

Luther Inquiry Recommendations

Recommendation #30:

It is hereby recommended that the RNC make available one digital cell phone for each police car being used on patrol.

Action: Implemented.

Recommendation #31:

It is hereby recommended that the RNC replace the long batons, presently in use, with collapsible batons.

Action: Implemented.

Recommendation #32:

It is hereby recommended that the RNC training program for dealing with mentally ill persons be fully developed and put in place no later than June 30, 2004 and that the necessary time and resources be made available to the person responsible for its development to complete this work.

Action: Implemented. Current Standards:

Changing Minds: A program of the Canadian Mental Health Association. It provides tools to recipient to help recognize mental health issues.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST): Proven to significantly reduce instances of suicide. ASIST provides intervention skills and help to build a community suicide prevention network.

Mental Health First Aid: Assist officers in recognizing various mental health issues. Provides strategies to reduce further harm and provide the initial assistance towards wellness. Similar in principal to traditional first aid.

R2MR: Designed to reduce stigma and building resistance to stress for employees.

Corporate Plan 2014-2017: Mental Health First Aid/ R2MR
Liaison with Community Stakeholders
Research on calls for service
Share information with Health Authority 40 to 84 hours
Presented to All Party Committee Mental Health and Additions

Recommendation #33:

It is hereby recommended that the RNC acquire a minimum number of Tasers so that training can commence no later than June 2004, with a view to having trained and equipped personnel in each region served by the RNC in the 2004-5 fiscal year; thereafter a timetable to be developed so that adequate equipment and trained personnel are available as required.

Action: Implemented. The RNC awaited outcome of Braidwood Inquiry in B.C. Conducted energy weapons are now in place in all three regions.

Recommendation #34:

It is hereby recommended that the RNC, within 12 months of the release of this report, provide a one day seminar to all its members, the seminar to be held at various locations and to include the following subjects:

1. This report;
2. A minimum one hour presentation highlighting the most recently developed RNC training on mental illness and appropriate police response;
3. Current Mental Health Act issues;
4. The status of all RNC agreements with various health boards in the province pertaining to the apprehension and transport of mentally ill persons; and,
5. Updates in Taser training and deployment.

This seminar would serve as a comprehensive debriefing on the sudden death of Darryl Power.

Action: Yes this was completed and a mental health practitioner, Gerry Dooley, was involved. 244 staff trained.

Recommendation #35:

It is hereby recommended that the RNC amend its policy and procedure manual to ensure that in major incidents, such as police shooting, that;

- i. Incident officers are clearly identified;
- ii. Incident officers are removed from the scene as soon as possible;
- iii. Incident officers are provided with all necessary counselling and reasonable time away from active duty;
- iv. Incident officers not be alone together until full statements are taken, unless in the presence of a third party such as a counsellor or member of the clergy, and,
- v. An incident officer never be the person required to notify family members of the death.

Action:

- i. Covered 20.1 Firearms Policy 2016
- ii. Covered 20.1(f) Firearms Policy 2016
- iii. Covered 20.2(b) Firearms Policy 2016
- iv. Covered 20.1 (c) Firearms Policy 2016
- v. Covered 20.1 (f) Firearms Policy 2016

Recommendation #36:

It is hereby recommended that the RNC develop an organized comprehensive database, consistent with principles of patient confidentiality, so that relevant, important information for its members is made available when dealing with mentally ill persons who are dangerous.

Action: Covered in CPIC under “special interest police” for persons with behavior which pose a danger or cause concern for safety of others or found not criminally responsible in a case due to mental disorder.

Recommendation #37:

It is hereby recommended that the RNC actively participate in future consultations in relation to a new Mental Health Act and the provision of mental health services throughout the Province and that the Minister of Health and Community Services invite them to do so.

Action: This was accomplished through a liaison person on Police/ Mental Health Committee.