



RE: RNC ASSOCIATION RESPONSE TO RECENT NEWS ARTICLES

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(St. John's, NL) – The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC) and its members have been the subject of a number of media/news articles recently stemming from a number of isolated incidents. The articles have focused mainly on The Commission of Inquiry Respecting the Death of Donald Dunphy as well as criminal and internal investigations pertaining to members of the RNC. There is a process to follow in each of these circumstances and the role of the RNC Association is to provide support to our members and ensure that they are treated fairly.

A recent article published on the CBC website entitled “*Embattled RNC facing a fight to regain public trust*,” has an attached photograph showing three members of the RNC; Cst. Smyth, Cst. Kelly and Cst. Snelgrove. This photograph contains the following caption, “Const. Joe Smyth, Const. Sean Kelly and Const. Carl Douglas Snelgrove have all faced trouble in the last year.” While two of these incidents are similar in that criminal charges were brought forward regarding the police officers, it is important to consider the differences in each individual case. It is incorrect to suggest that Cst. Smyth has faced trouble in the last year as Cst. Smyth’s actions have been investigated and justified as an appropriate use of force as a direct result of his duties.

The RNC Association will not be commenting on specifics of the incidents depicted in this article as there are currently ongoing processes in place regarding each of the incidents.

The RNC Association has the utmost confidence that our members take pride in their work and will continue to provide a professional police service to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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