



**Protective Services Unit**  
Quarterly Report  
2015-07-01 to 2015-09-30

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## Overview:

The third quarter of 2015 was a busy period for the Protective Services Unit. The unforeseen incident that resulted in a fatal shooting on 2015-04-05, is still under active investigation by the RCMP. Security measures for the protection of Premier Paul Davis maintains to be the main focus for the Protection Services Unit. Premier Davis maintains a very busy schedule and hardly ever is idle, thus members of the PSU maintain a busy schedule. This past Quarter also saw us hosting both the Council of Federation meetings for all 13 Premiers, both in St. Johns and Happy Valley Goose Bay, and the New England Governors Eastern Canadian Premiers Conference.

## PERSONNEL

In early July 2015 applications were called for an NCO to head up the PSU, to which I was the successful applicant, and took over that position on July 18, 2015. At that time A/Sgt. Ed Benoit was in charge of the unit. As well Cpl. Doug Noel was also in his secondment position with PSU. Upon my taking over as NCO I/C of PSU, Ed Benoit 's A/Sgt position was recinded, however he was to remain with the unit as a constable.

Current members of the Protection Services Unit are as follows:

Sgt. Hubert Marrie #506 RNC

Cst. Ed Benoit #676 RNC

Cpl. Doug Noel (secondment) RCMP

A three week rotation schedule was adopted which consisted of two weeks of a standard 12hr "2 & 3" schedule with the third week being that of a 8hr "9-5" schedule. All members currently work a 0800 to 2000 shift during the "2 & 3" weeks and 9-5 otherwise. In this scenario, every weekday sees 2 members working between 9am and 5pm with 1 member scheduled to work every Saturday and Sunday. All evening and weekend events that call for a second member accrue overtime. This shift is working well with all members which keeps overtime to a lesser amount. The bulk of overtime with this unit is generated during travel, especially travel out of the NEA region.

## FILES GENERATED

Files generated within the Protective Services Unit are typically created for either Persons of Interest or Travel/Events. Typical day to day activities and appearances by the Premier do not have files generated for them. During this quarter PSU generated 20 files, 4 for Persons of Interest and the rest for travel and special events. 1 file was generated for Criminal Code Canada offence of



Uttering Threats. 1 Male individual was arrested by members of the MCU and charged for uttering threats against the Premier, and with threatening to blow up the confederation bldg. This matter is still before the courts.

In relation to Travel/Events, files generated consisted of various overnight stays both outside and throughout the province along with various electronic sweeps by the Technical Investigation Unit. TIU was utilized in Port Blandford this past quarter for the Cabinet Retreat.

Special events PSU were used for this past quarter included:

- Council of the Federation Meetings
- New England Governors Eastern Canadian Premiers Conference
- George Street Festival
- Confederation Hill Festival
- Avalon Hoedown Festival
- Bannerman Park Folk Festival
- Blueberry Festival
- Royal St. John's Regatta
- Roots, Rants and Roar Festival
- Puffin Festival
- Fish, Fun and Folk Festival

## **PSU TRAVEL**

During the third quarter of 2015, the Premier did not travel outside of our province. Local travel included various regions of the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Such as the following where overnight stays were needed:

- Lab West, Wabush, twice
- Corner Brook, twice
- Happy Valley Goose Bay, twice
- Burin Peninsula
- Conne River
- Grand Falls Windsor
- Terra Nova
- Bonivista
- Twillingate
- Port Blandford, twice

During this past Quarter, there was extensive travel on a daily basis to other areas, especially on the NEA that did not require an overnight stay.

In relation to travel around the province, 2 members have continued to be utilized for large public events wherever possible.



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 PSU members, it is extremely difficult to completely minimize overtime expenditures based on PSU schedules. PSU has implemented a plan whereby all external agencies are notified in advance of travel of the Premier, where it is anticipated he will be in other police jurisdictions, including itineraries and contact info for accompanying PSU member that's travelling with the Premier.

### **PREMIER'S RESIDENCE**

In relation to personal security, there have been no security breaches or attempts at the Premier's residence during the third quarter. All security measures taken at the Premier's residence seem to be in good working order.

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### **OVERTIME, LEAVE AND ATTENDANCE**

While I do not have the breakdown of exact overtime expenses, the majority of overtime expenses occur during travel where members generally work early mornings and late evenings. Outside of that, overtime is accrued during evenings, weekends and periods of Annual Leave when a second member is required. Leave taken this past quarter is as follows:

- Sgt. H. Marrie 0 AL, 0 Sick, 0 FRL, 0 Other
- Cst. E. Benoit 3 AL, 0 Sick, 0 FRL, 1 SD to attend Ottawa for Police Officer Memorial Parade
- Cpl. D. Noel 10 AL, 0 Sick, 0 FRL, 0 Other

Attendance continues to be prepared on a weekly basis and forwarded to A/Insp Joe Gullage for review and submission.

### **COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS**

Blackberries adequately cover off the Protective Services Unit's communication needs for the majority of time while in RNC jurisdiction. PSU does have access to the RCMP VIP bank of radios, however, historically they have only been used for larger events in which more members were called upon to assist.

### **OFFICE AND COMPUTER ACCESS**



The Premier's Protective Detail continues to operate on the Premier's wing of the 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Confederation Building. Access to RNC servers, CPIC, ICAN, GroupWise and other drives have been installed and connected to the computer located in the office. A second office that had been provided previously had all equipment relocated to a new office on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor which is directly adjacent to the primary office space.

## **PSU VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT**

The Protective Services Unit currently utilizes 2 vehicles that have been in operation for the last several years; a black GMC Yukon XL which was purchased in 2012 and a black Chevrolet Suburban provided by the RCMP in 2013. In way of upgrades, both vehicles had LED highway lights installed during the second quarter to improve visibility which travelling via highway at night.

In way of equipment, members assigned to PSU still use all use of force options available to those working uniformed duties

## **PRIORITIES:**

Maintain a high level of professionalism, while providing the utmost in Protection for the Premier of NL, and as any other dignitaries in need of Protection services. Provide a means of communication between the Premier, his staff, and the Office of the Chief of Police for the RNC and as well the Head of RCMP, "B" Division.

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