Definitions

“Front-line police officer” – any police officer who as part of their duties is regularly interacting with the public and may be in contact with persons in crisis situations.

“Front-line supervisor” – any police officer who directly supervises a front-line police officer.

“Officer” – a constable appointed under the Police Act or an enforcement officer appointed under s. 18.1 of the Police Act.

“Police Academy” - the entity authorized by the director of police services to administer provincially-approved recruit and advanced training for municipal constables, designated constables and enforcement officers.

“Provincially-approved training” – training that has been acknowledged by Police Services Division as adequate to meet BC requirements pertaining to training on a specific topic or set of topics.

Standards

The chief constable, chief officer, or commissioner must:

Mandatory training for police officers

(1) Ensure that all police officers have successfully completed the BC Emergency Vehicle Operation (EVO) Training, which includes the “BC Emergency Vehicle Operation- online course”, prior to operating an emergency vehicle.

(2) Notwithstanding Standard (1) above, police officers who were authorized to operate emergency vehicles and had completed other provincially-approved emergency vehicle operation training prior to the effective date of these Standards, may continue to operate emergency vehicles.

Refresher training

(3) Ensure that every front-line police officer and front-line supervisor who has completed Emergency Vehicle Operation (EVO) Training, or previous provincially-approved training in
emergency vehicle operation, has updated their skills by successfully completing the “BC Emergency Vehicle Operation (EVO) - online course” once every three years.

Training records

(4) Ensure that written records are maintained of the EVO training completed by each officer in the police force.

Policies and Procedures

(5) Ensure policies and procedures are consistent with these BC Provincial Policing Standards.