

RULE 4: Releasing Information

Purpose

This rule governs the process by which the Police Review Commission (PRC) may release information to the public about the findings of Level 1-3 complaints.

Legislation

- **S.(6)(2)(c)(iii) of the Police Conduct and Oversight Regulation**
 - The chief executive officer may establish rules governing the complaints procedure, including the collection of socio-demographic and race-based data in relation to the submission of complaints.

Procedure

Level 1 and 2 complaints

1. When the executive director and/or assistant executive director of Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) has determined that there are no reasonable grounds to believe an offence was committed, the findings of an investigation may be issued where it is in the public interest.
2. The findings may include the following:
 - a. Introduction
 - b. ASIRT's investigation
 - c. Circumstances surrounding the incident
 - d. Relevant evidence
 - e. Analysis
 - f. Conclusion
3. When an investigation determines there are no reasonable grounds to believe an offence was committed and no officer is charged, ASIRT generally will not release certain information in its findings to the public. This information may include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - a. The name of, and any information identifying, a subject officer, witness officer, civilian witness or affected person.
 - b. Information that may reveal the identity of a person who reported that they were sexually assaulted.
 - c. Information that, in the opinion of the head of ASIRT, could lead to a risk of serious harm to a person.
 - d. Information that discloses investigative techniques or procedures.
 - e. Information, the release of which is prohibited or restricted by law.
 - f. Information in which a person's privacy interest in not having the information published clearly outweighs the public interest in having the information published.
4. When the executive director and/or assistant executive director of ASIRT has determined that there are reasonable grounds to believe that an offence was committed and the officer should be charged, ASIRT may publish a news release.

5. The news release may include the following:
 - a. Introduction
 - b. ASIRT's investigation outcome
 - c. Background
 - d. Charge laid
 - e. Name of the accused officer

Level 3 complaints

1. Pursuant to these rules, the chief executive officer and every PRC employee shall maintain the confidentiality of the complaints process.
2. The PRC will publish de-identified summaries of complaints after the investigation has concluded.
3. The PRC will publish the records related to public hearings, as required under the Police Act and in accordance with any prescribed guideline or directive issued by the chief executive officer.