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Lisa Lapointe, Chief Coroner
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Dear Lisa Lapointe:

Thank you for your letter dated September 15, 2020 advising me of recommendation 7 from the Coroner's Inquest into the death of James Reginald Butters (BCCS Case File #2015-1012-0058):

- Require that mandatory de-escalation training (CID) be enforced for all members.

As you may be aware, standardized crisis intervention de-escalation training is required for all front-line police officers and supervisors in British Columbia under British Columbia Provincial Policing Standard (BCPPS) 3.2.2 - Crisis Intervention and De-escalation Training. Officers must also re-certify every three years. These requirements have been in effect since January 30, 2015. BCPPS 3.2.2 is available online at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/law-crime-and-justice/criminal-justice/police/standards/3-2-2-cid-training.pdf>.

In 2020, Policing and Security Branch evaluated compliance with BCPPS 3.2.2 and other use of force related training requirements in the BCPPS. The evaluation included all British Columbia police agencies, including the RCMP and all municipal police departments and designated policing units. The evaluation revealed very high compliance rates for all police agencies across all standards evaluated. Where an agency's records indicated less than one hundred per cent compliance, the evaluation team discussed with agency personnel the results and recommendations for that agency to achieve full compliance with the standard. Evaluation reports documenting the findings are in the process of being completed.

If you have any questions regarding the standards, current BC CID training, or the ongoing research, please feel free to contact Mike Massine, Senior Program Manager, SEU directly at mike.massine@gov.bc.ca or 778 572-3407.

Take Care,

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