

# Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General Coroners Service Province of British Columbia

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Pursuant to Section 38 of the Coroners Act, the following recommendations are forwarded to the Chief Coroner of the Province of British Columbia for distribution to the appropriate agency:

#### JURY RECOMMENDATIONS:

### To: The Chief Coroner of the BC Coroners Service

 Recommendation that inquests be held in a timely manner/as soon as possible following a death.

### To: RCMP 'E' Division and BC Emergency Health Services

2. Recommendation that improved communication and clarity be established around criteria for restraint use for persons at risk for harm to self or others, in order to transport to an appropriate facility.

### To: Ministry of Health and Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

**3.** Recommendation to expand inclusion of a mental health clinician on RCMP mental health calls province wide.

#### To: RCMP 'E' Division

- 4. Recommendation is to encourage increased use of tasers as a non-lethal alternative to other methods or tools for control of a person.
- 5. Recommendation for RCMP to receive annual crisis intervention and de-escalation training.



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| 6.       | such a  |                          | BC, particularly those in institutional settings, anced training in sensitivity to, and treatment esses in patients. |  |  |
|          | To:   | BC Emergency Health Serv | rices  |  |  |
| 7.       | <ol> <li>Recommendation is for the 911 call takers to request a caller to stop their vehicle<br/>instead of allowing the caller to continue to travel while in distress or in potential had<br/>way.</li> </ol> |                          |  |  |  |