

TASK00227 - NOTES: KDIV\_FLOODING - RYAN, MARIANNE (A/COMM)

**DEOC Update** 

#### 00:00hrs Briefing

- · Re-send message to Det Commanders requesting current list of ALL employees impacted by flood, includes ME, CM,PS, VSU, etc.
- Re-send message to District Commanders for dissemination to all Detachment Commanders confirming that all seconded employees are not releasable back to their home units until SAD EOC confirms emergency flood response is complete.

#### 08:00 BRIEFING

- Three main priorities as per C/Supt. George STEPHENSON:
- Security for the small towns and First Nations
- o Determining whether the accommodations are suitable for the members
- o Putting a shift schedule in place for the members working in affected areas

#### 13:00 BRIEFING

SAD and DEOC agree that daily 1300hrs briefing will can be discontinued

#### SAD EOC Update

#### SAD TASKS as of 08:00 BRIEFING

- Will STO need to be backfilled by other STO?
- SAD will send copy to DEOC or MORLEY media correction
- DEOC wanted to confirm if RCMP involved at Siksika
- o SAD will follow up that RCMP has reached out to Chief and Council
- o This will be tracked for tomorrow's briefing request of A/Commr RYAN

08:00 BRIEFING

**FINANCES** 

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- SAD has reviewed the e-mail from ORMSHAW
- o Comments have been forwarded

Meeting concluded at 1319hrs

Next Briefing scheduled for 20:00hrs 2013-06-24

2013-06-25 00:18

Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden

Task Action: 2,405

From:

Steve DALEY

To: Date: **BN NOC Distribution** 

Subject:

2013-06-25 00:18

Attachments:

Re Alberta Flooding - Situational Report 2013-06-24 at 2300 4\_Flooding Situational Report - 2013-06-24 2300 hrs.docx

Attached

S/Sgt. Steven P. Daley Senior Provincial Reviewer "K" Division Criminal Operations (780) 412-5584

#### 2013-06-26 14:04

Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden Task Action: 2,403

From: To:

NEWS

KDIV\_DIST@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Date:

2013-06-26 14:04

Subject:

Fwd: Commissioner's Broadcast / Communiqué du commissaire - Floods in Alberta / Inondations en

Alberta ACC-NOC #9689 (- Forward)

\*\* Please do not reply to the NEWS account\*\*

>>> ACC-NOC ACC-NOC 06/26/13 14:03 >>>

NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION TO INDIVIDUAL MAILBOXES APPROVED BY COMMISSIONER BOB PAULSON ON 2013-06-26.

DISTRIBUTION NATIONALE AUX BOÎTES INDIVIDUELLES APPROUVÉE PAR LE COMMISSAIRE BOB PAULSON LE 2013-06-26.

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Floods in Alberta

I have been following with great interest and concern the floods that have devastated several areas of Alberta, including many regions that we police.

I want to recognize the extraordinary efforts of the RCMP -- especially those employees in the affected areas -- as well as our police and government partners.

RCMP employees have demonstrated incredible bravery and resilience, rescuing victims from the flood waters, checking and rechecking dwellings, evacuating citizens to safety, providing first aid to the injured, and helping deliver assistance and provide security.

Some of our employees -- regular, civilian, public service and municipal -- have either lost homes or incurred major damages to their property as a result of the floods. Many of these employees have continued working through this crisis, even as it has affected them and their families so personally.

I am deeply humbled by your commitment to serving your community during this difficult time. Thank you.

I also want to thank employees from across the region, particularly northern Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, who have traveled to the stricken area to assist the ongoing emergency efforts. My gratitude extends to those of you who are stepping up to ensure that those communities who have sent police officers still receive the same level of policing.

Your tireless dedication is the strength of this organization. I am so proud of you all.

Keep up the good work, and be safe.

Bob Paulson Commissioner

Inondations en Alberta

Je suis avec beaucoup d'intérêt et d'inquiétude les inondations qui ont dévasté plusieurs communautés de l'Alberta, dont bon nombre se trouvent sur notre territoire de compétence.

Je tiens à souligner le travail extraordinaire de la GRC, plus particulièrement des employés dans les localités touchées, ainsi que de nos partenaires policiers et gouvernementaux.

Les employés de la GRC ont fait preuve d'une bravoure et d'une force morale remarquables en portant secours à des victimes des crues, en inspectant les habitations deux fois plutôt qu'une, en évacuant des citoyens, en prodiguant les premiers soins aux blessés, en aidant à acheminer l'aide aux sinistrés et en assurant la sécurité.

Pour certains de nos employés (membres réguliers, membres civils, employés de la fonction publique et employés municipaux), les eaux ont détruit leur résidence ou causé d'importants dommages à leur propriété. Beaucoup d'entre eux continuent de travailler, et ce, malgré le fait que leur famille et eux mêmes soient affectés par cette crise.

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Je suis profondément touché par la solidarité que vous manifestez à l'égard de votre communauté durant cette période difficile, et je vous en remercie.

Je tiens également à remercier les employés de la région, plus particulièrement du Nord de l'Alberta, de la Colombie-Britannique, de la Saskatchewan et du Manitoba, qui se sont rendus dans la zone sinistrée pour apporter leur aide aux opérations d'urgence, de même que ceux d'entre vous qui veillent à ce que les communautés qui ont dépêché des renforts continuent de recevoir le même niveau de services policiers.

La force de notre organisation repose sur le dévouement sans borne dont vous faites preuve. Je suis très fier de vous tous.

Continuez votre excellent travail et soyez prudents.

**Bob Paulson** Commissaire

From:

2013-06-27 16:16 Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden

"Johnson, Mark" <Mark.Johnson@ps-sp.gc.ca> ""karyn.curtis@rcmp-grc.gc.ca" <karyn.curtis@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, ""Rennie.Marcoux@rcmp-grc.gc.ca" To:

<Rennie.Marcoux@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

CC: "Mueller, Mike" <Mike.Mueller@ps-sp.gc.ca>, "Blinick, Adam" <Adam.Blinick@ps-sp.gc.ca>, "McGrath,

Andrew" <Andrew.McGrath@ps-sp.gc.ca>

Date: 2013-06-27 16:16

Subject: 'Hell to pay:' Residents angry as RCMP sieze guns from High River homes

What resources are in place to count these firearms that are being confiscated? Is this taking members away from the work of disaster recovery? And lastly what would constitute proof of ownership of a nonrestricted firearm?

http://www.calgaryherald.com/touch/story.html?id=8588851

2013-06-27 16:34 Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden

Rennie Marcoux From: To: Armstrong, Janice

CC: Henschel, Peter, Lavoie, Daniel, Curtis, Karyn

Date: 2013-06-27 16:34

Subject: Fw: 'Hell to pay:' Residents angry as RCMP sieze guns from High River homes 'Hell to pay:' Residents angry as RCMP sieze guns from High River homes

Janice pls see below. I am not sure who can answer but it is urgent that we reply to them asap. Am at Sunset so will check sporadically.

2013-06-27 19:40 Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden

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Task Action: 2,402



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From:

Rennie Marcoux

To:

Lavoie, Daniel, Gagnon, Julie

Date:

2013-06-27 19:40

Subject:

Re: RCMP Lines on Gun Seizure Article in Calgary Herald

They seem to be under a lot of pressure on this. Can we at least get a ballpark number?

----Original Message-----From: Daniel Lavoie

To: Gagnon, Julie <julie.gagnon@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
To: Marcoux, Rennie <Rennie.Marcoux@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 06/27/2013 21:35:32

Subject: Re: RCMP Lines on Gun Seizure Article in Calgary Herald

No and why do they need this?

If and when we plan to release that to the media, we should confirm the number otherwise, they may not need to

know that.

----Original Message-----From: Rennie Marcoux

To: Gagnon, Julie <julie.gagnon@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
To: Lavoie, Daniel <Daniel.Lavoie@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 06/27/2013 21:31:53

Subject: Re: RCMP Lines on Gun Seizure Article in Calgary Herald

I am being asked how many guns.. Anyone know?

----Original Message-----From: Daniel Lavoie

To: Gagnon, Julie <julie.gagnon@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
To: Marcoux, Rennie <Rennie.Marcoux@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 06/27/2013 20:22:14

Subject: Re: RCMP Lines on Gun Seizure Article in Calgary Herald

Agreed 100 p.cent.

Bon weekend

----Original Message-----From: Julie Gagnon

To: Lavole, Daniel <Daniel.Lavole@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
To: Marcoux, Rennie <Rennie.Marcoux@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 06/27/2013 20:17:29

Subject: Re: RCMP Lines on Gun Seizure Article in Calgary Herald

Not only that, they are getting involved in basic police work where we are only ensuring the safety/security of the

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population. Police do that kind of work when they go to residences that are unsecured. This is not taking them away for doing other things, they have to do it.

Sgt. Julie Gagnon

RCMP Media Relations / Relation avec les medias de la GRC

613-843-5999

----Original Message-----

From: Daniel Lavoie

To: Gagnon, Julie <julie.gagnon@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
To: Marcoux, Rennie <Rennie.Marcoux@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 6/27/2013 8:05:13 PM

Subject: Re: RCMP Lines on Gun Seizure Article in Calgary Herald

Merci Julie.

C'est le staff qui s'excite car le CO dit que cela a été discuté hier avec M. Toews et le SG de l'Alberta!

----Original Message-----From: Julie Gagnon

Cc: Lavoie, Daniel < Daniel.Lavoie@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

To: Marcoux, Rennie <Rennie.Marcoux@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 06/27/2013 20:03:03

Subject: Fw: RCMP Lines on Gun Seizure Article in Calgary Herald

Madam Marcoux,

All the info is below. Just so you know, k div also told me that they are going to issue a news release on this. As soon as I receive a copy of it, I will send it to PS.

Sgt. Julie Gagnon

RCMP Media Relations / Relation avec les medias de la GRC

613-843-5999

2013-06-27 19:44

Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden

Task Action: 2,400

From: To: Janice Armstrong

Date:

RYAN, Marianne 2013-06-27 19:44

Subject:

Fw: 'Hell to pay:' Residents angry as RCMP sieze guns from High River homes

Attachments:

Fw: 'Hell to pay:' Residents angry as RCMP sieze guns from High River homes

Hello Marianne,

Query from Public Safety. Can you provide a response please.

Thanks!

Janice

2013-06-27 19:50

Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden

Task Action: 2,398

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**Daniel Lavoie** 

To:

MCGOWAN, Dale, RYAN, Marianne

Date:

2013-06-27 19:50

Subject:

Attachments:

Fw: RCMP Lines on Gun Seizure Article in Calgary Herald Re: RCMP Lines on Gun Seizure Article in Calgary Herald

Any number you can provide for the Minister's office.

It is unusual but can you help by providing the number of guns that were seized? Even an approximation would do?

Author: C/Supt HARRISON, Kevin Task Action: 2,397

From:

**Kevin HARRISON** RYAN, Marianne

To: Date:

2013-06-27 20:13

Subject:

Re: RCMP Lines on Gun Seizure Article in Calgary Herald

2000.

----Original Message----

From: Marianne RYAN

To: HARRISON, Kevin < Kevin. Harrison@rcmp-grc.gc.ca> Cc: MCGOWAN, Dale <dale.mcgowan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Cc: STEPHENSON, George <george.stephenson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Cc: Lavoie, Daniel < Daniel. Lavoie@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 6/27/2013 10:06:09 PM

Subject: RCMP Lines on Gun Seizure Article in Calgary Herald

Kevin - can we get an approximate number of guns seized in High River? Marianne

Marianne Ryan

**Assistant Commissioner** 

Officer in Charge

"K" Division Criminal Operations

780-412-5451(Office)

(Cell)

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2013-06-27 21:25

Author: PS ATWOOD, Bravden

Task Action: 2,396

From:

Dale MCGOWAN

To:

RYAN, Marianne, Lavoie, Daniel

CC: Date: STEPHENSON, George, DEGRAND, Marlin, Armstrong, Janice, HARRISON, Kevin

2013-06-27 21:25

Subject:

Re: RCMP Lines on Gun Seizure Article in Calgary Herald

Im not sure we should be releasing the number as it is quite a statement with that many unsecured guns out there. A bit of a political issue I would think. Leave it to the police to do the media lines and its NHQs decision on what to tell

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PS

Dale

----Original Message----

From: Marianne RYAN

Cc: MCGOWAN, Dale <dale.mcgowan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Cc: STEPHENSON, George <george.stephenson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Cc: DEGRAND, Marlin <marlin.degrand@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
To: Lavoie, Daniel <Daniel.Lavoie@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Cc: Armstrong, Janice <janice.armstrong@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 06/27/2013 22:34:24

Subject: Fw: RCMP Lines on Gun Seizure Article in Calgary Herald

We have seized approx 2000 - Marianne

Marianne Ryan Assistant Commissioner Officer in Charge "K" Division Criminal Operations 780-412-5451(Office)

2013-06-27 22:02

Author: C/Supt STEPHENSON, George

Task Action: 2,395

From:

George STEPHENSON

To: Date: RYAN, Marianne 2013-06-27 22:02

Subject:

Re: RCMP Lines on Gun Seizure Article in Calgary Herald

Marianne,

I agree with on camera interview to review the circumstances which dictated our seizure of the firearms.

Also, we have the private court application injunction hearing set for 10:00 am tomorrow.

Kevin and I will be calling Laura Munro, Civil Lit in am to discuss DOJ plan. Kevin and I discussed the feasability downside of agreeing to return guns when state of emergency is lifted. Any order would leave an option for us to continue to secure guns until individual are able to make arrangements for safe storage.

As above we will discuss with Laura in am that way if we support the safe return with a reasonable and safe approach ensuring the interests of all gun holders not just one individuals wanting them now. A balanced approach.

Would you be availabe at 08:00 am to discuss prior to our calingl to Laura?

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George

----Original Message-----From: Marianne RYAN

To: STEPHENSON, George <george.stephenson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 06/27/2013 23:15:51

Subject: Re: RCMP Lines on Gun Seizure Article in Calgary Herald

Just think we need to communicate via the media asap why we seized the guns (homes destroyed or damaged and may not be able to get back in) and do this on camera. Also that we don't intend to charge unless the guns are stolen

etc. Marianne

Marianne Ryan Assistant Commissioner Officer in Charge "K" Division Criminal Operations 780-412-5451(Office)

----Original Message---From: George STEPHENSON

To: RYAN, Marianne <marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 6/27/2013 11:06:53 PM

Subject: Re: RCMP Lines on Gun Seizure Article in Calgary Herald

Marianne,

Didn't see the Calgary Hearld article. Do we need to put any fires out?

George

----Original Message-----From: Marianne RYAN

Cc: MCGOWAN, Dale <dale.mcgowan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Cc: STEPHENSON, George <george.stephenson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Cc: DEGRAND, Marlin <marlin.degrand@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
To: Lavoie, Daniel <Daniel.Lavoie@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Cc: Armstrong, Janice <janice.armstrong@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 06/27/2013 22:34:24

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Marianne Ryan Assistant Commissioner Officer in Charge

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"K" Division Criminal Operations 780-412-5451(Office) 780-217-0779 (Cell) 2959D116 (PIN)

2013-06-28 06:28

Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden

Task Action: 2,394

From: To: Janice Armstrong RYAN, Marianne

Date:

2013-06-28 06:28

Subject:

Re: Fwd: RCMP Daily Media Summary / Revue de presse quotidienne GRC

Sure Marianne. Now I have a call at 9am with Rennie Marcoux and PS. Not sure what they want so anything else you can give on the guns would be good. I believe the Communications folks were liaising last night so Rennie/Daniel may have more.

Janice

>>> Marianne RYAN 2013/06/28 8:15 AM >>>
Hi Janice - can I call you in about an hour on this? Marianne

Marianne Ryan Assistant Commissioner Officer in Charge "K" Division Criminal Operations 780-412-5451(Office)

----Original Message-----From: Janice Armstrong

To: RYAN, Marianne <marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 6/28/2013 8:10:48 AM

Subject: Fwd: RCMP Daily Media Summary / Revue de presse quotidienne GRC

Happy Friday,

Am I able to get a bit of info on the first story Marianne. Just for the 10AM. Thanks, Janice

>>> PSPMediaCentre/CentredesmediasPSP <PSPMediaCentre/CentredesmediasPSP@ps-sp.gc.ca> 2013/06/28 7:48 AM >>>

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The Daily Media Summary can also be accessed through Newsdesk (http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/nau201364522701363.htm) / La Revue de presse quotidienne peut également être accédée via InfoMédia (http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/nau201364522701363.htm)

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ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES / ENJEUX ORGANISATIONNELS (#\_ORGANIZATIONAL\_ISSUES\_/\_1)

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TOP STORIES / ACTUALITÉS

'Something is going to blow'

Tensions between High River residents and Alberta officials intensified Thursday, as those lining up for financial compensation from the province waited hours in the sweltering sun while others fighting to get back into the flood-ravaged community found themselves in a standoff against the RCMP. About 3,000 evacuees waited several hours under the hot sun for their pre-loaded debit cards, issued by the provincial government as some financial relief in the wake of the devastating floods last week. Frustrated residents planned to breach a police checkpoint northwest of town as the evacuation order stretched into its eighth day. RCMP officers gathered in numbers at a checkpoint blockade, preventing 50 residents from walking to the town, as dozens more police cars - lights flashing - lined the streets in High River on standby. They laid down a spike belt to keep anyone from attempting to drive past the blockade on the road into the community, sending the crowd of residents into a rage. In a news release Thursday, RCMP said three people caught trying to sneak into the town had been arrested and briefly detained before being removed from the area. No charges have been laid. RCMP revealed Thursday that officers have confiscated a "substantial amount" of firearms from homes in the evacuated town of High River. Postmedia News (http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-20136830538570\_6.htm ) (Edmonton Journal, Calgary Herald, Daily Gleaner); QMI Agency (

http://cnews.canoe.ca/CNEWS/Canada/2013/06/28/20935996.html?cid=rssnewscanada) (Cnews, Fortmcmurray.com, Toronto Sun, Edmonton Sun, Ottawa Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Calgary Sun); Globe and Mail (http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-201362834207343\_68.htm)

Four N.B. men charged after major investigation

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Four New Brunswick man have been arrested as part of a major RCMP investigation into child exploitation. The investigations, led by the New Brunswick RCMP's Internet Child Exploitation Unit, targeted individuals suspected of possessing and distributing images and videos online of children being sexually abused. These investigations were all led by the New Brunswick RCMP's Internet Child Exploitation Unit, with the assistance of the RCMP's Technological Crime Unit, local RCMP detachments and police forces from Miramichi and Fredericton. This was part of Operation Snapshot II, an integrated police investigation into child exploitation in Atlantic Canada and was a coordinated effort involving federal, provincial and municipal police agencies. Police announced on Wednesday that two children were removed from harm as part of the investigation, one from Newfoundland and Labrador and one from Nova Scotia. They were being photographed or filmed without their knowledge. Investigators arrested 22 men in Atlantic Canada and found millions of pornographic images of children. Times & Transcript ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-20136837312223\_38.htm ); The Guardian ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-20136954742791\_14.htm ); Acadie Nouvelle ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-201364858941904\_39.htm ); QMI Agency ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-2013647953909\_23.htm ) (Ottawa Sun, Calgary Sun, Toronto Sun); Telegraph-Journal (http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-2013684691090\_40.htm ), Daily Gleaner ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-2013693565646\_37.htm )

Canada continues the fight against illegal online counterfeit and unlicensed medicines

Through Operation Pangea, the international fight against the illegal online sale of counterfeit and unlicensed medicines continues. In Canada this year, the RCMP and Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) joined forces with INTERPOL to inspect 3,444 packages originating from 19 countries. Of these, 3,223 packages which contained 238,820 illicit and fake medicines at a street value of \$1,032,514.00 CAD have been seized. This is the sixth year of Operation Pangea. It is an international week of action targeting websites which illegally supply dangerous medicines. Today at a press conference held in Toronto, the RCMP showcased some of the seized items, reminding the public that buying counterfeit and unlicensed medicines online is unsafe and can even be fatal. It also increases the risks of credit card fraud, identity theft and malware viruses. In addition, while users may not be aware, when buying these medicines they directly support organized criminal groups. "Counterfeit pharmaceuticals is one of the world's fastest growing illicit industries," said RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson. "As the organized crime groups behind this emerging threat become more and more sophisticated, it is all the more critical for the RCMP to continue strengthening its domestic and international partnerships to stop the flow of these illegal and dangerous products into Canada." Northumberland View (

http://www.northumberlandview.ca/index.php?module=news&type=user&func=display&sid=23117)

#### CONTRACT & ABORIGINAL POLICING / SERVICES DE POLICE CONTRACTUELS ET AUTOCHTONES

Hydro fires five workers, alleges power theft

Five B.C. Hydro employees have been fired for violations the Crown corporation said include stealing company equipment and facilitating theft of electricity. Hydro said Thursday a total of 18 employees were interviewed as part of an internal probe that their union says is related to marijuana grow-ops. While three workers remain under investigation, 10 others have returned to work. "B.C. Hydro has a responsibility to protect the safety and security of B.C.'s electrical system, customers and employees and we take this responsibility very seriously," Hydro said in a statement, adding that it hopes the actions of a small number of individuals do not overshadow the work of other employees. Last week, a union spokesman representing Hydro workers said he believes the internal probe involves cases where employees did work on buildings that may have been housing grow-ops. Doug McKay, business manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 258, said then that he believed the Crown corporation suspected the workers may have been abetting illegal operations. However, that claim was never

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confirmed by Hydro. McKay said he is frustrated that B.C. Hydro has given him few details about the investigation. BC Hydro said it has provided information to the RCMP. Canadian Press ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-201364850615115\_3.htm ) (Times Colonist, Vancouver Sun, National Post)

#### Memory's 'frailty' led to Mountie's flawed version

A Mountie's flawed account of what happened the night Robert Dziekanski died can be explained by the "frailty of human memory" in a traumatic situation, not a nefarious conspiracy among police officers, a defence lawyer said Thursday as he argued there was no evidence to suggest his client has ever lied about the case. Const. Bill Bentley is accused of lying at the public inquiry into Dziekanski's death, particularly when he tried to explain discrepancies between what he initially told a homicide investigator and what could be seen on an amateur video of the incident that emerged later. The Crown has alleged Bentley and three other officers colluded on a story to tell homicide investigators what happened when Dziekanski was stunned with a Taser at Vancouver airport on Oct. 14, 2007, and that they later lied at the inquiry to cover up that deception. But defence lawyer Peter Wilson, in his final submissions to the judge, noted other witnesses recalled seeing many of same things the officers did, including recalling - incorrectly - that Dziekanski was physically taken to the ground. The video shows he fell because of the jolt from the Taser. Canadian Press ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-20136494375668\_5.htm ) (The Province, Edmonton Journal, Vancouver Sun, Times Colonist); Globe and Mail ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-201362811144515\_68.htm )

#### 'By the end, she was simply broken'

"You're fat. You're ugly. Your life is so worthless that you should commit suicide." Those were the words written to a 13-year-old Burnaby girl by an anonymous user on ask.fm, a social-media website making headlines after being linked to several teen suicides around the world. After enduring two months of relentless taunts on the site, the teen started to contemplate taking her own life, said her tearful mom, Jane, whose name has been changed to protect her family's identity. A Latvian-run website, ask.fm is a rapidly growing, social-media platform that allows users to pose anonymous questions. While most queries relate to trivial topics, the site's anonymous nature makes it an attractive platform for bullies.

Jane said she wasn't even aware that her daughter, who she forbade from using social media, was on ask.fm until one evening when her daughter was glued to her cellphone and getting increasingly agitated.

Annoyed that her daughter wouldn't stop texting, Jane said she took away the phone. But later that night, unable to sleep, her daughter came into her bedroom in tears, desperate for her phone back. Jane decided to go public with her daughter's story after an article in The Province earlier this week about a North Vancouver mother whose depressed teen daughter was hospitalized after being bullied on ask.fm. The mom contacted North Van RCMP about the incident. While they documented the incident, Cpl. Richard De Jong said RCMP aren't probing the case. Depending on the severity of the bullying, De Jong said police will work with social-media sites to track down people who threaten or harass others online. The Province ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-20136505531751\_1545.htm )

#### Elsipogtog wants to keep protests peaceful

Weeks of protests against shale gas exploration - most of them peaceful but some not - have led the Elsipogtog First Nation, which has been outspoken in supporting the cause, to bring in a peacekeeper for the safety of its people and all others involved. The announcement was made in the wake of growing tensions between the protesters, native and non-native, who have been demonstrating against SWN Resources Canada's seismic testing presence along Route 126 and the number of RCMP officers at those protest sites. Nicholas, chair of the Wabanaki Disability Council, will also act as a communications liaison between the protesters, Elsipogtog Band Council and the RCMP. He recently was invited by the community to observe and report details of the ongoing protests to the United Nations to ensure they respect the rights of indigenous people as protected by the United Nations. The band council has let the provincial RCMP commissioner know through a written statement about Nicholas' presence within the community as

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peacekeeper through the 2004 AFN and RCMP Public Safety Protocol, which is meant to keep the public safe and allow for "injury prevention related to peaceful demonstrations involving all demonstrators, peacekeepers, police and security." Times & Transcript (http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-20136821531139\_38.htm), A1; Canadian Press (http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-201362941566427\_1.htm) (National Post); Telegraph-Journal (http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-20136847425517\_40.htm)

#### Vingt-quatre personnes arrêtées

Un réseau de production et de vente de cannabis établi au Centre-du-Québec, mais qui avait des ramifications en Montérégie, a été démantelé par les policiers, hier. Près de 1700 plants ont entre autres été saisis dans une maison de Saint-Liboire et un suspect a été appréhendé sur place. Une centaine de policiers de la Sûreté du Québec, assistés de ceux de la Gendarmerie royale de Canada, ont réalisé 14 perquisitions simultanément sur le coup de 6h dans plusieurs municipalités, notamment à Drummondville, où les deux présumées têtes dirigeantes ont été arrêtées. Les agents sont notamment débarqués dans une maison du rang Charlotte, à Saint-Liboire, non loin de l'autoroute 20. La culture clandestine était aménagée sur deux étages dans une grange accessible à partir de la résidence. Les policiers ont saisi 1680 plants de cannabis. Un homme de 30 ans, Charles Daunais-Morin, a été arrêté. Il est soupçonné de production de cannabis et de complot en vue d'en faire le trafic. La vaste opération policière baptisée Lémurien a mené à la saisie de 31 600\$ en argent, 11 150 plants de cannabis, près de 1000 boutures de marijuana, 65 livres de cannabis, deux armes à feu et trois véhicules, possiblement volés. Vingt-quatre personnes soupçonnées d'être impliquées dans le réseau de production et de trafic de cannabis ont été appréhendées. La Voix de L'Est ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-201361028218833\_36.htm ), 6

#### Calgary prosecutors take over shooting case

Crown prosecutors from the Calgary special prosecutions team have taken over the case of two men charged with attempted murder. Cameron Monkman, 28, and Daniel Huddlestone, 34, both face attempted murder charges and police believe the two are a part of a motorcycle gang known as the Malicious Crew Motorcycle Club. RCMP said on June 3 that a man suffering gunshot wounds was found walking near Sylvan Lake. Sylvan Lake RCMP, with the assistance of the RCMP serious crime branch and forensic identification and dog units, investigated arrested Huddlestone and Monkman in relation to the incident. Although Monkman was released on June 12 on a \$2,000 cash bail, Huddlestone remains in police custody and appeared by closed circuit television from the Red Deer Remand Centre.Red Deer Advocate ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-20136950625252\_18.htm ), C2

Rocket launcher found in Burnaby attic turned over to police during Gun Amnesty Month

Gun owners across B.C. have handed over hundreds of unlicensed, unused and antique firearms to police in this year's Gun Amnesty month. The RCMP campaign invited people to turn in guns and ammunition to police throughout June. In return, police promised not to press charges that would sometimes apply. Vancouver police have collected 71 guns to date, more than half of which were rifles. West Vancouver police obtained 30 guns, including 11 shotguns. Surrey topped the list at 130 guns. The New Westminster police received just 13 guns. Past campaigns turned up a few surprises, including a rocket launcher hidden in a Burnaby attic and an M-16 assault rifle. While police haven't announced any outlandish finds this year, some have noticed a trend towards historic guns. The Province ( http://www.theprovince.com/news/Vintage+weapons+among+hundreds+firearms+turned+police+Amnesty/8583847/st ory.html?utm\_source=dlvr.it&utm\_medium=twitter) (2013-06-27)

Enoch Cree Nation breaks ground on new RCMP facility

On National Aboriginal Day, June 21, RCMP officials visited Enoch Cree Nation to gather with council and Enoch residents in celebration of a new RCMP building within Enoch. The 4,300 square-foot building is currently being constructed offsite but will be located on the east side of Highway 60 across from the Oskya Gas Station. The

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building will cost approximately \$1.4 million and those costs will be shared between the RCMP (91 per cent) and Enoch Cree Nation (nine per cent). Spruce Grove Examiner ( http://www.sprucegroveexaminer.com/2013/06/27/enoch-cree-nation-breaks-ground-on-new-rcmp-facility ) (2013-06-27)

Cannabis crusader to honour Prince Rupert RCMP for 'incredible waste of time'

Cannabis crusader Dana Larsen will be in Prince Rupert today to present a special award to the local RCMP. Larsen has had a trophy made to commemorate this six-month investigation, and today at 2:30pm he will try to present it to the Prince Rupert RCMP at 100 West 6th Ave. Northern View (

http://www.thenorthernview.com/news/213352841.html ) (2013-06-27)

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#### Snc-lavalin acknowledges making covert payments

SNC-Lavalin says a gas project in the United Arab Emirates was used as a cover to transfer \$13.5 million to unknown agents, a portion of the \$56 million in questionable payments identified by the company in an internal investigation last year. The Montreal-based company said the amount was falsely attributed to the project even though the money went elsewhere. A further \$20 million was also wrongly attributed to another project which SNC-Lavalin is refusing to identify. "The payment in the UAE never actually happened," said a spokeswoman, Leslie Quinton. The identity of the gas complex in Abu Dhabi surfaced after a French newspaper, L'Union de Reims, this week disclosed that French authorities were investigating the payment. Former CEO Pierre Duhaime and Ben Aissa have been charged with fraud over allegations that \$22.5 million was used to win the Montreal superhospital contract. Ben Aissa has been jailed for more than a year in Switzerland on alleged corruption, fraud and money-laundering in North Africa. The RCMP previously raided company offices in Oakville, Ont., related to alleged bribes in Bangladesh, and its headquarters in Montreal at the request of Swiss authorities. Canadian Press ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-20136242875670\_13.htm ) (Montreal Gazette)

#### An Italian crime clan's reach into Canada

Italian prosecutors are calling for a Thunder Bay man to be sent to prison for 19 years if found guilty of Mafia charges in a trial authorities say highlights the global reach of a secretive organized crime clan, from the Calabrian region of southern Italy all the way to northern Ontario. Giuseppe Bruzzese, 66, who was arrested while in Italy in 2011, is accused of "Mafia association" - a serious crime there, which has no comparable offence in Canada - after being caught on secret police recordings meeting with a top crime boss in that country. Bruzzese, who denies the charges, looked relaxed and confident during the proceedings in the sweltering courtroom, wearing a blue short-sleeved shirt and smiling from behind the glass wall that separates prisoners from spectators and the battery of lawyers. But his trial - and outstanding Italian arrest warrants issued for three other Thunder Bay residents, including a successful local businessman - may shed light on the connection between the city and a powerful Mafia organization called the 'Ndrangheta. Thunder Bay, population 108,000, may not seem an obvious base of operations for international organized crime, but a joint investigation by the Toronto Star and Radio-Canada/CBC has obtained court records showing what one Italian judge called "amazing implications" about a "parallel existence" of Mafia cells in Thunder Bay. A Star/Radio-Canada investigation last fall revealed Ontario has become an international "penal colony" for alleged Italian Mafia figures who find refuge here, untouched by Canadian law. RCMP officials told the Star there are likely two 'Ndrangheta cells - or "locali" - in Thunder Bay and five in Toronto. Toronto Star ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-201364011578309\_1992.htm )

'Cyber sex tourist', 62, sentenced to five years in prison

A North Saanich man who sat at his computer and directed a Chinese father to sexually assault his young son was sentenced Thursday to five years in a federal penitentiary. In what is believed to be Canada's first case of cyber sex tourism, Jean-Pierre Francois Lévesque, 62, pleaded guilty June 10 to possession of child pornography for the

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purpose of trafficking and counselling to commit a sexual assault on a person under the age of 16. B.C. Supreme Court Justice Keith Bracken called the facts of the case disturbing. Det. Sgt. Darren Parisien, an expert in online child exploitation who works for the Canadian Police Centre for Missing and Exploited Children in Ottawa, testified that he was using the file-trading system Gigatribe to covertly look for people trading child porn on the Internet. Parisien tracked the Internet IP address of urbandude1 to a home in North Saanich. He sent a report to the B.C. Integrated Child Exploitation Unit, which acted with Sidney RCMP to arrest Lévesque in January 2011. Computer screens were turned away from the public gallery during the testimony of Const. Mark Southby, a digital forensic expert who presented the chats, videos and photographs he found on Lévesque's computer. At one point, an infant's cries filled the courtroom. Southby also showed photos of Lévesque with the boy on his 2009 trip to China. The photos show the boy sitting on his knees on Oct. 7, 2009. On Wednesday, Scanlan said the RCMP notified Chinese authorities that a child was at risk. Times Colonist (http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-201364851772192\_3.htm) (Vancouver Sun)

#### Tory MP's campaign reimbused Duffy \$360

The campaign of Conservative MP Robert Goguen shelled out about \$360 to cover the hotel and car rental costs of Sen. Mike Duffy when he visited a New Brunswick riding during the last federal election. The records form a piece of the puzzle being put together by the RCMP, as the police force obtained the same documents from Elections Canada on June 13 as part of its investigation into the travel and living expenses claimed by Duffy, according to documents released by the Ottawa courthouse last week. It remains unclear exactly why the RCMP is interested in that particular campaign expense. The records suggest the campaign reimbursed Duffy directly, in accordance with Elections Canada rules, but then listed the hotel and National Car Rental as the suppliers on its financial return. Toronto Star ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-201361749557202\_25.htm ), A10

#### Search warrants issued in RCMP's probe of Mike Duffy's expenses

Search warrants have been issued as part of the RCMP's criminal investigation of Sen. Mike Duffy, CTV News has learned. Sources say the search warrants were recently filed in the Ottawa courthouse. But the judge who granted the warrants also issued a sealing order. That means details of what the RCMP are looking for will be kept under wraps. Sources say the search warrants would allow the Mounties to search Duffy's Ottawa-area home and his cottage in P.E.I. The RCMP is also expected to get a production order to search Duffy's Senate office. When asked if the RCMP had met with him Thursday, Duffy said: "It would be inappropriate for me to offer any comment." CTV News ( http://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/search-warrants-issued-in-rcmp-s-probe-of-mike-duffy-s-expenses-1.1345232 ) ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES / ENJEUX ORGANISATIONNELS

#### Mountie receives curative discharge for drunk driving

An RCMP officer who was impaired when he crashed his car into a bus in Lower Sackville in January has been given a curative discharge. Sgt. Werner Sawatzky, 49, of Beaver Bank pleaded guilty in March to a charge of failing the breathalyzer and was sentenced Thursday in Dartmouth provincial court. Defence lawyer David Bright said his client has post-traumatic stress disorder from his 23 years as a police officer. The PTSD led to an alcohol addiction that came to a head on the day in question, the lawyer said. "This isn't simply a drinking-and-driving situation," Bright told the court. "This is something far, far worse. "Only now are we starting to understand the significant difficulties and problems with stress faced by people who are required to go to war, to attend horrific motor vehicle accidents, murder scenes, things of that nature, where they see the worst of the worst. Sawatzky, a member of the RCMP's metro traffic services unit, was off duty at the time. An RCMP officer who responded to the call said Sawatzky stumbled when he got out of his car, seemed confused and wasn't making sense when he talked. His eyes were wet and he smelled of alcohol. Chronicle-Herald ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-20136853457639\_42.htm ), A4; CBC News ( http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/story/2013/06/27/ns-rcmp-drunk-driving.html )

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Dog bite could lead to charges for RCMP officer

Crown counsel will look into whether criminal charges should be laid against a police officer who used his dog to track a suspect. The Independent Investigations Office has completed a report into the matter which happened in North Vancouver in December. North Vancouver RCMP were investigating when they came face-to-face with a man that ran from them. The police dog found the suspect and bit him. He was seriously injured and taken to the hospital. News 1130 ( http://www.news1130.com/2013/06/27/dog-bite-could-lead-to-charges-for-rcmp-officer/ )

RCMP releases statistics on traffic-related deaths up to June 26

Information released by the RCMP today shows that in RCMP jurisdictions in the province, there have been nine fatal collisions and 10 people (seven men and three women) dying this year up to June 26. Out of the nine fatal collisions, there were six single-vehicle accidents and three multi-vehicle crashes. Two of the fatal accidents occurred on the Trans Canada Highway and seven happened in rural areas. The Telegram (

http://www.thetelegram.com/News/Local/2013-06-27/article-3294497/RCMP-releases-statistics-on-traffic-related-deaths-up-to-June-26/1); VOCM (http://www.vocm.com/newsarticle.asp?mn=2&id=35743&latest=1) (2013-06-27)

RCMP tweet-along on Canada Day

Coquitlam Mounties — mounted on bikes, not horses — will be tweeting along with followers on Canada Day. Tri-City News ( http://www.tricitynews.com/news/213382991.html ) (2013-06-27)

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#### **NIL OTHER / AUTRES**

Quebec not entitled to gun-registry data: Court

The battle over Quebec gun-owner data will move to Canada's highest court after a judicial panel said Ottawa has the right to destroy the information. The Quebec Court of Appeal ruled Thursday that the province can't force the feds to hand over the names, addresses, phone numbers and registration numbers of every Quebecer who owned a rifle or a shotgun. Quebec wants to create its own database with information the Conservative government earmarked for destruction last year. The appeals court said Quebec is well within its rights to create its own registry from scratch. But the five-member panel disagreed with a lower-court judge who ruled in September that the national registry was a federal-provincial program and that Quebec had rights over the data. Public Safety Minister Vic Toews welcomed the appeals court ruling on Thursday. "Our Conservative government committed to stand up for the rights of law-abiding hunters, farmers, and sport shooters in all regions of the country, including Quebec," the minister said in a statement. The appeals court temporarily blocked Ottawa from destroying the Quebec data pending a final appeal. QMI Agency ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-20136914937175\_12.htm ) (Kingston Whig-Standard); La Presse ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-2013687475266\_30.htm ); Le Soleil ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-20136858929393\_32.htm ); La Presse ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-20136300500924\_2004.htm ); Le Nouvelliste ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-20136108752735\_34.htm ); Presse Canadienne ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-201361030265239\_36.htm ); Globe and Mail ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-201362833629305\_68.htm ); Canadian Press ( http://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/articles/unrestricted/2013/06/ps-

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2013-06-28 07:58 Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden Task Action: 2,393

From:

Janice Armstrong

To:

RYAN, Marianne 2013-06-28 07:58

Date: Subject:

questions asked....

CC:

Marcoux, Rennie; O'Neill, Tom

#### Hello Again,

Thanks so much for joining us at such short notice. Your responses were very good. Here are the questions/comments I noted:

- -The number of 2000 firearms seems high given only 12,000 residents (likely 3000 homes).
- -What is authority to seize the firearms if they had trigger locks on them?
- -Did you seize other things like TVs or stereos?
- -Did you enter homes that were "yellow-tagged" indicated they had been evacuated?
- -The You Tube video shows police stopping at tagged and untagged homes?
- -Does the authority of the Plain View Doctrine allow you to seize the firearms?
- -Is High River the only place you seized firearms?
- -What documentation will be required to return the firearms?
- -What about the privacy issues in entering the home to video?
- -How many people were rescued from the home as opposed to refused to leave?
- -How will the firearms be returned in the most "painless" way to residents?

That's what I got from the call.

We'll be in touch.

Janice

2013-06-28 10:58 Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden Ta

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From:

Dale MCGOWAN

To:

RYAN, Marianne 2013-06-28 10:57

Date: Subject:

Fwd: Letter from the Minister

Attachments:

Minister's Letter.pdf

Marianne,

I know we have already communicated this substantially in our media and verbal updates to the Minister. I think we should have a very short succinct response letter back to the Minister as soon as we can.

Dale

D.N. (Dale) McGowan, D/Comm Commanding Officer "K" Division 11140-109 Street Edmonton, Alberta T5G 2T4 Tel. (780) 412-5444

@gov.ab.ca> 2013/06/28 9:48 AM >>>

Dear Deputy Commissioner McGowan,

QC, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, asked that I send the attached letter to your attention. Please note that the letter will be posted publicly later this morning.

Hard copy will follow by mail.

Thank you kindly,

QC

Minister of Justice and Solicitor General 403 Legislature Building Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

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2013-06-28 11:45 Author: SCHLOSSER, Mary Task Action: 2,391

From:

Mary SCHLOSSER

To:

DEGRAND, Marlin; STEPHENSON, George; TURNER, Ken; WOOLSEY, Garrett; ...

Date:

2013-06-28 11:45

Subject:

FYI- gun coverage

CC:

NEELY, Patricia; SCHOEPP, Janice; TURNBULL, Darrin; VALIQUETTE, Josee

This gives you a sense of tone of coverage on gun issue....we will continue to monitor social and conventional media on this issue....reactive mode for now.

Mary

PMO says the RCMP should have better things to do than seize guns Add to ...

KELLY CRYDERMAN, JOSH WINGROVE and JEFFREY JONES

The Globe and Mail

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The Prime Minister's Office is stepping into the controversy surrounding the flood response in High River, Alta., saying the RCMP should have better things to do than seize residents' guns.

The town remains under evacuation, and emergency crews have been going from home to home, searching for people and assessing damage.

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Thousands of Calgarians will be out of their homes for a 'significant period of time'

Evacuated High River residents given option of apartments

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Anger growing in High River as residents press officials for re-entry plan

The Canadian Press

Video

Video: Shelter houses cats, dogs after Alberta flooding

The Globe and Mail

Video

Video: Residents of High River plead to get back into homes

Video

Video: Hippos at Calgary Zoo make near escape during flood

Video

Video: Danielle Smith butts heads with High River Mayor on whether residents should be allowed home

Earlier this week, it emerged RCMP were also seizing guns that had been left out in the open, saying they were doing it out of safety and that the guns would be returned. Many residents, however, complained that RCMP were seizing their property.

RCMP officers who removed guns from evacuated homes in High River, Alberta, were doing necessary work to secure the flood-ravaged town in a crisis, Premier Alison Redford said in response to criticism, that they were seizing personal property.

The town, south of Calgary, remains officially off-limits to residents, many of whom have complained that the police were confiscating firearms from their homes. Ms. Redford was annoyed it remains an issue despite RCMP assurances that the guns would be returned.

"The RCMP went in and secured a community that had been evacuated. As part of that work, as I understand it, they went into houses where there were firearms that weren't properly secured. As opposed to leaving them sitting on fireplace mantels in a town that was evacuated, they secured those guns," she told reporters.

"There is no suggestion that the people will not be able to have their guns back again, and I really hope that we can focus on more important matters at hand, like getting 12,000 people back into High River, than to continue to circulate this story."

On Friday, Ottawa sided with the residents.

"We expect that any firearms taken will be returned to their owners as soon as possible," PMO spokesman Carl Vallée said. "We believe the RCMP should focus on more important tasks such as protecting lives and private property."

On Thursday, RCMP Sergeant Patricia Neely said the guns will all be returned. "Firearms that were unsafely stored in plain sight were seized for safekeeping," she said. By Friday, an RCMP spokesperson said the force was preparing a statement on the gun seizure.

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Canadian law requires that guns be unloaded and locked away when stored.

High River, population 13,000, was worst-hit by last week's flooding. Much of the town remains under water, and officials say it's too dangerous for residents to be allowed back in. That has left municipal leaders under fire from residents anxious to assess the damage at their home.

Danielle Smith, leader of Alberta's Official Opposition Wildrose Party and the MLA who represents High River, said on Twitter she doesn't have a problem with RCMP seizing loose guns. "The problem is if residents have trouble getting them back," she said. She added that it's unclear how many guns Mounties seized.

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Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden Task Action: 2,390

From:

To: <Marianne.Ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

2013-06-28 15:30 Date:

Subject: Thank You

The RCMP deserves to be congratulated for temporarily seizing guns that were left unsecured in homes in High River.

Thank you once again for this very positive public service.

I have sent a copy of this message to PMO.

2013-06-28 16:05 Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden Task Action: 2,389

From:

Carla KIT

To:

@gov.ab.ca

Date:

2013-06-28 16:05

Subject: CC:

RCMP Storage of Firearms - High River, AB

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Attachments:

Letter to Minister

13-06-28 re RCMP Storage of Firearms.pdf

Good afternoon, Minister I

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In response to your letter dated June 27, 2013 to Deputy Commissioner Dale McGowan, please see attached. The original will be forthcoming via postal mail.

Thank you kindly.

Carla

Carla Kit

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2013-06-28 16:23

Author: Insp WOOLSEY, Garrett

Task Action: 2,388

From:

**Garrett WOOLSEY** 

To:

SCHLOSSER, Mary, NEELY, Patricia

CC:

HARRISON, Kevin, RYAN, Marianne, STEPHENSON, George, Cox, Greg

Date:

2013-06-28 16:23

Subject:

Re: guns

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2013-06-28 16:27

Author: PS MCDONALD, John

Task Action: 2,517

From: Marianne RYAN

To: NEELY, Patricia; SCHLOSSER, Mary; WOOLSEY, Garrett

CC: Cox, Greg; DEGRAND, Marlin; HARRISON, Kevin; STEPHENSON, George

Date: 2013/06/28 4:27 PM

Subject: Re: guns

My message to all involved is that we don't want to make this a more difficult or stressful exercise for the people of High River to get their property back while at the same time maintaining public safety...this an extraordinary situation so let's not make it more exceptional (or feed the media) than is already taking place.

I will ask that whatever process is drafted is run through Crops first (C/Supt Stephenson) before it is put in place.

Marianne

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2013-06-28 16:54 Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden Task Action: 2,387

From:

'@gov.ab.ca>

To:

"marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca" <marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Date:

2013-06-28 16:54

Subject:

Fw: RCMP HIGH RIVER GUNS

For year info....

Bill

---- Original Message -----

From:

Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 04:44 PM

To: '

Subject: Re: RCMP HIGH RIVER GUNS

Thank-you for your note.

The Commanding Officer of the RCMP is responsible for the operational decisions of the force.

The Minister of Justice and Solicitor General of Alberta has asked for an explanation from the Commanding officer for the decision to secure firearms that were found in residences in High River. The Commanding Officer advises that the police were tasked, by the Emergency Response Operations Center in High River, to conduct a house to house search for survivors or potential victims of the floodwaters that devastated the town. The authority to enter buildings, without warrant, in local states of emergencies, to look for victims is found in Alberta's Emergency Management Act. While doing these searches, in very hazardous conditions, the police found family pets and firearms that owners had apparently taken from secure areas to high ground (second floors etc) so that they would not be damaged by the floodwaters. The police rescued the family pets and secured the firearms on the owners behalf. All firearms will be returned once the owners have a secure place to hold them. The police have no intention of confiscating any person firearms or laying charges....they simply wanted to ensure firearms were secured until flood victims had a chance to deal with the other more pressing and monumental challenges they face. They will be returned to their rightful owners.

I own firearms and I personally would have been appreciative that my property was secured by the police if I was a victim of a terrible disaster like this one and could not secure them myself. I also would have been angry if I thought the police had "siezed" my firearms when I had to be evacuated for my own safety. I hope this explanation is helpful. Bill

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---- Original Message -----

From:

Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 04:10 PM

To:

Subject: RCMP HIGH RIVER GUNS

Will RCMP be giving guns back to citizens even if they were never registered or if folks don't have a locker? Will there be criminal charges for citizens that have never registered their firearms?

I think like many other Albertans that this is a totally unacceptable practice by police. If they are so concerned about the value of these guns then I ask did they also rescue the electronics that cost so much too? Who in the community is going to steal these guns when there are only about 300 people left in town with much more important things to worry about. This act just adds insult to injury on the citizens of High River. It is a disgusting display of the abused RCMP authority. They think they can do whatever they want and there are never any consequences or accountability on their part. Their superiors always explain away their mistakes and cover for them, and that's partly why nobody respects them anymore. I hope your department doesn't cover for them but rather stand up for and protect citizens rights. The high police presence there is only enraging citizens more because it is seen as a sign that the government is being heavy handed rather than helpful at their most time of need.

I used to have the utmost respect for RCMP, however over the last many years I look at them as the worst criminal organization in this country even ahead of the Hells Angels.

This seizure of firearms was an act to reaffirm to the people that the RCMP can do whatever they want and get away with it. It just adds to their already horrible reputation.

I hope your department will do whatever possible to see he rcmp are reprimanded for this bad decision,(talk safety all you want), and show the public you have THEIR interest at hand, AND, make sure that residents receive their arms back wether registered or not, without charges!

The Sgt says people must provide proof of ownership. I thought they had them catalog used?? How do you provide ownership if the firearm was handed down in a family or never registered.

Best regards,

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2013-06-28 19:09

Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden

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To:

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Date:

2013-06-25 19:09

Subject:

t: Re: Questions

#### Marianne:

Those were precisely my answers to Tim. I told him that I am not aware of any complaint and that the common law authorities were what I would have relied upon if I was in your shoes.

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---- Original Message -----

From: Marianne RYAN [mailto:marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]

Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 06:54 PM

To:

Subject: Re: Questions

Hello I I am following up on your question with respect to our presence on the FN's (Morley and Siksika) but to my knowledge, there haven't been any specific complaints made to us about the level of security we're providing in those areas. But I have made a call to get some specifics and numbers of our resource deployments for those areas for your reference to confirm.

With respect to your second question, we are operating under common law authority to preserve human life. We are checking residences to make sure there are no shut-ins, people with special needs, the elderly who may been over come by gas etc. We use as little force as is necessary to gain entry and once the residences are checked, we secure them again when we leave. With respect to the seizure of unsecured firearms, that would be under the "plain view" doctrine.

You do raise a good point on communicating what legal authorities we are using and on that point, we will get something on paper from Crown counsel tomorrow morning to give to our folks speaking to media for their reference and confidence in speaking to this issue to the public.

I should be able to get back to you tonight to confirm what we're doing for the FN's. Marianne

Marianne Ryan Assistant Commissioner Officer in Charge "K" Division Criminal Operations 780-412-5451(Office)

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----Original Message-----

From:

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To: RYAN, Marianne <marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 6/25/2013 8:20:43 PM Subject: Questions

#### Marianne:

I just received a call from

Our Minister apparently had two questions for him.

- (1) The First Nations Chiefs in Morley and Sisika have apparently made comments that they need more police presence in securing and assisting with flood related problems in their communities. The question was: are we providing this support now and is it adequate and effective?
- (2) What legal authority do the police rely upon to forcibly enter private property in the flood stricken area? This was in relation to High River and breaking into homes to look for casualties. The Minister was aware that firearms that have not been properly stored were siezed during the these searches and also anticipates that some residents will ask this question later.

I believe that will be sending these same questions but thought you should know they are coming. I have my thoughts on both questions but the response should come from you.

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2013-06-28 21:30 Author: C/Supt HARRISON, Kevin Task Action: 2,386

From: Kevin HARRISON
To: RYAN, Marianne
Date: 2013-06-28 21:30
Subject: Re: Newsletter

Wholly appropriate.
----Original Message-----

From: RYAN, Marianne(Marianne RYAN)

To: HARRISON, Kevin < Kevin. Harrison@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Cc: STEPHENSON, George <george.stephenson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Cc: SCHLOSSER, Mary <mary.schlosser@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 6/28/2013 11:24:30 PM Subject: Newsletter

I made some changes to Mary's draft as I think the over all message should come from the Division (the CO or myself) to demonstrate that the Division is fully engaged and fully supportive of what's taking place in High River. This is certainly not a power play on my part so I hope this is not perceived to be something like that - because we have resources from the whole division and given the scope of the disaster, I feel the messaging should come from the very top. I hope you'll agree. Marianne

Message from A/Comm Marianne Ryan, Criminal Operations Officer, "K" Division

The past week has been a challenging one for "K" Division employees as many of our RCMP personnel from across Alberta were either deployed to help out in flood operations in southern Alberta or were required to maintain our operations in the communities we police on a daily basis. The professionalism and resilience of the "K" Division team during the search and rescue phase of the flood response operation was nothing short of remarkable.

Approximately 600 rooftops rescues took place, more than 4, 600 houses were searched to assist those who may have been unable to leave or were trapped in their homes due to the flooding. Earlier this week 28 grateful residents who were unable to leave their homes when the flooding began, were finally rescued. These and countless examples of selfless public service should serve a source of pride and inspiration to all of you as we move continue in the

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security phase of the operation.

Although we anticipate operations will be a little less action packed going forward, your work in the days ahead is critical to ensuring that those impacted by the floods have safe and secure homes to return to. I ask all of you deployed to High River to continue to maintain the high degree of professionalism, patience and diplomacy that you've already demonstrated during these challenging circumstances. Every person and every aspect of the flood response makes a difference, and your individual and team efforts send a strong message to Canadians about the RCMP's commitment to their safety.

Many of you may be unaware of the outpouring of positive, appreciative feedback and support the "K" Division management team continues to receive on your behalf – from politicians, emergency response partners, government agencies, municipal partners, and most importantly, from the citizens you have helped negotiate very trying and sometimes tragic circumstances.

I remind you that although some evacuees will be returning to their homes this weekend, part of the Town of High River remain a dangerous place to be. I urge you to do everything in your power to ensure that you and your colleagues stay safe on the job in the days ahead.

A/Comm Marianne Ryan
Officer in Charge
"K" Division Criminal Operations

Summer leave will not be cancelled.

We are aware that there has been some speculation among employees about the possibility that approved leave might be subject to cancellation due to the flood deployment. Summer leave will not be cancelled.

Speaking with One Voice

Managing the message is critical to emergency operations and speaking with one voice is a big part of that. Smiling for the camera or confirming the obvious is one thing, but it is important that we know what questions are being asked and how they are answered.

A media relations team is in place to deal specifically with flood operations. Please refer all media inquiries to the SAD EOC Media Line at 403-869 7267.

Housing at U of C Dorms

Efforts are ongoing to find alternate accommodation in closer proximity to High River for members currently housed in the University of Calgary dorms.

While the rooms are adequate, it became clear early on in the deployment that this rooms in the dorm were not ideal for police officers working the shifts in High River.

Temporary Housing Camp at Cayley

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A temporary camp to house RCMP employees working in High River - similar to the one in Slave Lake in 2011- will be set up over the weekend in the nearby community of Cayley, which is 13 kms south of High River. The camp will be equipped with showers and food will be provided, including bagged lunches to go.

Re-Entry Plan (sourced from G of A Media Release)

On Friday, the Government of Alberta announced that some residents of High River will be able to return to their homes on Saturday and others will be able to tour the community by bus this weekend. The Municipality of High River has asked the G of A to assume flood recovery responsibilities but will retain control of other municipal matters. The Associate Minister of Regional Recovery and Reconstruction for High River, Rick Fraser will oversee the initiative, which will take place in three phases: .

Phase One - The town is made safe; Phase Two - Staged re-entry of residents; and

Phase Three - Termination of the state of emergency.

Beginning Saturday at noon, a staged re-entry will begin for residents in the north-west quadrant of the town whose homes are safe. Construction has begun on temporary housing solutions for those residents whose homes require significant repair or renovation, and those whose homes are uninhabitable.

The High River Welcome Centre is being established to support returning residents. This will be a 'one stop shop' to provide returning residents with information and resources to support re-entry, including social services (such as post-traumatic stress counseling) and administrative support, such as personal documentation.

Visit: http://www.alberta.ca//acn/201306/344648C1130CB-BA02-2A6B-7D5E7B1D7C34A977.html

#### Telling the RCMP Story

The RCMP flood operations story is now being told far and wide. Thanks to all employees who responded to the call for frontline photos. Some are available for viewing on the RCMP external web at http://www.rcmp.gc.ca/ab/flood-inondation-eng.htm. Others were sent to NHQ Communications and partner agencies for distribution via social media. Employees are encouraged to continue sending in photos to "Communications Specialist Janine.Avery@rcmp-grc.gc.ca. Please include contact info, date, location and brief summary of image content.

Video footage filmed by the RCMP during the door to door operations was distributed to media outlets on Wednesday and is now posted on their websites. The release of this video provided the public - and in particular the evacuees - with their first behind the barricade look at the severity of the disaster in High River. It also provided them with a first-hand look at RCMP search and rescue operations.

RCMP flood video is also now on YouTube at http://youtu.be/0KehAiSXvws https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2TOSxmdg14 http://youtu.be/zRDs6sVV7Ho

#### Damage to Homes of RCMP Employees

We now know that at least 29 RCMP employees incurred damage to their homes due to flooding in southern Alberta. Slave Detachment Commander S/Sgt. Roberta McKale has been deployed to High River to assist them in negotiating the challenges associated with their unfortunate circumstances. S/Sgt. McKale assumed command in Slave Lake literally on the day the wildfires hit in May 2011, and has a wealth of experience helping employees and their families who have lost their homes due to disaster. She can be contacted at Roberta.I.McKale@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

June 28th RCMP Media Release re: High River Firearms in RCMP Possession

High River, AB - During police operations in High River to locate and rescue any residents in need of assistance, the RCMP took possession of firearms that came across in plain view. All guns were tagged with the information required to ensure they can be returned to lawful owner. The firearms will be returned to their owners as soon as is practically possible.

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During the search and rescue operation, the RCMP found that many gun owners had laid out their guns in plain view in order to move valuable possessions to higher ground in their homes. After confirming a home was vacant, police had no way of ensuring guns left unattended would remain secure.

"The last thing any gun owner wants is to have their guns fall into the wrong hands. Residents of High River can be assured that firearms now in possession of the RCMP are in safe hands, and will be returned to them as soon as is practically possible, "said Assistant Commissioner Marianne Ryan, Criminal Operations "K" Division RCMP. "Gun owners will also be provided the option of having the RCMP keep the guns until they are able to store them safely." During the search and rescue operations, the RCMP seized a number of vehicles that were posing public safety hazards. This property will also be returned when operational demand allows.

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2013-06-29 15:15

Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden

Task Action: 2,380

From:

Janice Armstrong

To:

RYAN, Marianne, Lavoie, Daniel, Marcoux, Rennie

Date:

2013-06-29 20:34

Subject:

Re: Transcript (CHQR-AM Calgary): Interview with RCMP Sgt. Patricia Neely - 2013-06-29, 15:15 ET

I think it was well done Marianne.

Janice

----Original Message-----From: Marianne RYAN

To: Lavoie, Daniel <Daniel.Lavoie@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

To: Armstrong, Janice <janice.armstrong@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

To: Marcoux, Rennie <Rennie.Marcoux@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 6/29/2013 10:17:11 PM

Subject: Transcript (CHQR-AM Calgary): Interview with RCMP Sgt. Patricia Neely - 2013-06-29, 15:15 ET

Good evening. I'm forwarding this transcript of a radio interview Sgt. Patty Neely (MRO) did this afternoon on the

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issue of the guns which were secured by our members during the search and rescue in High River. She did well in my books. Marianne

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INTERVIEW WITH RCMP SGT. PATRICIA NEELY

ROY GREEN (Host): I spoke earlier today with RCMP sergeant Patricia Neely, and she joins us on the Roy Green Show on the Corus Radio Network to answer the questions that I sent to the RCMP this morning dealing with the seizure of guns in the homes of residents of High River, Alberta. And the RCMP told us collectively that hundreds of guns were in fact seized, guns that were left out in the open. Sergeant Neely, good to talk to you.

PATRICIA NEELY (RCMP Sergeant): Good afternoon, and thank you for having me.

ROY GREEN: You have the list of questions that I sent, so let me start with the first one. My question was what "left out in the open" means, because that was followed with, "We had to take the firearms to make sure... or the firearm to make sure that it was safe," and I'd wanted to know what "out in the open" means. Is it restricted to the seizure of guns, which were left lying on chairs, beds, couches, dresser tops and other evident places?

PATRICIA NEELY: Right. It's very important to remember that this was a search and rescue mission. We were not in any manner in these residences to search for firearms. In the course of looking for people, if we found a weapon, and in fact we do know that many people took their normally secured weapons from the basement where they were often stored, and placed them in high spots within their house to protect them. Once we see those weapons that were often on beds or on counters, we did secure them and take them to the... for storage simply to our detachment in High River where they could be safely secured until the owners could have somewhere safe to store them again and they could be returned.

ROY GREEN: Let me skip right to the third question, because you answered the second one for me there. Did officers at any time look for any firearms in the house? For example, in closets, under beds, in dresser drawers or other such locations in private homes. And if so, are such firearms among the hundreds that were seized?

PATRICIA NEELY: We were not searching for firearms. Let me make that clear one more time. So if your firearm was on a shelf in the closet, it's still going to be on the shelf in the closet. Does that mean that we didn't look under a bed or in a closet? We do know that people in cases of emergency and extreme stress do hide places where we wouldn't normally expect them to find. We find that throughout police investigations. We were not searching for guns. We did not open a drawer. If a human could not fit somewhere, we did not look.

ROY GREEN: Ok, so if there's a shotgun was left inside a closet and wasn't immediately visible to an officer who

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looked in the closet for a person, that shotgun is still there.

PATRICIA NEELY: Absolutely.

ROY GREEN: Did officers at any time select any homes based on any list of legal gun owners, known legal gun owners?

PATRICIA NEELY: No, absolutely not. And again, this is a search and rescue mission. The area of the search was identified as those residences that would be at risk for victims or... of this flood. People who may need assistance, or potential victims of this flood. That's the residences that we went into. If... keeping in mind that this is an emergency situation. We're not... we don't have the time to go through and work on, you know, "Oh golly, you know, there might be a gun owner here!" We're simply looking for people. This was in an urgent situation where we were trying to find potential victims, and that was our only focus. Obviously if we found weapons out in plain view, we secured them for the safety of both the people left in the community, for any potential issues with those weapons. They were secured solely with the intention of returning them to their rightful owners at the... once they could have a secure place to (inaudible).

ROY GREEN: Ok, I want to go back to that potential gun in the closet. You said if a gun was on a shelf in a closet...

PATRICIA NEELY: Right.

ROY GREEN: ...that the gun is still there. What would make that gun that would be readily available, readily visible to the police officer in the house? I just need answers to the question. I'm not trying to pin you down. What would make that gun any less of a challenge to the police officer or to the RCMP than one that's lying on a bed? If it's readily visible when you open the closet door, is it any less of a concern than the gun that's lying on the bed?

PATRICIA NEELY: Ok, but again, is it readily visible? If it's on a top shelf, we're not searching the top shelf.

ROY GREEN: Ok.

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PATRICIA NEELY: So if we open the closet door and there's a bunch of guns that are not secured, then obviously they may be gone, but if they were on a shelf or they're out of sight, we're not searching for guns.

ROY GREEN: Ok, let me go through the other questions with you, then. Was anything other than guns taken from any residence entered by the police officers?

PATRICIA NEELY: And again, this is a search and rescue. If there was... I'm not aware of anything that was taken. However, this is a search and rescue. We are police officers. Our focus was on finding people. So as far as, you know, TVs, jewellery, things like that to secure, absolutely not. We're not looking for anything like that. We've seized nothing like that. We touched nothing like that.

ROY GREEN: Were videos made of the entries and the seizures of the guns?

PATRICIA NEELY: No. We had multiple search teams going into these areas. We're dealing on (inaudible) circumstances. We're working as quickly and as efficiently as we can. There simply wasn't enough people or opportunity to video. We did take detailed notes. We have records of the residences that we entered, and anything in the way of firearms that were secured from those residences.

ROY GREEN: Sergeant Neely, the owners of the firearms, as I've been informed, will have to report their guns being seized at the time that they renew their licenses. So my question to you was will the RCMP assist all legal gun owners whose firearms were seized during license renewal?

PATRICIA NEELY: A, these firearms weren't seized. They were simply secured. Seized pertains to, you know, something that we're investigating. They were secured, and obviously... and absolutely, we will provide any assistance these people would need in regards to obtaining their possession acquisition licenses or anything by way of letterhead to these people and to the gun centre in New Brunswick. Our goal is not to inconvenience these people or to cause them any distress. It was simply to secure these weapons and... and we're not aiming to have this become an issue.

ROY GREEN: How many days did the search effort take?

PATRICIA NEELY: A total of five. Obviously Thursday and Friday we were rescuing people. We had helicopter

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rescues going on through the night. We had boat and ground rescues. And then the door to doors we finished on Monday.

ROY GREEN: And have any criminal investigations been initiated due to the home searches and the securing – I'll change the word, I'm sorry. I'm saying "seizures". The RCMP keeps saying "securing", and I should use that word, because that's the one you use. Have any criminal investigations been initiated due to the home entries and the securing of firearms?

PATRICIA NEELY: Well, we... our RCMP Major Crimes Unit is on scene in High River, and we are conducting investigations into reports of people who are currently unaccounted for. Beyond that, we're simply working towards getting people back in their home, and again, keeping in mind that this was a search and rescue effort. Our goal was not to find criminal behaviour. We weren't seeking that. We were seeking people.

ROY GREEN: Ok. And will any criminal investigations the RCMP knows of be initiated due to the home searches? And I'm asking the questions that were actually posed by my next guest, criminal lawyer at this point.

PATRICIA NEELY: Ok. And once the emergency...

ROY GREEN: I find them interesting, by the way.

PATRICIA NEELY: Yeah, no, once the emergency operations have been completed in High River, you know, the RCMP will assess any potential for criminal investigations, and I'll give you a broad example. For example, if we seized a sawed off shotgun – and I'm not aware of any that we did receive – clearly that's a prohibited weapon. We would have to, therefore, conduct an investigation into that. I'm unaware of anything like that, but that does not mean that it couldn't happen. So once our emergency operations have been completed, we will assess any potential for criminal investigations, but that's, at that point that's what we know.

ROY GREEN: Ok, I have a few seconds here. Are you finding the relationship between the RCMP and the homeowners and the residents of High River to be more agreeable than it might have been a day or two ago?

PATRICIA NEELY: Well, I think... the... for the most part, when we are working at the reception centres and we are out in the community, the relationships are very strong and very positive. There are a few people who are clearly very

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frustrated, and we do understand that frustration, and we certainly empathize with the length of time that these people were expected to be out of their homes. I think when people put their firearms on their beds, they expect it to be back the next day. They didn't realize it was going to be this length of time, and we do appreciate that they're reasonably frustrated.

ROY GREEN: All right. Sergeant Neely, thank you so much for the time.

PATRICIA NEELY: Thank you.

ROY GREEN: Thank you. Sergeant Patricia Neely from the RCMP on the Roy Green Show on the Corus Radio Network.

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Task Action: 2,383

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Julie Gagnon NEELY, Patricia

To: CC:

Date:

VALIQUETTE, Josee, SCHLOSSER, Mary, Cox, Greg, Richer, Marc

Subject:

2013-06-29 18:38

Fw: Transcript (CHQR-AM Calgary): Interview with RCMP Sgt. Patricia Neely - 2013-06-29, 15:15 ET

Attachments:

Transcript (CHQR-AM Calgary): Interview with RCMP Sgt. Patricia Neely - 2013-06-29, 15:15 ET

Patricia,

I'm case you have not received this, below is the transcript of your interview from earlier today. That was outstanding by the way. Great job!!!

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Julie

Sgt. Julie Gagnon RCMP Media Relations / Relation avec les medias de la GRC 613-843-5999

2013-06-29 18:50

Author: Sgt NEELY, Patricia

From: Patricia NEELY

To: STEPHENSON, George, WOOLSEY, Garrett, HARRISON, Kevin

Date:

2013-06-29 18:50

Subject:

Fw: Transcript (CHQR-AM Calgary): Interview with RCMP Sgt. Patricia Neely - 2013-06-29, 15:15 ET Fw: Transcript (CHQR-AM Calgary): Interview with RCMP Sgt. Patricia Neely - 2013-06-29, 15:15 ET

For awareness only.

Sgt. Patricia Neely 'K' Division Strategic Communications Media Relations Officer South 403 699 2418

2013-06-29 19:09 Author: Insp SCOTT, Jerry Task Action: 2,385

From:

To:

Wattie, Doug, WOOLSEY, Garrett, NEELY, Patricia, KROPP, Rob, PARADIS, Joany

CC:

DEGRAND, Marlin, MILLER, Roger, RYAN, Marianne

Date:

2013-06-29 19:09

Subject:

Re: Re Missing Persons

Thank you Doug.

Great work by you, your team and all individuals who have been involved in the investigations.

The professionalism displayed in these very difficult circumstances speaks volumes and want to applaud everyone's efforts!

Thank you for your dedication and sacrifices. I know all of you have given up time away from your families and have worked some very long hours. It is very much appreciated!

Please try and get some much deserved rest and relaxation.

Jerry

----Original Message----From: Doug Wattie

To: WOOLSEY, Garrett <garrett.woolsey@rcmp-grc.gc.ca> To: NEELY, Patricia <Patricia.NEELY@rcmp-grc.gc.ca> To: SCOTT, Jerry <jerry.scott@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

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To: KROPP, Rob <rob.kropp@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
To: PARADIS, Joany <joany.paradis@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 6/29/2013 8:00:46 PM Subject: Re Missing Persons

Sirs

Since the start of this occurrence 2013-06-20 we have had 65 persons that were either reported missing or request to locate. As of this date we have been able to confirm all 65 are accounted for. We will monitor over the next few days of any further reports of requests to locate or missing persons. Cst PARADIS and Sgt KROPP have updated and documented all PROS files and have sent requests to the originating member to follow up on anything outstanding ie UCR scoring.

I will attend on Sunday and will let the EOC that we can be reached on phone and available for July 1st, 2013 if need be.

If you have any questions please give me a call.

Regards,

S/Sgt Doug WATTIE
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2013-06-29 19:39

Author: C/Supt STEPHENSON, George

Task Action: 2.381

From:

George STEPHENSON

To: Date: RYAN, Marianne

Subject:

2013-06-29 19:39

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Marianne,

As attached.

George

2013-06-29 20:55

Author: Cst HENNELLY, Francine

Task Action: 2,379

From:

Francine HENNELLY

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To:

STEPHENSON, George

Date:

2013-06-29 20:55

Subject:

Draft 1 Firearms Return Release

DRAFT 1

High River June 30/13

During the State of Emergency in High River, the RCMP secured firearms for safekeeping in the course of their search and rescue operation. The RCMP would like to return these firearms to their owners and are asking that residents contact the High River Detachment to make arrangements to have the items returned to them. Residents are asked to call the High River RCMP at (403) 652-2357 or attend the High River Detachment, located at 1104 - 14 Street South East, with identification.

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Cst. Francine Hennelly Media Liaison Team Member Southern Alberta District EOC Media Line - 403 869 7267

2013-06-29 21:33 Author: C/Supt STEPHENSON, George Task Action: 2,378

From:

George STEPHENSON

To: CC: RYAN, Marianne HARRISON, Kevin

Date:

2013-06-29 21:33

Subject:

Fw: Draft 1 Firearms Return Release

Attachments:

Draft 1 Firearms Return Release

Draft for your review and comments.

2013-06-29 21:51

Author: Cst HENNELLY, Francine

Task Action: 2,377

From:

Francine HENNELLY

To: Date: Everyone\_KDIV 2013-06-29 21:51

Subject:

Message from A/Comm Marianne Ryan, Criminal Operations Officer, "K" Division

Message from A/Comm Marianne Ryan, Criminal Operations Officer, "K" Division

The past week has been a challenging one for "K" Division employees as many of our RCMP personnel from across Alberta were either deployed to help out in flood operations in southern Alberta or were required to maintain our operations in the communities we police on a daily basis. The professionalism and resilience of the "K" Division team during the search and rescue phase of the flood response operation was nothing short of remarkable.

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Approximately 600 rooftops rescues took place, more than 4, 600 houses were searched to assist those who may have been unable to leave or were trapped in their homes due to the flooding. Earlier this week 28 grateful residents who were unable to leave their homes when the flooding began, were finally rescued. These and countless examples of selfless public service should serve a source of pride and inspiration to all of you as we move continue in the security phase of the operation.

Although we anticipate operations will be a little less action packed going forward, your work in the days ahead is critical to ensuring that those impacted by the floods have safe and secure homes to return to. I ask all of you deployed to High River to continue to maintain the high degree of professionalism, patience and diplomacy that you've already demonstrated during these challenging circumstances. Every person and every aspect of the flood response makes a difference, and your individual and team efforts send a strong message to Canadians about the RCMP's commitment to their safety.

Many of you may be unaware of the outpouring of positive, appreciative feedback and support the "K" Division management team continues to receive on your behalf – from politicians, emergency response partners, government agencies, municipal partners, and most importantly, from the citizens you have helped negotiate very trying and sometimes tragic circumstances.

I remind you that although some evacuees will be returning to their homes this weekend, part of the Town of High River remain a dangerous place to be. I urge you to do everything in your power to ensure that you and your colleagues stay safe on the job in the days ahead.

A/Comm Marianne Ryan
Officer in Charge
"K" Division Criminal Operations

Summer leave will not be canceled

We are aware that there has been some speculation among employees about the possibility that approved leave might be subject to cancellation due to the flood deployment. Summer leave will not be canceled.

Speaking with One Voice

Managing the message is critical to emergency operations and speaking with one voice is a big part of that. Smiling for the camera or confirming the obvious is one thing, but it is important that we know what questions are being asked and how they are answered.

A media relations team is in place to deal specifically with flood operations. Please refer all media inquiries to the SAD EOC Media Line at 403-869 7267.

Housing at U of C Dorms

Efforts are ongoing to find alternate accommodation in closer proximity to High River for members currently housed in the University of Calgary dorms.

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While the rooms are adequate, it became clear early on in the deployment that this rooms in the dorm were not ideal for police officers working the shifts in High River.

Temporary Housing Camp at Cayley

A temporary camp to house RCMP employees working in High River - similar to the one in Slave Lake in 2011- will be set up over the weekend in the nearby community of Cayley, which is 13 kms south of High River. The camp will be equipped with showers and food will be provided, including bagged lunches to go.

Re-Entry Plan (sourced from G of A Media Release)

On Friday, the Government of Alberta announced that some residents of High River will be able to return to their homes on Saturday and others will be able to tour the community by bus this weekend. The Municipality of High River has asked the G of A to assume flood recovery responsibilities but will retain control of other municipal matters. The Associate Minister of Regional Recovery and Reconstruction for High River, Rick Fraser will oversee the initiative, which will take place in three phases:

Phase One - The town is made safe;

Phase Two - Staged re-entry of residents;

Phase Three - Termination of the state of emergency.

Beginning Saturday at noon, a staged re-entry will begin for residents in the north-west quadrant of the town whose homes are safe. Construction has begun on temporary housing solutions for those residents whose homes require significant repair or renovation, and those whose homes are uninhabitable.

The High River Welcome Centre is being established to support returning residents. This will be a 'one stop shop' to provide returning residents with information and resources to support re-entry, including social services (such as post-traumatic stress counseling) and administrative support, such as personal documentation.

Visit: http://www.alberta.ca//acn/201306/344648C1130CB-BA02-2A6B-7D5E7B1D7C34A977.html

#### Telling the RCMP Story

The RCMP flood operations story is now being told far and wide. Thanks to all employees who responded to the call for frontline photos. Some are available for viewing on the RCMP external web at http://www.rcmp.gc.ca/ab/flood-inondation-eng.htm. Others were sent to NHQ Communications and partner agencies for distribution via social media. Employees are encouraged to continue sending in photos to Communications Specialist Janine.Avery@rcmp-grc.gc.ca. Please include contact info, date, location and brief summary of image content.

Video footage filmed by the RCMP during the door to door operations was distributed to media outlets on Wednesday and is now posted on their websites. The release of this video provided the public - and in particular the evacuees - with their first behind the barricade look at the severity of the disaster in High River. It also provided them with a first-hand look at RCMP search and rescue operations.

RCMP flood video is also now on YouTube at http://youtu.be/0KehAiSXvws https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2TOSxmdg14 http://youtu.be/zRDs6sVV7Ho

#### Damage to Homes of RCMP Employees

We now know that at least 29 RCMP employees incurred damage to their homes due to flooding in southern Alberta. Slave Detachment Commander S/Sgt. Roberta McKale has been deployed to High River to assist them in negotiating the challenges associated with their unfortunate circumstances. S/Sgt. McKale assumed command in Slave Lake

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literally on the day the wildfires hit in May 2011, and has a wealth of experience helping employees and their families who have lost their homes due to disaster. She can be contacted at Roberta.l.McKale@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

June 28th RCMP Media Release re: High River Firearms in RCMP Possession

High River, AB - During police operations in High River to locate and rescue any residents in need of assistance, the RCMP took possession of firearms that came across in plain view. All guns were tagged with the information required to ensure they can be returned to lawful owner. The firearms will be returned to their owners as soon as is practically possible.

During the search and rescue operation, the RCMP found that many gun owners had laid out their guns in plain view in order to move valuable possessions to higher ground in their homes. After confirming a home was vacant, police had no way of ensuring guns left unattended would remain secure.

"The last thing any gun owner wants is to have their guns fall into the wrong hands. Residents of High River can be assured that firearms now in possession of the RCMP are in safe hands, and will be returned to them as soon as is practically possible, "said Assistant Commissioner Marianne Ryan, Criminal Operations "K" Division RCMP. "Gun owners will also be provided the option of having the RCMP keep the guns until they are able to store them safely."

During the search and rescue operations, the RCMP seized a number of vehicles that were posing public safety hazards. This property will also be returned when operational demand allows.

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2013-06-30 09:00 Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden Task Action: 2,376

From:

National\_Operations NOC

To:

CAP DGs; CO; CROPS; Commissioner Office; ESML; Emergency Managemen...

Date:

2013-06-30 09:00

Subject:

NOC Situation Report / Rapport de situation - "K" Div. - Flooding - Southern/Central Alberta - (2013-

06-29)-Day 9

Attachments:

20130629\_k\_flooding.pdf

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Please be advised of the following NOC Situation Report, submitted to your attention for your information.

Veuillez prendre note de ce rapport de situation du CNO, acheminé à votre intention à titre d'information.

Cst. Yves Portelance,gend. NOC/CNO

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**ESML** 

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"K" DIVISION - Situation Report Flooding - Southern/Central Alberta 2013-06-29 2300 hrs

Day 9

#### BACKGROUND:

2013-06-20 the RCMP were called upon to respond to local state of emergency orders in numerous communities and to ensure traffic safety on regional roads

impacted as a result of severe flooding in Southern and Central Alberta.

#### STATUS UPDATE:

High River – The Provincial EOC Director advises that 30% of residents, approximately 4000 people, have returned to High River. A further 800 are scheduled

to return on 2013-06-30. Escorted tours are ongoing with three buses entering the flooded area every one half hour. Some areas could remain closed

for up to five weeks with two-thirds of High River still underwater.

Social media will be utilized to announce the process for returning firearms secured during the search and rescue operation.

The return of vehicles will begin 2013-06-30.

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MD of Bighorn (Hamlet of Exshaw) (Renewed), MD of Ranchland (County-wide cancelled - Now only for Dutch Creek Watershed, Oldman Watershed

and Livingstone River Watershed), MD of Foothills (Renewed), City of Medicine Hat (Renewed), Siksika Nation (Renewed), Town of Turner Valley,

Tsuu T'ina Nation, Stoney Nation.

A Provincial State of Emergency remains in effect for the Town of High River.

Siksika Nation: Interim accommodation is being planned. ATCO is currently waiting for final numbers of expected residents needing to be accommodated.

First Nations: Inspections on all affected First Nations communities are progressing well with excellent cooperation from all partners.

RCMP accommodation: Temporary accommodation for members attending High River will see the initial phase of construction completed on 2013-06-30

with a projected capacity of 68. The remaining units will be constructed by 2013-07-01 bringing the total capacity to 156.

#### STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

Re-entry plan in effect.

VSU liaison members are present during the bus tours and are sharing information with evacuees and assisting with re-entry.

Media attention remains high, no immediate media concerns.

Social Media is being monitored.

#### STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

Multi-agency response requires coordination of communications efforts with partners.

Partner agencies are sending public safety messages in support of police efforts.

Affected First Nations communities continue to support police efforts.

Submitted by – Rédigé par (D.P. FLEURY) Insp. SAD EOC – Operations Chief

Recommended by – Récommandé par (G.STEPHENSON),C/Supt. SAD EOC Director

Approved by – Approuvé par (M.C. RYAN), A/Commr.

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Criminal Operations Officer

Reviewed by - Examiné par (R. STEPHENSON), C/Supt. SAD EOC Director

2013-06-30 13:08 Author: Sgt SHARDLOW, lan

Ian SHARDLOW

From: To:

STEPHENSON, George

Date:

2013-06-30 13:08

Subject:

Secured Firearm Return Plan

Attachments:

Firearms return plan.pdf

Sir;

Please find attached a short Ops Plan signed off this morning by Insp STEWART. We are already engaged in active returns, including one household that had well over \$25K in custom guns. This owner could not have been more satisfied and thankful for our efforts here and has plans to express this to the general public.

We had one hiccup in so much that we are not able to reach the Canadian Firearms Center to obtain transport permits where required for restricted firearms where they are not returning to the original household, but are researching other options and I will update High River EOC prior to our 15:00 briefing. This has not been an issue from a service delivery point as the effected owners are well versed on the law.

I can be reached on cell (

if you have questions.

Thanks IAN

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2013-06-30 14:12

Author: C/Supt STEPHENSON, George

From:

George STEPHENSON

To: Date: RYAN. Marianne

Subject:

2013-06-30 14:12

Attachments:

Fw: Secured Firearm Return Plan Secured Firearm Return Plan

Fyi

2013-06-30 15:11 Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden Task Action: 2,373

From:

Daniel Lavoie

To:

RYAN, Marianne, Armstrong, Janice, Marcoux, Rennie

Date:

2013-06-30 15:11

Subject: Re: Firearms in High River

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Merci

---Original Message-----

From: RYAN, Marianne(Marianne RYAN)

To: Lavoie, Daniel < Daniel. Lavoie@rcmp-grc.gc.ca> To: Armstrong, Janice <janice.armstrong@rcmp-grc.gc.ca> To: Marcoux, Rennie <Rennie.Marcoux@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 06/30/2013 17:01:57 Subject: Firearms in High River

Just to keep you all posted in the event you get any more queries from the MO or PMO's office, we are already engaged in active returns, including one household that had well over \$25K in custom guns. This owner could not have been more satisfied and thankful for our efforts here and has plans to express this to the general public. Marianne

Marianne Ryan **Assistant Commissioner** Officer in Charge "K" Division Criminal Operations 780-412-5451(Office)

2013-06-30 15:28

Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden

Task Action: 2,372

From:

Rennie Marcoux

To: RYAN, Marianne, Lavoie, Daniel, Armstrong, Janice

2013-06-30 15:28 Date: Subject: Re: Firearms in High River

Tks Marianne. So far, it's been quiet from my side of MO.

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-Original Message----

From: RYAN, Marianne(Marianne RYAN)

To: Lavoie, Daniel < Daniel. Lavoie@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

To: Armstrong, Janice <janice.armstrong@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

To: Marcoux, Rennie <Rennie.Marcoux@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>

Sent: 06/30/2013 17:01:57 Subject: Firearms in High River

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Marianne Ryan

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Assistant Commissioner Officer in Charge "K" Division Criminal Operations 780-412-5451(Office)

2013-07-01 09:29

Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden

Task Action: 2,371

From:

National\_Operations NOC

To:

CAP DGs; CO; CROPS; Commissioner Office; ESML;

Emergency Managemen...

Date:

2013-07-01 09:29

Subject:

NOC Situation Report / Rapport de situation - "K" Div. - Flooding - Southern/Central Alberta - (2013-06-

30)-Day 10

Attachments: 20130630\_k\_floodingsitrep.pdf

Please be advised of the following NOC Situation Report, submitted to your attention for your information.

Veuillez prendre note de ce rapport de situation du CNO, acheminé à votre intention à titre d'information.

Cst. Yves Portelance, gend.

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"K" DIVISION - Situation Report Flooding – Southern/Central Alberta 2013-06-30 1900 hrs Day 10

#### BACKGROUND:

2013-06-20 the RCMP were called upon to respond to local state of emergency orders in numerous communities and to ensure traffic safety on regional roads

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impacted as a result of severe flooding in Southern and Central Alberta.

#### STATUS UPDATE:

High River – Another 300 homes are expected to be re-occupied today, which will largely complete Phase 1 of the staged re-entry plan.

Phase 2 is expected to start 2013-07-01 and will see most businesses re-occupied and homes in Sector 2 re-occupied. The returning of firearms began this afternoon. Two individuals received their firearms and two others requested the RCMP temporarily hold on to them.

A press release to local and regional media was used to advise residents of the return process.

Bus tours of High River by residents to be completed today.

The return of vehicles will begin on 2013-07-01.

There are 11 State of Local Emergencies still declared in the province being: City of Calgary (Renewed), Town of Black Diamond (Renewed), Kananaskis (Renewed),

MD of Bighorn (Hamlet of Exshaw) (Renewed), MD of Ranchland (County-wide cancelled - Now only for Dutch Creek Watershed, Oldman Watershed and Livingstone River Watershed),

MD of Foothills (Renewed), City of Medicine Hat (Renewed), Siksika Nation (Renewed), Town of Turner Valley, Tsuu T'ina Nation, Stoney Nation.

A Provincial State of Emergency remains in effect for the Town of High River.

Siksika Nation: Power has been restored to the entire First Nation.

RCMP accommodation: A temporary Camp for members deployed to High River is being established near High River with 70 beds currently available.

Phase two and three of the Camp construction is on schedule to be completed by 2013-07-01 bringing the total capacity to 156.

With our assistance 960 pets have been rescued.

#### STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

Re-entry plan is on-going.

Perimeter structure and required resources are being re-evaluated with the execution of the re-entry plan.

Alberta Premier is scheduled to visit the RCMP EOC in High River on 2013-07-01.

Victim Services liaisons are co-mingled with provincial resources and assisting in wellness programs for the residents of High River.

Media attention remains high, no immediate media concerns.

Social Media is being monitored.

#### STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

Partner agencies are sending public safety messages in support of police efforts.

High River residents continue to show support for our efforts with the re-entry and security plan.

Submitted by – Rédigé par (D.P. FLEURY) Insp. SAD EOC – Operations Chief

Recommended by – Récommandé par (G.STEPHENSON),C/Supt. SAD EOC Director

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Approved by - Approuvé par (M.C. RYAN), A/Commr. Criminal Operations Officer

Reviewed by - Examiné par (R. STEPHENSON), C/Supt. SAD EOC Director

2013-07-01 12:09 Author: PS ATWOOD, Brayden Task Action: 2,370

From:

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Date:

2013-07-01 12:09 Subject: Re: Firearms

Thanks Mariannem

93!!! That is quite a collection.

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From: Marianne RYAN [mailto:marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]

Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 12:01 PM

Subject: Re: Firearms

The total number secured during the search and rescue is 529. We have secured additional firearms during the provincial home inspections bringing the total to 553. The ones secured during the home inspections were from residences where the home owners are not likely to return in the next couple of days.

We have returned firearms to a total of 5 people. In fact there is a gentleman at the Det right now picking up 93.

We have signs posted at the evac centres advising people they can come and pick them up and we physically went to 15 residences in Zone 1 which is open and no one was home.

Let me know if you need any more info on this. Marianne

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