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**SALUTING AND COMPLIMENTS**

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**POLICY**

1. Members will pay proper compliments to Officers of any recognized police force; Officers of the military; to certain dignitaries; and to the Canadian flag in accordance with this Policy.

**REASON FOR POLICY**

2. To establish protocol for paying compliments during formal occasions.

**PROCEDURES**

3. A compliment, which is a formal recognition of the position a person holds, will be paid by saluting or by extending an appropriate greeting.
4. During operational activities members are not required to pay compliments to Officers.
5. Members will salute only when in uniform and wearing their issue hat.
6. During formal ceremonial occasions and on the advance notice of the Chief Constable, members shall salute or pay compliments to the following persons:
  - a) Her Majesty the Queen and members of the Royal Family;
  - b) The Governor General of Canada;
  - c) The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia;
  - d) The Prime Minister of Canada;
  - e) The Premier of British Columbia;

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- f) The Mayor, and members of the Delta Police Board;
  - g) Judges; and
  - h) all Officers in the uniform of the Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or in the uniform of any recognized police department or foreign military.
7. When “God Save the Queen” or “O Canada” or “The Last Post” is played at any function attended by members in uniform, they will stand at attention and:
- a) the Ranking Officer shall salute; and
  - b) in the absence of a Ranking Officer, the Ranking NCO shall salute.
8. Members will come to attention and face any funeral cortege and salute as the hearse approaches and passes by.
9. Members will come to attention and salute if the member passes a colour party or a colour party passes by the member.