
001.00 POLICE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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001.02 The Nova Scotia *Police Act* mandates the Minister of Justice to ensure that an adequate and effective level of policing is maintained throughout the Province of Nova Scotia.

001.03 Police agencies in Nova Scotia, as part of the justice system, and in accordance with the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, are responsible for maintaining peace and order, protecting lives and property, preventing and investigating crime, and providing policing services that are responsive to community needs.

001.04 The Minister of Justice may issue a directive or a Governance Standard to a police agency, and may require a police agency to develop a directive or a standard operating or administrative procedure.

001.05 Operational or administrative policy and procedure approved by the police agency is to include and demonstrate:

- (a) the agency has a written directives system including department policies
- (b) procedures for indexing, purging, updating and revision of directives and policies
- (c) identification of personnel, other than the agencies Chief of Police, authorized to issue written directives
- (d) procedures for a formal system to ensure the distribution of directives to appropriate personnel