

GR 3 – PUBLIC REWARDS	
LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY	<i>Police Act</i> , section 28
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REPORTING REQUIREMENT	Annual reporting as set out in s. 4 of the rules

PURPOSE:

In accordance with section 28 of the *Police Act*, the Surrey Police Board (the “Board”) is responsible for establishing rules consistent with the *Act*, its regulations and the director of policing respecting the standards, guidelines and policies for the administration of the Surrey Police Service (“SPS”) and the efficient discharge of duties and functions of SPS and its sworn employees.

POLICY**1. Introduction**

It is the policy of the Board to support SPS in preventing and solving crime, including the pursuit and apprehension of offenders, through the offer and payment of rewards when deemed appropriate by the Chief Constable.

This policy provides direction to the Chief Constable with regard to the public offering of a payment of rewards to persons who provide information that assists in solving a specific significant crime or crimes. It does not apply to or derogate from policies already in place within SPS with regard to Paid Informants.

2. Policy

The Chief Constable shall ensure that there is an internal procedure in place that sets out rules to be followed with regard to the offering of rewards when it is believed it would lead to conviction of any person guilty of an offence or lead to the location or return of missing property. The procedure shall include the following provisions:

- 2.1 The Chief Constable shall have the delegated authority to approve rewards up to a limit of \$100,000, provided that funds are available within the existing budget established for rewards. Rewards over \$100,000 shall require approval of the Board.

- 2.2 Upon receipt of a recommendation, the Chief Constable shall determine if any person or persons is/are entitled to all or any portion of any offered reward.
- 2.3 Rewards will not be given to any person whose knowledge arose through their own participation in the criminal activity.
- 2.4 Members and employees or immediate family of a member or an employee of SPS, the Surrey Police Board or any law enforcement agency shall not be entitled to claim any reward monies. Save and except for the foregoing, the Chief Constable retains ultimate authority and discretion to decide a person's eligibility for the payment of any reward monies.
- 2.5 The identity of any person claiming a reward shall not be disclosed publicly unless the Chief Constable approves the disclosure or is legally obligated to release the information.
- 2.6 The Chief Constable shall have the delegated authority to approve a recommendation to co-operate and/or participate in a reward being offered by a third party. Upon receipt of a recommendation from the Deputy Chief Constable—Operations Division, the Chief Constable shall determine if the co-operation and/or participation of SPS is appropriate in the circumstances.

3. Measurement Methods

The Chief Constable or a designate shall ensure that appropriate accounting and audit systems are in place to ensure accountability and transparency of reward funds deposited and/or disbursed.

4. Reporting Requirements

The Chief Constable shall report to the Board annually on compliance with the provisions of this policy and on any rewards offered during the reporting period.