

	<b>Abbotsford Police Department</b> <b>Policy and Procedure</b>	
	<b>Administration</b>	<b>Conduct</b>
	<b>I.C.190</b>	<b>Off-Duty Exercise of Police Powers</b>

## POLICY

- (1) Police officers are, as a result of their peace officer status, subject to common law and statutory duties beyond their paid working hours, including the duty to:
  - (a) preserve the peace;
  - (b) prevent offences;
  - (c) enforce the law; and
  - (d) preserve life, protect against serious injury and protect property, including where no criminal activity is involved.
- (2) An Abbotsford Police Department (“AbbyPD”) police officer may exercise their duties as a peace officer throughout British Columbia beyond their paid working hours, if in their reasonable assessment, an individual’s safety or public safety is at risk, or if it is clearly consistent with the officer’s general public duty to act.
- (3) An AbbyPD police officer may refrain from intervening directly beyond their paid working hours if, in their reasonable assessment, an individual’s safety, public safety or the public interest can be adequately addressed without the police officer needing to exercise the powers and duties of a peace officer.
- (4) The degree to which a police officer responds to any given situation during hours when not being paid is to be proportionate to the circumstances giving rise to the police officer’s common law and statutory duties to exercise the powers and duties of a peace officer.
- (5) When exercising the powers and duties of a peace officer beyond their paid working hours, police officers will do so in a manner that seeks to ensure their own safety, and in accordance with procedures established by the Chief Constable.
- (6) Police officers must not, at any time, exercise the common law and statutory powers of a peace officer where their own self-interest is, or may be reasonably perceived as, the purpose for doing so.

*Paragraphs (1) through (6) approved by the Police Board on October 30, 2024.*