



October 23, 2013
Ref: 497092

Chief Constable Bob Rich
Chief Constable Paul Hames
Chief Constable Jim Cessford
Chief Constable Dave Jones
Chief Constable Chris Rattenbury
Chief Constable Mike Chadwick
Chief Constable Peter Lepine

RE: Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)

Dear Sirs:

In February 2013 I contacted British Columbia police agencies requesting information on their deployment of UAV ('drone') technologies. Although we did receive responses from some agencies, we have yet to hear back from others.

While we fully appreciate the utility of UAV technologies with respect to law enforcement operations, the application of these devices is becoming increasingly prevalent and it is incumbent on us to ensure adherence to all regulatory and information privacy requirements. In this context, please provide at your earliest possible convenience the following information:

- Whether your agency currently deploys, or plans to deploy, UAV technology;
- A copy of associated policies and procedures you have implemented;
- A copy of the Privacy Impact Assessment (or verification that appropriate consultation has occurred with the provincial and/or federal Privacy Commissioners' Office); and,
- Documentation relating to compliance with Transport Canada regulations.

Responses can be directed to Mr. Rob Ferrier, Senior Program Manager, as follows:

Mr. Rob Ferrier
Police Services Division
PO Box 9285 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9J7
E-mail: rob.ferrier@gov.bc.ca
Telephone: 250 356-6522

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Yours truly,

Clayton J.D. Pecknold
Assistant Deputy Minister
and Director of Police Services
Policing and Security Branch



Abbotsford Police Department

2838 Justice Way, Abbotsford, BC V2T 3P5 Phone (604) 859-5225 Fax (604) 864-4809

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Bob Rich
Chief Constable

October 24, 2013

Mr. Rob Ferrier
Senior Program Manager
Police Services Division
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Victoria, BC
V8W 9J7

Dear Mr. Ferrier:

Re: Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)

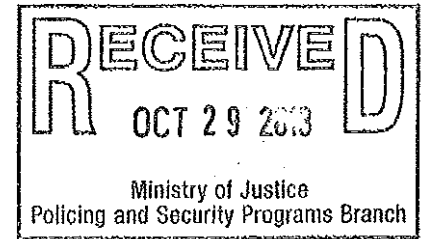
This is to confirm that the Abbotsford Police Department does not have any UAV technology deployed and has no current plans for deployment.

Regards,

Per: Bob Rich
Chief Constable



New Westminster Police Department



October 23, 2013

Mr. Rob Ferrier
Police Services Division
PO Box 9285, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W9J7

Re: Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)

I am in receipt of your letter dated October 23, 2013 requesting information on deployment of UAV ("drone") technologies by our agency.

Please be advised that the New Westminster Police Department have not and do not, have any UAV technology in place. Nor does the organization plan to implement UAV's in the near future.

Yours truly,


Dave Jones
Chief Constable

cc: Clayton Pecknold
Assistant Deputy Minister
and Director of Police Services
Policing and Security Branch



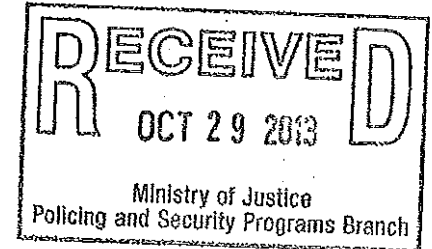
WEST VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Peter Lepine
Chief Constable

October 25, 2013

Mr Rob Ferrier
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Dear Rob:

I am writing in response to your letter of October 23, 2013 regarding the Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs).

West Vancouver Police Department (WVPD) does not own anything that resembles an unmanned aerial vehicle and has no plans to deploy this technology in West Vancouver anytime soon. In reference to policies, since WVPD does not own an aerial vehicle there are no policies nor a Privacy Impact Statement. In light of the above there has been no interaction with Transport Canada regarding their regulations.

Sincerely,

Peter A. Lépine
Chief Constable

MacLeod, Peggy JAG:EX

From: Kent Thom [kthom@oakbaypolice.org]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 8:37 AM
To: Ferrier, Rob L JAG:EX
Subject: RE: UAV/Drones

Hi Rob

Thanks for following up on this, and once again my apologies that we did not respond earlier. As we discussed, the OBPD does not utilize Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (drones), nor do we have any policy pertaining to the use of UAV's. There has been no discussion regarding the future use of this technology by our Department.

Any further information you require, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Kent

From: Ferrier, Rob L JAG:EX [mailto:Rob.Ferrier@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 8:23 AM
To: Kent Thom
Subject: UAV/Drones

Deputy Chief Thom -- Thanks for taking my call this morning. As mentioned, our ADM (Clayton Pecknold) sent a letter re: drones/UAVs to all Chiefs back on October 23. Just following up for an official response please -- feel free to email me directly.

Thanks again for your time.

rob

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MacLeod, Peggy JAG:EX

From: Les Sylven [Les.Sylven@csaanich.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 1:55 PM
To: Ferrier, Rob L JAG:EX
Cc: XT:Hames, Paul CSPD LCLB:IN
Subject: Use of UAV/Drones at the Central Saanich Police Service

Hi Rob,

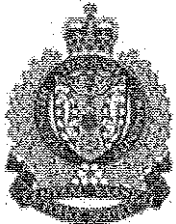
As discussed, the Central Saanich Police Service does not possess or deploy any UAV/Drones for our policing operations.

We have no plans to adopt this technology in the near future.

Thanks,

Les

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MacLeod, Peggy JAG:EX

From: Jim Cessford [jcessford@deltapolice.ca]
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2013 9:29 AM
To: Ferrier, Rob L JAG:EX
Cc: Cathy Williamson
Subject: Drones

Rob

This is to advise you that the Delta Police Department does not operate or deploy drones at this time. We do not have any plans to purchase or utilize drones in the near future and as a result we do not have any policy related to the use of drones.



Jim Cessford
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From: XT:Chadwick, Mike LCLB:IN
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 3:27 PM
To: Ferrier, Rob L JAG:EX
Cc: Heather Putney; Trent Edwards; Bob Downie
Subject: Unmanned Aircraft (Drones) Information

Hi Rob. Bob Downie advised me that you were in phone contact with him this AM inquiring about a response to the above issue. We have searched but have been unable to find the original correspondence (email?) sent earlier this year. I believe the gist of the inquiry was whether or not we were using unmanned aircraft in support of police operations and if not, were we contemplating doing so in the near future. I understand that the information was required to gauge interest in the province and to allow a conversation between police agencies and Police Services Division regarding privacy issues, operational guidelines, etc.

The short answer to both questions is no, we are not presently using drones and we have no plans in the near future to purchase and use them.

If you could re-send the original request, we will file it for future reference should our position change.

Thanks Rob and sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

M.R. Chadwick O.O.M.
Chief Constable
Saanich Police