



# Investigation of Crimes Policy

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## Purpose:

To set out the principles guiding the EPS members in carrying-out investigations from initiation through conclusion.

## Statement of Principle:

The EPS is committed to achieving excellence in conducting timely and comprehensive investigative processes that; support the administration of justice, recover assets, provide victim support, promote safer communities, gather intelligence, and prevent crimes.

## Policy Statement:

**A.** Effective investigations include the following standards at minimum:

1. timely response to reported offences,
2. preservation of the scene and documentation of existing evidence, if applicable,
3. using investigative techniques and aids appropriate for the offence and circumstance to gather evidence admissible before the court,
4. maintaining appropriate documentation and reporting, and
5. providing victim support and witness care, as necessary.

**B.** The EPS is mandated to use a Case Management System enabling a balanced caseload, timely response and reporting, and expedient resolution of investigations.

**C.** During investigations, EPS members must ensure that the accused and all other persons with whom they come into contact with are afforded all constitutional and statutory rights.