

Rule 3: Systemic Reviews

Purpose

This rule governs how the PRC is to conduct reviews into trends that emerge from police services, complaint data regarding the interactions between police officers and people in Alberta, as well as trends in complaint processing data and investigative findings that may indicate process challenges or inefficiencies.

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.
- **S. 7 of the Police Conduct and Oversight Regulation**
 - (1) If it is in the public interest, the chief executive officer may engage in a systemic review of
 - (a) a police service,
 - (b) patterns respecting police conduct and complaints,
 - (c) the complaints review and investigation process, or
 - (d) any other matter the chief executive officer considers appropriate.
 - (2) Before starting a systemic review that pertains to a police service, a commission or the oversight board, the chief executive officer shall notify in writing the chief of the police service, the commission or the oversight board, or any or all of them as the case may be, of the chief executive officer's intention to initiate the systemic review.
 - (3) For the purposes of enabling the chief executive officer to engage in a systemic review, the chief executive officer may require a chief of police, a commission or the oversight board to provide the chief executive officer with records and information, in the form and manner directed by the chief executive officer, that the chief executive officer believes may be relevant to the systemic review.
 - (4) Records and information must be provided to the chief executive officer as soon as practicable and within the period established by the chief executive officer.
 - (5) The chief executive officer must publicly report the results of a systemic review.
 - (6) Where a systemic review pertains to them, the chief of police, commission or oversight board, or any or all of them as the case may be, must respond to the chief executive officer's report.

Procedure

1. If the chief executive officer determines that a matter being reviewed under this section
 - a. may constitute an incident that a designated authority would have a duty to report under Section 43.2 of the Police Act, the chief executive officer shall notify the executive director of ASIRT unless the chief executive officer determines that the executive director of ASIRT has already been notified of the matter.

- b. may constitute criminal conduct under section 43.4 of the Police Act, the chief executive officer shall notify the Executive Director of ASIRT.
 - c. may constitute misconduct, the chief executive officer may self-initiate a complaint pursuant to section 43.5 of the Act.
- 2. When the chief executive officer identifies an incident, conduct, or trend that merits a systemic review, the chief executive officer shall publicly announce the commencement and terms of reference for that review.
- 3. Any information or evidence requested by the chief executive officer for conducting a systemic review shall be provided within 14 days of the chief executive officer's request. When the relevant chief of police, head of commission or oversight board cannot provide the PRC with the requested evidence within the 14-day timeline, the chief executive officer must be notified with the reasons for the delay.
- 4. The chief executive officer may grant an extension of time to provide the information or evidence where the chief executive officer decides that the extension is necessary or beneficial in the circumstances.
- 5. The chief executive officer must make the findings of a systemic review publicly accessible available upon its completion and may also publish any response received from the relevant police service(s).
- 6. The chief executive officer shall monitor complaint processing data including socio-demographic information voluntarily provided by complainants and will review any trends that may emerge that indicate the possibility of process challenges or inefficiencies.
- 7. Reports on reviews regarding complaint processing data-related trends shall include how the PRC intends to address any issues or inefficiencies and will be made publicly available.