

November 27, 2007

The Honourable Stockwell Day, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Public Safety
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Day:

This is a follow up to my letter dated November 21, 2007, in relation to the RCMP's ongoing examination and review of our policies and procedures regarding the use of Conducted Energy Weapons (CEW).

In addition to cooperating fully with any and all of the independent reviews presently pending of CEWs and the RCMP policy governing its use, we have appointed Assistant Commissioner Darrell McFadyen, Commanding Officer of "F" Division, Saskatchewan, to oversee an independent research project with regard to the present CEW policy. As the senior officer he will coordinate and oversee the contracting of an accredited researcher to benchmark our policy against all other police services who utilize the CEW as a tool in their respective use of force models. In addition, the senior officer will ensure the independent research team will review the science behind the CEW and will track the work of the various other independent bodies to ensure gaps, if any, are identified and filled.

Also attached for your information is a document entitled "Policy History - Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW)" which shows the chronology of the RCMP policy and changes related to the CEW. Multiple applications of the CEW have been permitted from the beginning but on July 12, 2005, an Operational Bulletin placed restrictions on multiple applications of the CEW. The print media indicated that the RCMP had changed its policy on multiple uses of the CEW in August 07 but that is clearly not the case.

To better illustrate the reason for permitting multiple applications of the CEW,

managed to use the CEW in the push-stun mode at close range. It is common, in some of our contract jurisdictions, to be a considerable distance from other members when encountering offenders and the unpredictability of these events make them dangerous. The use of the CEW in circumstances like the one that Cst. Cameron found herself in warrants the ability to apply more than one application of the CEW.

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As always, I would be happy to discuss this or any other related matters at your convenience.

Sincerely,

William J.S. Elliott

cc: Deputy Minister of Public Safety

Attach.