

**Circular No. 08/2010**  
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## **FIRST RESPONSE HANDBOOK**

The First Response Handbook, 8th Edition - July 2010, is currently being printed and will be distributed to stations and establishments in the near future.

The number of handbooks being distributed is based on the number of police positions and, for the first time, will be delivered directly to station/establishment level.

### **POLICY**

The First Response Handbook has been prepared to assist operational police in first response situations. It contains a summary of policing powers in Part One, and a summary of actions, references to legislation and Service policy in Part Two. It is meant as a guide, and not as a substitute of the Operational Procedures Manual, the Traffic Manual or Commissioner's Circulars, which are the primary source documents. It is also a supplement to the advice or assistance of a supervisor or relevant training officer.

All matters should be assessed and researched from the primary documents, as soon as practicable, to confirm Service policies, and to obtain additional information beyond first response procedures.

Any comments, queries or suggestions relating to the content of this handbook should be directed to the Officer in Charge, Service Operational Procedures, Policing Advancement Branch, Operations Support Command.

Officers in charge of stations/establishments are to ensure one copy of the First Response Handbook is issued to every police officer and recruit within their area of responsibility. Spares should be retained for replacement issue.

Previous editions of the handbook should be disposed.

### **Administrative**

#### **ORDER**

Commissioner's Circular 23/2007 is hereby cancelled.

Officers in charge are to note the content of this circular and bring them to the notice of all members under their control.

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