

## Fwd: Multiple Shootings in Langley

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In the early morning hours of July 25, 2022, the Langley RCMP responded to multiple reports of shots fired with several victims and several different scenes throughout the City of Langley, and one scene in the Township of Langley.

Out of an abundance of caution, an Emergency Alert was issued until investigators can confirm that the suspect was acting alone. The Langley RCMP with the assistance of the Lower Mainland Emergency Response Team, took one male into custody who we believe is responsible for the shootings.

At 7:20 am, the Police Emergency Alert was updated as investigators believe the lone suspect to be in custody.

This is an active investigation with multiple areas of the Langley City and Langley Township closed to the public. We are asking the public to stay out of the following areas: 200 Street and Langley Bypass; Parking lot of Cascades Casino located at Fraser Highway and 204 Street, Langley Bus Loop located at Logan Avenue and Glover Road.

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## For review: bullets

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Let me know if you have any questions, thanks!

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Will do thanks! I'll get these up to Glen and give me a shout when you want me to check in with Dawn.

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Thanks Hope. These look good to me. I'm expecting call back shortly re their media strategy for today. If I don't hear from them in next 10-15 mins, lets contact Dawn.

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## Media Request: Alert Ready

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Hi Brian – I believe this is best addressed by the RCMP? Or do we have any messaging on this? I know it's their own system they use and not with EMBC, and it's up to them to use.

### Reporter

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### Recommendation

### Background

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FYI – checked with Brian and he confirmed that RCMP is best to address this. Thanks!

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## FOR RUSH REVIEW: MMF speaking notes and KMs

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Attachments: KMs - Uptick in police-related incidents - 25Jul22.docx, SN - Public Safety Media Avail - DRAFT 25Jul22 hl edit clean.docx

Hi Wayne,

Attached are the speaking notes and key message documents for the minister for his availability at 4:15PM. I've been advised GCPE needs these by 3:30PM. Apologies for the rush, these have just come in. Approved by Brian and Glen.

All the KMs are pulled from previous police-related incidents and they are from approved messaging. The speaking notes are focused on the Langley shooting, as requested by the Premier's Office.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

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## Recent uptick in police-related incidents

### Key Messages

July 25, 2022

#### Langley

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- The RCMP issued a Police Emergency Alert notification to warn people in the Lower Mainland of the incident. A second alert was then issued providing an update that the suspect police interacted with was no longer a threat to the public.
- This senseless act of violence is extremely concerning and unacceptable, and our thoughts are with the victims, their loved ones and the communities of Langley and the Township of Langley.
- This matter remains an active investigation by the Independent Investigations Office (IIO) and the RCMP.

#### Whistler gang shooting

- It is shocking and concerning when incidents like these happen in public spaces and in broad daylight, and I am relieved that there were no other victims of this horrific violence.
- This matter is currently under investigation, and any questions are best addressed by IHIT.
- Anyone with potential information on this incident is encouraged to reach out to local police.
- Every day, first responders put their lives on the line to protect our communities. My government and I deeply appreciate their courage, professionalism and commitment.

#### Gang violence

- We are all concerned about the recent high profile events involving gun and gang violence which has threatened communities throughout BC.
- It is unacceptable that these people make selfless and reckless decisions to use guns in such a dangerous way.
- This ongoing issue is a top priority and we are committed to working with police leaders to tackle it, as we know the impact it has on public safety.
- We are not letting up on our efforts to contain this violence, and multiple police agencies are coordinating their efforts and working full out on these investigations.
- Police agencies are led by B.C.'s integrated anti-gang unit (CFSEU-OCA BC). This unit employs substantial overt and covert resources to disrupt gang activity and apprehend gangsters throughout the Province.

#### *WHAT WE ARE DOING:*

- B.C. has worked hard over the past five years to combat organized crime and gang violence. Together with our federal partners, we have provided over \$90M in funding this year for initiatives designed to combat organized crime and gang violence through investigation, prosecution, prevention and intervention.
- This includes:



- investigating and charging illegal firearms manufacturers and traffickers and providing support through our Provincial Firearms Lab.
- Funding a specialized prosecutions unit to bring dangerous gangsters to justice
- Investing in long term programming to keep children and youth from falling prey to the gang lifestyle and helping entrenched gang members leave that life behind.
- We passed the BC Witness Protection Act and created the BC Witness Security Unit which has enjoyed unprecedented success over the last 2 ½ years resulting in numerous convictions
- In March of last year, we passed the Firearm Violence Prevention Act, which addresses the enforcement gaps in existing federal provincial legislation, such as regulating imitation firearms that are currently unregulated. We expect to bring it into force later this year.

### **Williams Lake First Nations asking for inquiry into police shooting**

- Our thoughts are with Rojun Alphonse's family and the Williams Lake First Nations community.
- As this matter is currently under investigation by the Independent Investigations Office (IIO), we cannot comment further at this time.
- The ministry is examining the report of the Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act to determine how we address policing and public safety in BC in relation mental health and addictions, along with police training and procedures related to 'wellness checks'.

### **Nanaimo IIO**

- We are aware of the incident in Nanaimo on Saturday where the IIO were called into investigate.
- The Independent Investigations Office (IIO) is mandated to conduct investigations into any police-related incident that has resulted in death or serious harm. As such, we cannot comment further on this matter.
- The ministry is examining the report of the Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act, which was tabled on April 28, 2022, to determine how to address policing and public safety in the Province to ensure that the delivery of police services in BC is fair, equitable and responsive to the needs of British Columbians.

### **Chilliwack**

- While this matter is under investigation and I cannot comment, I want to offer my condolences to the family of the victims of this tragic incident.

### **Saanich Shooting**

- I recently visited the Saanich Police Department and met with various members of the Saanich and Victoria Police Departments.
- I want to reaffirm my gratitude for our officers for keeping our communities safe.
- As this matter is still under investigation, I can't provide any further comment.

### **Updates on Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act**

- Since the Report was published, Ministry staff have been carefully analyzing the recommendations to determine where they align with existing initiatives and what work can be started.
- Since this spring, the ministry has been working together with Indigenous leadership organizations to discuss how they want to be engaged on policy priorities.
- We have started preliminary engagement with stakeholders to help inform future consultations on how we can meet the new vision for policing and public safety in BC as envisioned by the Committee, and expect to begin consultations next month.

### **Ombudsperson call for oversight in municipal jails**

- The Ministry is reviewing the recommendations of the Special Committee on Reforming the *Police Act*, which released its report on April 28, 2022. The report highlighted that there is a gap in oversight of lock-up guards and recommendation #9 is to develop a new independent oversight agency and corresponding legislation that would apply to all police and public safety personnel with powers or authority under a new community safety and policing statute.
- A part of the work to analyze the Special Committee report and identify next steps, the Ministry will assess models to address the oversight gap and engage with stakeholders.
- Complaints against RCMP members who may have committed misconduct in their supervision of lock-up guards can be submitted to the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission (CRCC), which is an independent agency established by the Parliament of Canada to ensure that public complaints against members of the RCMP are examined fairly and impartially.

## Event Information / Speaking Notes –

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**Event:** Uptick in police-related incidents

**When:** Monday, July 25, 2022, 4:15pm

**Where:** British Columbia Parliament Buildings  
501 Belleville St, Victoria, BC, V8V 2L8

**Agenda:** TBC

Speaking Notes  
for the  
Hon. Mike Farnworth  
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

**Public Safety Media Availability**  
British Columbia Parliament Buildings  
501 Belleville St, Victoria

Monday, July 25, 2022  
4:15pm

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## Introduction

- I'm Mike Farnworth, BC's Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General.
- Thank you for joining me here today.
- I'd like to acknowledge we are on the territory of the Lekwungen speaking peoples and the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations.
- This last month has been unsettling for British Columbians.
- We've witnessed gun violence in recent days – in public spaces, in broad daylight – in different parts of the province.

- This morning, a gunman killed two people and injured two more in multiple shootings in the City of Langley and Township of Langley.
- This senseless act of violence is extremely disturbing and totally unacceptable.
- My thoughts are with the victims, their loved ones and the communities impacted by these despicable acts.
- These people are members of our community.
- I understand that British Columbians are worried and fearful when events like these happen in our neighbourhoods.
- We don't yet know the motive behind the shootings.

- However, with today's tragic events, I want British Columbians to know my government and I are committed to tackling gun violence – wherever it happens.
- I want to thank the Langley RCMP, the Emergency Response Team and all other first responders for their quick response.
- This remains an active police investigation, and it's important that the public continue to assist them in this work.
- Now, despite these tragic incidents, I want to reassure everyone that British Columbia is a safe place to live, work, play and visit.



- Everyday, every single member of the BC RCMP and all our independent departments put themselves in the face of danger...
- They work hard 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to keep us safe.
- And their passion and commitment to public safety is redoubled in the face of the types of events we have witnessed over the past number of days.
- Thank you for joining me today, and I'm ready to take your questions.

- END -

## **Fwd: Media Request: Alert Ready and Langley Shooting**

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MO has asked for us to clarify minister's comments on the review of the alert system usage. Bullets 2-4 are provided by EMBC, any concerns with the top bullet?

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- Given this alert was issued by the RCMP, any specific questions on the use of the alert should be directed to them.
- As this matter is under investigation, we will not be able to comment further.

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