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**PRE-CHARGE ADVICE IN REGARD TO CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (AND
RESULTING PROSECUTIONS) OF POLICE OFFICERS**

Pre-charge advice to a police force (whether municipal or the R.C.M.P.) with respect to a criminal investigation of a member of a police force will be provided by a Crown Attorney from a region other than where the officer being investigated works, or by a member of the Special Prosecution Section.

If the investigation results in a charge being laid, the ensuing prosecution will be conducted by a Crown Attorney from a region other than where the accused works, or by a member of the Special Prosecution Section.

The purpose of this policy is to avoid any perception that the officer being investigated or prosecuted might receive preferential treatment because of a working relationship he/she has with a particular Crown Attorney or Crown Attorneys' Office.

Any such file should be referred through the Chief Crown Attorney for the region where the charge is laid to the Deputy DPP for assignment.