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Hi Stephanie,

Sorry I didn't this to you earlier. In order for ASIRT to be involved, it would need to be a government to government request. ASIRT is a government agency and it is subject to the direction of the Director of Law Enforcement who is also the Assistant Deputy Minister, Justice and Solicitor General, Public Security Division.

For the purposes of clarity, an ASIRT review actually commences once a completed investigative file has been turned over to ASIRT. The file is reviewed for thoroughness, competency and overall accuracy. The goal of a review is to identify whether the investigating agency has completed the investigation in a manner consistent with the level of investigative excellence that follows ASIRT's objective to maintain public confidence in policing. As part of the review, the investigation is carefully scrutinized for evidence of investigative bias, tunnel vision and/or a lack of objectivity. The review process is robust and has an investigator, a team commander, the Director of Investigations, and lastly, the Executive Director going through the investigation. Once the review is complete, the file is returned to investigating agency recommendations that ASIRT may have made relating to the conduct of the investigation (things that should or could have been done in the investigation). It is left to the discretion of the investigating agency as to whether the recommendations are pursued. The assessment of whether there are reasonable grounds to believe the subject officer has committed a criminal offence is not generally within the scope of an ASIRT review. Responsibility rests with the investigating agency as to whether there are reasonable grounds to believe an offence has been committed and whether the investigation should be forwarded to a Prosecution Service for an opinion.

In a review, ASIRT does not comment on the actual incident or the actual conduct under the investigation. The focus is on assessing the investigation into the alleged conduct. I am not sure if this actually assists you much as you have had an incident review by another police service and also a judge assigned as oversight that will comment on the same or similar issues.

That being said, if you want ASIRT to review the investigation, the process that would need to be engaged would be a Minister to Minister consultation with a request from the Newfoundland government to the Alberta government that ASIRT be assigned this review. There would need to be some articulation as to why the involvement of ASIRT would be necessary, as ASIRT's limited resources are carefully managed and we had a record setting number of files in 2015.

To start, if you want to have the Newfoundland equivalent to our ADM contact Bill Sweeney, that would be a good first step. Bill can be reached through his Executive Assistant, at:

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You may wish to assess whether you would be better served by sending the investigation to the Crown for an opinion on whether the conduct was criminal and/or whether an officer should be charged. Hope this helps,
Sue

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Hi Sue, happy new year! I just thought I would follow up with you to get the template and protocols from you that we talked about before Christmas. As our investigative team is almost finished up, I'd like to proceed and formalize our request for ASIRT to conduct an independent review of our investigation.
Steph

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will speak with ASIRT
to see if they want to
get involved after review.
Darby Reel report