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ASIRT investigating officer-involved shooting

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) has been directed to investigate an officer-involved shooting in Vegreville, involving RCMP officers.

At approximately 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 18, three RCMP members from the Vegreville detachment were at a location north east of Vegreville to investigate a 'trouble with man' complaint. The individual was reported to be armed with a gun and three adult family members were at the location.

During the course of the investigation by the RCMP members, the RCMP Emergency Response Team (ERT) was called in to assist. Prior to the arrival of the ERT, RCMP uniformed members fired one shot at a 43-year old male, striking him. Emergency medical services at the location provided life-saving efforts, but the man was declared deceased on scene. A shotgun was recovered at the scene.

Identity of the deceased is not being released at this time.

ASIRT investigators are on scene and will conduct an independent, objective and thorough investigation into this event and the actions of the officers.

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