



Service Vehicle Collision Response Policy

Purpose:

To ensure the EPS discharges its responsibilities under the *Traffic Safety Act (TSA)* and to the City of Edmonton when a Service Vehicle Collision (SVC) occurs. This policy applies to both sworn and civilian members and sets out the responsibilities for responding to service vehicle collisions. For Deliberate Vehicle Contact (DVC), see **OP1-3PR Deliberate Vehicle Contact Procedure**.

Statement of Principle:

The EPS response to service vehicle collisions ensures member and public safety, the integrity of the investigation, and that the EPS and City of Edmonton are prepared for potential litigation.

Definitions:

Definitions listed in this section apply to this document only with no implied or intended organization-wide or EPS Policy and Procedure Manual wide use.

Business Travel – Travel by employees in the performance of their employment duties in either EPS or personal vehicles. This does not include travel for personal business, travel between home and the location an employee reports to work, or the location designated as such for employees who travel directly between home and job sites.

Deliberate Vehicle Contact (DVC) – The act of intentionally contacting a motor vehicle, while stationary or in transit, with an EPS vehicle in order to render the other vehicle immobile. Includes when a suspect vehicle intentionally contacts an EPS vehicle when the EPS vehicles have intentionally restricted the movement of the suspect vehicle and have come to a stop. DVC tactics include the box-in manoeuvre, Precision Immobilization Tactic (PIT), or pin.

EPS Motor Vehicle – A motor vehicle owned or leased by the EPS.

Motor Vehicle Collision – The contact of a motor vehicle in transit with any object (including another vehicle), animal, roadway infrastructure, or person regardless of damage or injury.



Non-Reportable Collision – When contact between a vehicle driven by an EPS member and another object occurs during non-emergency driving, a SVC report is not required if all the following conditions are met:

- The EPS-driven vehicle made contact with property owned or operated by the EPS (other EPS vehicle, property located within an EPS parking lot or garage, etc.).
- No damage or injury occurred to either object.
- The contact was immediately reported to the on-duty On-Street Monitor (OSM) or a designate supervisor. The OSM must attend the location and confirm the criteria for a non-reportable collision has been met, and there was no egregious driving on behalf of the member that would warrant investigation and review.

Service Vehicle Collision (SVC) – A motor vehicle collision occurring anywhere, including public or private property, involving any motor vehicle operated by an EPS member (sworn or civilian) on business travel. This includes EPS and private vehicles and covers all types of motor vehicles governed by the *TSA*.

Third Party – Any party who is incidentally involved aside from the main parties involved. This includes owners of private or public property.

Policy Statement:

Members involved in an SVC must not investigate their own collision to ensure the integrity of the investigation.

When a SVC occurs the EPS must discharge its responsibilities to ensure:

1. the City Solicitor is provided notice of any contemplated litigation, when required, and
2. the necessary paperwork is completed and appropriate enforcement action is taken under the *TSA*.