

Kent Osmond - Re: Media Draft for later today.

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I like this. I know we'll discuss in the meeting, but please consider the following in the meantime :

This morning, we discussed the issues we feel are of concern to the public, and the primary one seems to be why a member would respond to a known threat by himself, and the suggestion that if he went with back-up the event might not have occurred. Based on this, we would make the following additions / modifications **in red**.

Also...I wouldn't say his reaction was consistent with police training, as that isn't really part of our mandate and might be disputed by way of an admin / use of force examination by the RNC later.

>>> Greg Hicks 2015/04/07 8:20 AM >>>

As promised here is a draft, unless things change, I understand that we will get it out later today after the autopsy. I wanted you all to have it before your teleconference today for discussion. For this morning my standard message will be that we are still actively working on the investigation, but that the release of any further information prior to the medical examiner completing the autopsy would be premature.

Do we want to include that the RNC is fully cooperating with our investigation?

Greg

RCMP Update on Mitchell's Brook Shooting Investigation

On Friday, April 3rd, a Royal Newfoundland Constabulary member assigned to the Premier's Protective Detail was advised of the existence of a 'tweet of concern' which was directed towards provincial politicians. On Sunday, April 5th the on duty RNC member attended a residence in Mitchell's Brook, near Mount Carmel, NL, to investigate the matter. **Statements in the media that the RNC member was responding to an established threat has been overstated.** The purpose of the visit was to place some context around the comment so that a risk assessment could be made.

The RNC member conducted a safety threat assessment before and during this duty, and determined the risk to be low. **As part of the RNC member's safety protocol**, local RCMP members in Holyrood were advised **of his location and were consulted**. Risk assessments are an ongoing event and can change quickly.

The RCMP initial investigation indicates that once inside the residence, there was a dramatic shift in **the initial** that risk assessment. Despite identifying himself as a police officer and being invited into the residence, the RNC member was faced with a person who now possessed a loaded firearm. In response to this threat, the RNC member reacted with lethal force, consistent with police training.

The results of the autopsy (**INFO to be determined later**), and other investigative actions being pursued, including the processing of all evidence gathered at the scene of this shooting, will assist investigators in best determining what occurred inside the residence.

This matter remains under active investigation, however, the RCMP wishes to update the public on our progress in relation to this matter.