

POLICE GENERAL ORDERS

CHAPTER 39

POLICE, PUBLIC AND MEDIA RELATIONS

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'Media interest' includes:-

- (a) incidents involving loss of life, i.e. murder, suicide, plane-crash, house collapse, drowning, etc.;
- (b) armed robberies, serious wounding and shooting incidents;
- (c) serious traffic accidents and/or serious traffic congestion;
- (d) serious commercial crimes, computer crimes and deception cases; and
- (e) serious incidents involving police officers, incidents likely to generate public interest or bring the Government into the public spotlight.

'Media Representatives' include reporters, photographers and television crews who are in possession of proof of identity issued by:-

- (a) media agencies registered under the Government News and Media Information System (GNMIS); or
- (b) internationally recognized and reputable non-local news agencies, newspapers, magazines, radio and television broadcasters.

39-02 Liaison between Police Formations and PPRB

The officer-in-charge of an incident or investigation shall ensure that the PPRB Newsroom is briefed at the earliest opportunity of cases or incidents that may generate media interest.

2. Regional Duty Controllers on receipt of initial reports of crimes or incidents that may generate media interest shall ensure that details are passed at the earliest opportunity to the PPRB Newsroom.

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Without compromising operational efficiency, all officers should:-

- (a) facilitate the work of media representatives as far as practicable and accord them consideration and courtesy; and
- (b) not block camera lenses.

2. No member of any RCCC shall supply information to the press or answer press queries direct. All such enquiries shall be referred to the PPRB Newsroom.

3. When writing to or replying in his official capacity to the media on a Police or Government matter, a member of the Force shall confine himself to factual statements on matters within his competence and for which he is responsible in his current duty post.

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