 171(1) of the *Police Act*, the board, having authority over the municipal police department to which the complaint relates, must promptly do one or more of the following:

- (a) Request that the chief constable of that municipal police department investigate and report on the complaint;
- (b) Initiate a study concerning the complaint;
- (c) Initiate an investigation into the complaint;
- (d) Dismiss the complaint with reasons; and/or
- (e) Take any other course of action the board considers necessary to respond adequately to the complaint.

Pursuant to section 171(3) of the Act, within 20 business days after doing any of the things described in subsection (1)(a) to (e), the board must notify the Complainant, the Director of Police Services and the Police Complaint Commissioner regarding the course of action being taken. The Police Complaint Commissioner may request a status report from the board regarding the progress of an investigation or a study concerning a complaint under Division 5.

The police board must send an explanation for actions taken by the board under section 171 (1) and if applicable, a detailed summary of the results of any investigation or study initiated to the Complainant, the Director of Police Services and the Police Complaint Commissioner. If the Complainant is dissatisfied with the board's actions, explanations, or results from the investigation or the summary of those results, that person may, within 20 business days of receiving the explanation or summary, request the Police Complaint Commissioner to review the matter.

Should you have any questions regarding the above or with respect to the *Police Act* process, please do not hesitate to contact me at (250) 356-7458 or by email at [info@opcc.bc.ca](mailto:info@opcc.bc.ca).

Yours truly,



Cameron Loveless  
Executive Director, Oversight Operations

Enclosure

cc: Chief Constable Norm Lipinski, Surrey Police Service  
[REDACTED]