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OVERVIEW:

The first quarter of 2014 has been a period of significant transition for Protective Services. In January, Premier Kathy Dunderdale announced her resignation from Government which initiated a full threat assessment, briefing and resource analysis applicable to the incoming Premier – The Honourable Tom Marshall. I prepared a comprehensive close protection and threat briefing for Premier Marshall and his core political staff, which was presented to him approximately 24hrs prior to his swearing in. The briefing included an outline of PSU mandate, basic recommendations for close protection services, and security assessment request for his residences. Premier Marshall was very engaged with issues related to security of elected officials and amenable to the recommended level of basic close protection services.

PSU members immediately transitioned from our standard operating procedures with Premier Dunderdale, applying the same level of services to Premier Marshall. A plan was laid out to evaluate our procedures after 30days in an effort to ensure we had the appropriate level of resources, particularly in the Corner Brook region where Premier Marshall spends a significant amount of time. There were also plans identified to conduct residential security assessments through RNC Technical Services and NL Department of Transportation and Works at Premier Marshall's residences in St. John's, Corner Brook and Howley.

Following the security briefing and Premier Marshalls swearing in on January 24th, I immediately started Annual Leave and was out of the office until February 11th. I was in contact with PSU personnel and during that time during the first week of February there was indication that Premier Marshall wanted to scale back the full time close protection duties.

On February 12 I travelled to Labrador West with Premier Marshall and staff for announcements related to the closure of Wabush Mines.

On February 14th I met with the Premier's Deputy Chief of Staff and Executive Assistant. Following an examination of our recommendations and the Premier's personal requirements, it was decided to officially scale back the level of protection provided to Premier Marshall. Staff did not want to see Protective Services dissolved or reduced to pre-2010 levels. There would be a continued expectation for PSU related availability for special events and public appearances while also remaining engaged with threat assessments and intelligence investigations for threats towards the Office of the Premier and other elected officials. Consideration was also given to the fact the Premier Marshall would be in office temporarily while a new leader for the PC Party of NL was identified.

A leadership convention is scheduled to be held in July 2014 at which time a new Premier will be identified. PSU will be in a similar position and will provide the



incoming Premier the same briefing and recommendations as was provided to his predecessors.

Political Staff advise that although they do not know what level of service the incoming Premier will be comfortable with, they anticipate a busy period as they approach potential by-elections and a general provincial election. We will continue to monitor expected demands for resources and update accordingly. A clearer picture should emerge towards the end of the 2nd quarter.

Previous to Premier Dunderdale's resignation, Cst Madden was reassigned to the Domestic Violence Unit. Cst Jessica Singleton was identified as her replacement but was also reassigned back the CIU following for the above noted resource considerations.

PERSONNEL

Protective Services has now been a Joint Forces Operation with the RCMP since June 2012. The RCMP B Division provided a member, governed by MOU, to the PSU. Additionally, the RCMP has provided assistance through use of their resources such as VIP Radios and a second vehicle. Corporal Lindsey Anstey has been assigned to the PSU secondment since November 2013. The RCMP intends to implement a selection process for the position sometime in 2014. Following PSU realignment in February 2014, two RNC members returned to full time assignments in the CID with PSU remaining as a secondary duty.

Existing personnel as of March 31st, 2014:

Full time members:

Sgt.(a) Joe Smyth RNC #610
Cpl. Lindsey Anstey RCMP

Secondary Duties:

Cst Tammy Madden RNC #670 (Available as Secondary Duty)
Cst Ed Benoit RNC #676 (Secondary Duty)
Cst Jessica Singleton (Secondary Duty) (Not currently trained)

Members assigned to Protective Services continue to work a "2 and 3" schedule with alternating start times of 0600-1800 or 0900-2100hrs. This is sometimes altered – in accordance with the Collective Agreement - depending on members leave and operational requirements. Staff with the Premier's office is aware that with only two full time members assigned there will be inherent gaps in service and availability due to leave, training, etc. Every effort will be given to notify of impending need.



PREMIER'S RESIDENCE

Premier Marshall and staff were advised that we would provide a security assessment and augment security at his residence(s) in conjunction with technical services and the Department of Transportation and works; however, the Premier has not provided an opportunity to complete the task. I have communicated to his Executive Assistant our availability to carry out the review whenever is convenient. I suspect that due to the Premier's temporary status there is a general degree of apathy related to this issue and I do not plan to unnecessarily impose ourselves. They are aware that we are available and willing to complete the assessment.

TRAVEL

Premier Dunderdale's external travel during the quarter was limited to a private visit to Florida in January. She was accompanied by Cst Tammy Madden and returned early to announce her resignation. Premier Marshall has travelled locally to Labrador and Corner Brook, We have accompanied his travel to Labrador and for some of his Corner Brook visits depending on his public itinerary. Members in our Corner Brook region have also assisted in this effort.

Members assigned to travel have been in accordance with PPD past practice and continues to be based on threat assessment, budgeting and individual operational requirements. Premier Marshall has travelled on Ontario unaccompanied by PSU.

Travel and events during the fourth quarter:

- Florida, US – Personal Visit, January 3-16, 2014
- Labrador West, NL – Public Announcements, Feb 12-13, 2014
- Corner Brook, NL – Cabinet Retreat, Feb 17-25, 2015
- Corner Brook, NL (Various personal visits)

Operational and logistical planning for the majority of travel is essential for outlining personnel and resource needs; however, due to the Premier's fluid schedule and availability of PPD members, it is extremely difficult to completely minimize overtime expenditures based on PPD schedules. There are additional challenges associated with balancing anticipated cost of overtime and the additional costs of having a second member travel; however, efforts are made during each visit to be as fiscally prudent as possible. The PSU will continue to prepare operational plans for significant events and travel. For more rudimentary matters, a PSU Travel Briefing will continue to be prepared and provided to the applicable police departments to ensure local law enforcement is properly briefed on our operations while outside RNC jurisdiction.



Overtime for PSU has been nonexistent since the 2014 Cabinet Retreat in Corner Brook. Cpl Anstey and I both alter our shifts regularly to provide more effective coverage.

ADDITIONAL PROTECTIVE DUTIES

There were no requirements for special security details during this quarter.

I have been in contact with officials from NL Government Protocol Office and US Government Officials in Maryland and New Hampshire regarding anticipated visits of their respective state Governors in July 2014. Governor O'Malley (Maryland) is expected to travel to NL from July 24-27, 2014 with movement expected to be around the Avalon Peninsula. We are not yet aware of what services they will expect from PSU, but officers from the Governors Protection Detail (State Police) are expected to advance and accompany the Governor. I will update as more information becomes available.

OVERTIME, LEAVE AND ATTENDANCE

While I do not have the breakdown of exact overtime expenses, the majority of overtime expenses occur during travel. Security responsibilities usually start very early on travel days with hours extending late into the evenings for the majority of the time away. There has been limited travel during this quarter and overtime has not been incurred since the February Cabinet Retreat in Corner Brook.

PPD VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

PSU vehicles are up to date and adequate. The RCMP vehicle was replaced with a full size Chevrolet Suburban during the 3rd Quarter of 2013. There is not currently a need for changes to vehicles and equipment.

TRAINING

All full time members of PSU have now received specialized training in Dignitary Protection Duties. Additional training opportunities will continue to be researched and considered based on needs and resources and succession planning.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE:

Following consultation with the RNC Planning and Research Section, a draft policy and procedure chapter for the RNC Protective Services Unit was completed in the 3rd quarter of 2012. The policy was finalized and adopted by the RNC on June 5th 2013 under General Order #316.

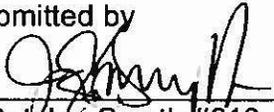


During the 4th quarter of 2012 I further completed a draft policy relating to a process to have extra-jurisdictional police officers sworn as special constables with the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary. Such a process would apply to any visiting police officer requiring special constable status, however, would specifically provide a professionalized and efficient process to visiting protective details. The existing process, as permitted by the RNC Act, requires the Chief of Police or designates to physically meet an applicant on their arrival in the province and have them sworn in. The process is very cumbersome for not only the visiting member, but also the RNC Commissioned Officer who may have to meet the applicant at odd hours and outside locations. The standard practice elsewhere in the country requires officers complete an application and provide specific details and approvals to the respective agency prior to arrival. Such a process is professional, efficient, and captures vital details, information and indemnifications. This policy continues to be researched by Policy and Planning section and Legal Services as there is an expectation that changes may be required to the RNC Act to properly facilitate such a process.

PRIORITIES AND GOALS:

- Maintain basic and core mandate of PSU during transition of Premiers
- Plan for incoming Premier and possible campaigning period

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