



# Investigative Responsibilities Policy

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## Purpose:

To set out the principles guiding the EPS in deploying the most effective and appropriate resources in the circumstances to carry-out the timely and professional investigation of offences.

## Statement of Principle:

The EPS uses discretion in assigning investigative responsibilities for conducting preliminary and follow-up investigations.

## Policy Statement:

**A.** All investigations originate either from:

1. Pro-active police work.
2. A complaint or an emergency call through either:
  - i. Emergency Communications and Operations Management Branch, or
  - ii. a divisional station, or
  - iii. online crime reporting.
3. Confidential informants or anonymous tips, or
4. Requests for assistance from other police services and agencies.

**B.** The EPS should apply discretion in determining the degree of specialization, severity, and complexity of investigations to assign responsibilities to and deploy resources from the most appropriate and relevant bureau to carry-out the investigation.

**C.** To effectively execute investigations of complex nature, the EPS encourages:

1. cross-bureau consultations in investigations that require the resources and/or skills of members in bureaus other than the bureau i/c the investigation, and/or
2. cross-jurisdictional collaborations with other police services and agencies.