



Kentville Police Services

STANDARD OPERATIONAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES

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1. GENERAL

The Kentville Police Service is dedicated to community patrol using a variety of patrol types and techniques. Supervisors will develop community patrol strategies to support the achievement of the Police Service's performance objectives, which include crime prevention, crime detection and apprehensions and traffic safety.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. **Directed Patrol**-a concentrated patrol presence in high crime or high occurrence places/areas and times. It may be utilized to respond to public disorder, community events and road safety problems.
- 2.2. **General Patrol**-routine patrols including using a police vehicle, bicycle or foot patrol officer for the purpose of observation, interaction with the public, identification of problems and enforcement
- 2.3. **Preventive Policing**-the recognition, anticipation and appraisal of a crime risk and the initiation of action to remove or reduce it
- 2.4. **Proactive Policing**-a specifically planned response to a particular pattern of crime or situation of concern that may develop in certain areas at certain times.
- 2.5. **Projects**-proactive campaigns developed to address specific concerns within an identified time-frame

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2.6. **Reactive** Policing-the capability to respond to calls for service relating to crime, traffic and social order complaints

3. **POLICY**

3.1. **General Patrol**

3.1.1. The Kentville Police Service will follow our **PATROL STRATEGY COMMUNITY LED POLICING GUIDE**

3.1.2. Generally, Community Patrol is accomplished by utilizing a police vehicle, bicycle or foot patrol.

3.1.3. The patrol units are designed to be high profile representatives of the police service. The highly visible patrol units assist with creating public confidence in the police service, and a greater public safety.

3.1.4. The patrol units also assist with crime prevention, crime detection, traffic safety and traffic education.

3.1.5. General Patrol is preventative, proactive and reactive in nature.

3.1.6. The General Patrol units are responsible for answering calls for service, maintaining traffic observations and traffic enforcement.

3.2. **Directed Patrol**

3.2.1. Directed patrols are one of many ways to address patrol issues preventatively. A Directed Patrol is a concentrated proactive patrol presence used to respond to an identified problem or potential area of concern.

3.2.2. Directed Patrols should be considered when conventional patrol methods are not effective in addressing an identified problem(s). The use of call analysis, citizen concerns, crime trends, criminal intelligence, and road safety analysis are examples of helpful tools in determining the type of police response required.

3.3. **Supervisors**

3.3.1. Supervisors must give clear direction to front-line officers regarding the purpose of the directed patrol.

3.3.2. Supervisors will continually update and assess the directed patrol techniques being deployed. These assessments and amendments to the directed patrols should be communicated with all officers

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3.3.3. Supervisors will also be able to determine effectiveness of the directed patrols by the presence or absence of the particular identified problem in the daily shift report.

3.3.4. If required, Supervisors can create a Special Checks file to monitor the directed patrol.

3.4. Foot Patrol

The Kentville Police Service is dedicated to the concept of community-based policing. The foot patrol program presents a perfect community for officers of the Kentville Police Service to interact with members of the general public in non-confrontational situations. The Kentville Police Service adheres to the belief that the high-profile nature of the foot patrol officer lends itself to one of education and further supports the theory “presence is prevention”.

4. CHIEF OF POLICE/DESIGNATE

4.1. The Chief of Police/Designate shall ensure that KPS members read and are familiar with this policy.