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Statement of Principles

The Ontario Provincial Police accepts the following principles:

1. The Ontario Provincial Police Orders shall continue to provide that employees in an undercover role or a plainclothes role shall not pose as a member of the media unless he/she has approval in the same manner, based on the same criteria, and from the same commanding officer or officers as is required for posing as a person in authority.
2. Officers undertaking plainclothes surveillance shall not identify themselves as members of the media in response to questions about their identity or otherwise represent themselves as a member of the media in an area specifically designated for members of the media by the Ontario Provincial Police.
3. The Ontario Provincial Police shall make this Statement of Principles available as part of the required training to every officer who may take on an undercover role, and shall bring this Statement of Principles to the attention of any officer who is found to have assumed or acted in an undercover or plainclothes role as described herein without the required approvals.
4. When the OPP is preparing to police a large public protest, the principles outlined in this Statement will be made available to the OPP officers who are asked to take on a plainclothes surveillance role at the protest.
5. The Ontario Provincial Police shall keep a written record of every decision to authorize an undercover operation or a plainclothes role involving posing as a member of the media, and of every operation in which an officer is found to have acted in such manner without the required approval.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. W. Barnum", with a long, sweeping underline.

R.W. (Rick) Barnum
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