

## **Media Release**

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### **RNC Association Comments on Matters Pertaining to the Chief of Police**

(St. John's, NL) – Joe Boland, President of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Association (RNCA) today provided commentary on behalf of the RNCA with respect to matters pertaining to RNC Chief of Police, Richard Deering.

“As President of the RNCA, I wish to acknowledge the internal measures that have been launched against Chief Richard Deering. It is essential that everyone in the organization be assured that processes are in place to ensure that these matters are dealt with in a fair and judicious manner. It is also essential that every single member of the RNCA comport themselves in ways that will maintain the public image and dignity of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary. Complaints and concerns of this nature are always difficult for everyone involved,” said Joe Boland. “The RNCA has been labouring for the past ten months, as part of its Securing Our Community project, to improve the level of policing and public understanding within the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. We have been strongly supported in these endeavours by the Honourable Kelvin Parsons, Minister of Justice and members of his Department,” observed President Boland. “We cannot allow the momentum that has been developed throughout this project to be jeopardized by isolated incidents or concerns that may be dealt with according to established measures, consistent with due process. The RNCA wishes to assure the public that front-line policing within the RNC will continue to be provided in a professional, efficient, and effective manner to the best of our ability. The larger organizational challenges that face the RNC must continue to be pursued with dedication, determination, and decisiveness. The RNCA reiterates its own commitment to ensuring that the mission and mandate of the RNC are fully supported and seeks to affirm its ongoing concern for safety and security of our community, as well as, the health, safety, and wellness of our members.

Boland highlighted the fact that the RNC continues to have important organizational challenges, as outlined in the Final Report of the Securing Our Community project and attention must be paid to these fundamental issues. “We must be able to transcend these personnel matters and permit the processes that are in place to resolve them appropriately, ” said Boland. “It is imperative that we preserve public safety and focus our energies on providing the public with a valuable public service, while working on making necessary improvements.”

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