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Dear Deputy Commissioners Boudreau and Zablocki:

I attach the Honourable Justice S.A. Cleary's report to the Minister of Justice regarding the public fatality inquiry into the death of Tracy Lyle Janvier. This report will be publicly released on September 15, 2023. Please do not share the report in any manner that would cause it to become publicly available before this date.

The following recommendations may impact the Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

1. I recommend that a formal process be developed for evaluating all deaths resulting from collisions with RCMP vehicles to determine whether any change or addition should be made to the existing curriculum for the Police Driving Unit portion of training at Depot Division. I also recommend that the circumstances that led to Mr. Janvier's death be the first such death to be so examined.
2. I recommend that if a collision where a citizen has suffered a fatality is used in the curriculum at Depot Division, permission be sought from the next-of-kin of that person to use their name and photograph in training materials. This permission could be revocable. This information is already used when RCMP members are victims in collisions, and I see no reason why extending this practice to include private citizens would not further humanize the risks involved in operation of police vehicles.

3. I recommend that the RCMP consider whether it is necessary for public safety to implement a periodic review of or requalification in police driving skills for members whose duties involve operating police vehicles responding to emergencies. The need for such revisiting and the timing thereof would, however, likely require further study. This would likely include comparison of the PDU portion of Depot Division's curriculum, and the current policy of only revisiting these skills when a problem is identified, with other specialized curricula and policies for emergency responders such as fire departments.
4. OCC members are, for good reasons, not required to follow a formal script during their interactions with callers reporting emergencies. However, I recommend that consideration be given to training OCC members to direct citizens to position their vehicle across the driving lane with their hazard lights on, if possible, when a collision such as the one where Mr. Janvier was killed is reported to OCC. If followed, such a direction would result in a physical barrier being placed on the roadway and provide a signal to other vehicles of the location of a collision.
5. While certainly many RCMP officers have post-secondary education and life experience, a period of 6 months at Depot Division and 2-6 months of supervision in the field may be insufficient for even a mature individual to learn everything necessary to function fully independently after that time, as is currently the case. This is particularly challenging given the complex nature of laws and communities today. I therefore recommend that the RCMP continue to review the report of the Mass Casualty Commission with a view to implementing the changes to recruit training recommended therein.

I ask that you please advise the following:

1. Whether the Royal Canadian Mounted Police accepts, accepts in principle, does not accept, or has a different response to the recommendations;
2. A brief explanation of why that decision was made; and
3. If the Royal Canadian Mounted Police intends to accept the recommendations, or to implement different measures, what steps will be taken in that regard.

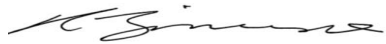
A response to this enquiry is not mandatory. This letter and any response received will be publicly released and posted on the Open Government Portal:

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

If a response has not been received by January 15, 2024, (four months from the public release of Justice Cleary's report), a lack of response will be made publicly available on the Open Government Portal.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



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