



## **Nova Scotia Police Commission (NSPC)**

*Brief description of the system:*

Nova Scotia has an oversight system that utilizes the service of Municipal Boards of Police Commissions, Provincial Police Commission for investigations and administration of the Police Act along with a Provincial Police Review Board for conducting hearings.

*Reports to:*

NSPC is an at arms length from government agency but ultimately is responsible to the Minister of Justice.

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*Jurisdiction:* Nova Scotia municipal police officers

*Governing legislation:* Nova Scotia Police Act

*# Under Jurisdiction:* 683 Municipal Police Officers



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### *Agency staff:*

Director, Administrative Assistant, Secretary and 3 contract investigators. 6 Commissioners and 6 Review Board members, all part time including the Chair.

*Budget:* \$343,000.00

### *Process:*

A public complaint is investigated at the police department first. If the chief officer makes a finding of no fault, the complainant can appeal to the Commission, which conducts its own investigation.

If the Commission's investigator finds the complaint has merit, the matter is referred to the Police Review Board for a hearing.

If the complaint is deemed without merit the investigator refuses to forward it to the Police Review Board. In this situation, the complainant can appeal to the Commission for an order to refer the complaint to the Review Board.

### *Oversight agency role:*

Administration of the Police Act, investigations, Administrative support to the Police Review Board, Public Inquiries as directed by the Minister of Justice.

### *Appeal process:*

The decisions of the Commission and the Police Review Board are final.