

Quarterly Report for “Protective Services Unit” Quarter 4 (October 2015 to December 2015)

1.0 Overview

The fourth quarter of 2015 was a busy period for the Protective Services Unit. The month of November was consumed in a provincial election which saw The liberals winning a majority government and new Premier designate was seen in Dwight Ball. Dwight Ball was sworn in as the 13th Premier of NL on December 14, 2015.

Security measures for the protection of Premier Paul Davis and new Premier Ball maintained to be the main focus for the Protection Services Unit. From November 30, 2015, to December 13, 2015 Sgt. K. Jackson and Sgt. C. McNeil provided security for Premier designate Ball. Premier Davis maintained a very busy schedule and hardly ever was idle, thus members of the PSU maintain a busy schedule. Premier Ball was not very active during his first two weeks of office. Plus the provincial election provided PSU with extensive travel throughout the province.

2.0 Staffing

In October 2015 members of the PSU consisted of:

Sgt. Hubert Marrie #506 RNC
Cst. Ed Benoit #676 RNC
Cpl. Doug Noel (secondment) RCMP

A three week rotation schedule is used which consists 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.

During the November election Cpl. Noel was absent on course for a 2 week period which saw the PSU using 2 other members of the RCMP to fill in for him for a 1 week period each, these were Cst. Mark Elliott and Sgt. Jim Doyle.

On December 1, 2015 Cst. E. Benoit transferred out of the PSU which leaves 2 full time members, myself and Cpl. Noel.

After the November 30 election it was decided that PSU would maintain security for Premier Davis up to the point where Premier Ball was sworn in on December 14, 2015. Sgt. K. Jackson and Sgt. C. McNeil were temporarily used to assist with security for Premier designate Ball up till his swearing in as Premier.

Cpl. Doug Noel was promoted to Sgt. In December and will be leaving the PSU in the early new year, the RCMP have started a process of choosing his replacement for when that happens.

Since Premier Ball also has a residence in Deer Lake, Sgt. Ryan Wentzell has been identified as a contact person for the RNC on the west coast in case Premier Ball requires assistance, The RCMP are still working on a contact for them in the Deer Lake area.

3.0 Statistical Summary Performance

Files generated within the Protective Services Unit are typically created for either Persons of Interest or Travel/Events/Special Requests. Typical day to day activities and appearances by the Premier do not have files generated for them. During this quarter PSU generated 17 files, 4 for Persons of Interest and the rest in relation to Travel/Events/Special Requests, files generated consisted of various overnight stays throughout the province along with various electronic sweeps by the Technical Investigation Unit. and assistance from CIU.

Summary of Performance: Unit/Section

Month	Files Assigned	Files Completed	Charges Laid	Sick Leave
October	5	5	0	0
November	7	7	0	0
December	5	5	0	0
TOTAL	17	17	0	0

Quarterly Comparison

Quarter	Files Assigned	Files Completed	Charges Laid	Sick Leave
Quarter 4 2014				
Quarter 3 2015	20	20	0	0

4.0 Significant Investigations / Findings / Files

During this past Quarter most significant event to note was the provincial election for the entire month of November, requiring extensive travel for 3 Members of PSU, and 2 temporary members of the RCMP. Operational and logistical planning for this travel required a lot of planning and consultation with members of the election planning committee. It was extremely difficult to completely minimize overtime expenditures based on PSU schedules and the schedule of the Premier, on most days with less than 1 day notice of itineraries.

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.

5.0 Individual Information

Summary of Performance: Individual Members

Officer	Files Assigned	Files Concluded	Charges Laid	Interviews Conducted	Court	Warrants	Special Assignments	Annual Leave	Sick Leave
Sgt. H. Marrie	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cst. E. Benoit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0
Cpl. D. Noel	0	0	0	0	0	0	TRNG 9	3	0
Total	17	17	0	0	0	0	9	11	0

6.0 Training

During this past Quarter Cpl. Doug Noel attended the Canadian Police College attending an EDU course for 2 weeks.

Training to note that there are currently 0 members on our west coast not trained in any facet of VIP security, considering this duty for those officers is a secondary duty on a as needed basis, even a basic VIP security course should at least be explored.

7.0 Community / Committee Involvement

During this past Quarter I received the RNCA Award for Outstanding Performance in 2015 with my past job in MSU.

8.0 Future Objectives

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.

9.0 Special Projects / Proposed Projects

None

10.0 Other Administration & Operation Items

In relation to personal security, there have been no security breaches or attempts at the Premier's residence during the Fourth quarter at Premier Davis's home, I have requested TIU to do security checks and assessment on Premier Balls residences and private vehicles, both here in St. John's and in Deer Lake. That process has started but not yet complete. The Deer Lake home has been assessed with report to follow from Sgt. Hoskins, as well as some temporary security measures installed, until more permanent measures are completed.

10.1 Diary Dates

All diary dates have been adhered too.

10.2 Operating Assets

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 equipment, members assigned to PSU still use all use of force 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 where multiple officers may be needed.

The Premier's Protective Detail continues to operate on the Premier's wing of the 6th 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 6th floor which is directly adjacent to the primary office space.

10.3 Internal or External Complaints

None were received.

10.3 Operational / Quality Reviews

N/A

11.0 Other Areas to Note

N/A

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