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Hey Joe

Here are the Chief's speaking points

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Mitchell's Brook Shooting

I would like to begin by saying that on behalf of myself and the RNC I would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Dunphy. Any premature loss of life in this way is always a tragedy. I am hopeful that in the end the family will find the answers that they need.

At approximately 2:30 p.m. yesterday, a member of the RNC was in the area of Mitchell's Brook conducting inquiries regarding an investigation. The officer was confronted and shots were fired. As a result a 59 year old male Mr. Dunphy was confirmed deceased at the scene. Our officer did not receive physical injuries during the incident. At this time we are ensuring our officer receives the support necessary for his well-being while cooperating with the RCMP to ensure they have all the information needed to conduct their investigation.

Q. Premiers security detail?

A. Our officer was assigned to the Protective Services Unit on a full time basis and was acting in that capacity. The nature of the officer's inquiry would at this point form part of the RCMP investigation.

Q. Ongoing threats?

A. As always we will continue to do threat assessments as part of Protective Services Unit's mandate. We deploy resources based on operational requirements.

Q. Why was a RNC Officer in RCMP jurisdiction?

A. Common to cross jurisdiction borders during investigation.

Q. Why was the officer alone?

A. Sometimes our officers work alone and other times with a partner. This will likely form part of the RNCs internal inquiry after the RCMP have completed their investigation.

Q. Was the officer Joe Smyth?

A. Won't be confirming identity at this time. I can tell you it is a mid-career officer who has significant training and experience in Protective Services.

Q. Mental Health concerns?

A. I have received no information to suggest this case involves mental health issues. It is a priority of the RNC to enhance our response to persons with mental health challenges. We are currently conducting training for front line staff in partnership with Canadian Mental Health Association in Mental Health First Aid.

Q. Will outside agency be called in?

A. This incident occurred in RCMP jurisdiction. In past cases when we called in an outside police service the incident was in RNC jurisdiction. As it is their jurisdiction, the RCMP will have carriage of this investigation and I believe that supplies the independence and impartiality that we need and the public expects.

Q) Has police officer involved been removed from duty?

A) As per policy any member involved in a shooting is removed from active duty. We will also be making sure that the officer involved receives the appropriate support.

Q) What kind of support are you talking about?

A) We have an employee assistance program to aid employees and there will be a debriefing for the member as well. Whenever there is a loss of life it can be a traumatic experience.

Q) How long will they remain off the job?

A) Will depend on the needs of the officer but we have a mandatory minimum.

Q) Will there be support for the family of the deceased?

A) Yes, Victim Services will be offering them guidance and support.

Q) Was the man who died known to police?

A) I am not aware of that information.

Q) Evidence question?

A) That will be the focus of the RCMP investigation and we cannot comment on that at this time.