

April 19, 2018

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Mr. Philip Bryden, Q.C.
Deputy Minister of Justice
and Deputy Solicitor General
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Dear Mr. Bryden:

**Subject: Jeffrey Tyler Oatway – Public Fatality Inquiry
Response to Recommendations**

Please find enclosed a copy of the Honourable Judge Greg Lepp's report to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General. This report will be publicly released on May 11, 2018.

The following recommendations made by Judge Lepp may impact Justice and Solicitor General:

1. I recommend that the Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police ("AACP") contact Dr. Hall to determine how best to marshal and communicate any needed research data in cases of ExDS while in police custody and that any recommendations agreed to by Dr. Hall and the AACP or any of its member agencies be implemented.
2. I recommend that the AACP convene use of force experts from the EPS, CPS, RCMP and its other member agencies in the Province to determine, informed by evidence and research, whether more widespread use of CEWs and VNR by those agencies is indicated.
3. I recommend that the phrase "public expectations of acceptable police behaviour" be deleted from the Provincial Guidelines for the Use of Conducted Energy Weapons and that the formulation of policy or the making of any decisions regarding the deployment and use of the CEW by police agencies in Alberta be based only on evidence and research.

I ask that you please advise the following:

4. Whether Justice and Solicitor General accepts, accepts in principle, does not accept, or has a different response to each recommendation;
5. A brief explanation of why that decision was made; and
6. If Justice and Solicitor General intends to accept the recommendation, or to implement different measures, what steps will be taken in that regard.

A response to this enquiry is not mandatory. However, please be advised that any response received will be publicly released and posted on the Open Government Portal:

<https://open.alberta.ca/opendata/responses-to-public-fatality-inquiry-recommendations>.

If a response has not been received by September 11, 2018, that information will also be made publicly available.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours truly,

Jennifer Fuchinsky
Fatality Inquiry Coordinator
Enclosure