

# Mass Casualty Commission

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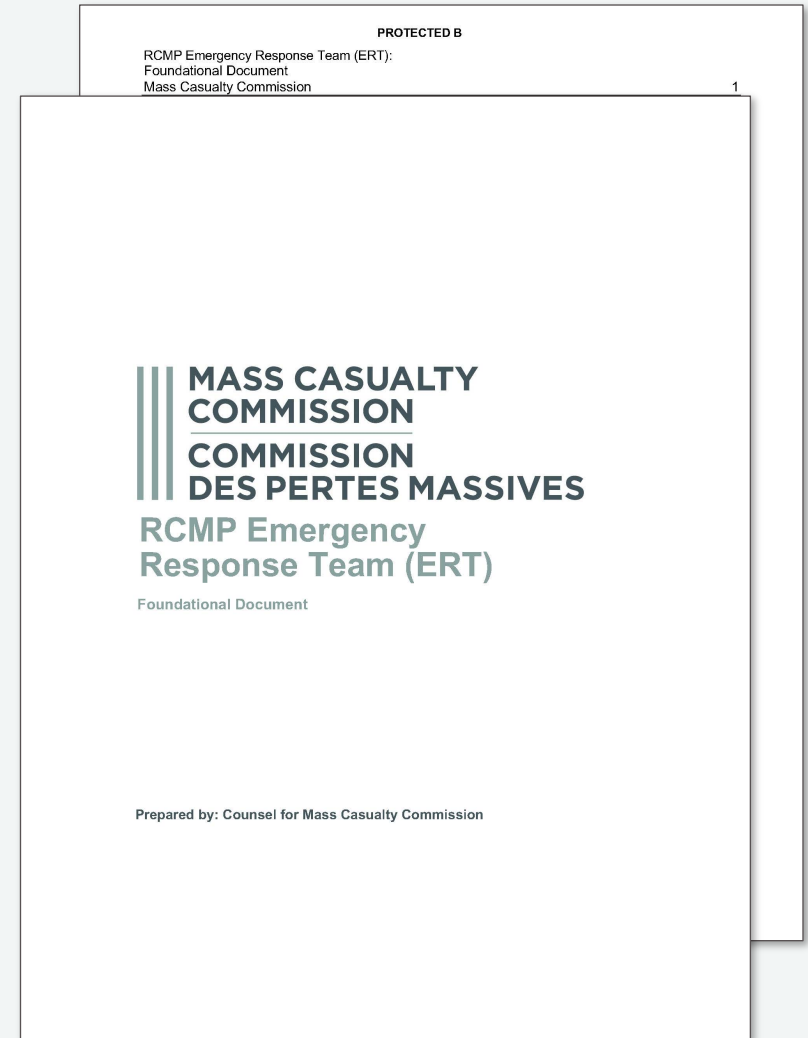
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# Exhibits

## FOUNDATIONAL DOCUMENTS

- **RCMP Emergency Response Team (ERT)**
- **All supporting documentation**



# Subject Matter

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- **A summary of information currently available to the Mass Casualty Commission in relation to the movements, actions, and observations of the RCMP's Emergency Response Teams (ERT) from Nova Scotia (H-Division) and New Brunswick (J-Division) on April 18 and April 19, 2020**



# **RCMP Emergency Response Team (ERT)**

# Definitions

## CRITICAL INCIDENT PACKAGE

- **A complement of specialized services designed to be implemented in the event of a critical incident – including ERT, EMRT, PDS, and additional support services**

# Definitions

## H-DIVISION EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

- **A specially trained tactical team composed of RCMP members in Nova Scotia**
- **In April 2020, the H-Division ERT consisted of 13 members: five full-time and eight part-time**
- **All 13 members responded to the Portapique call**

# Definitions

## J-DIVISION EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

- **A specially trained tactical team composed of RCMP members in New Brunswick**
- **Thirteen members responded to the Portapique call**



# Definitions

## H-DIVISION EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE TEAM (EMRT)

- **An organized group of RCMP members specially trained in first aid, medical support, and other life-saving techniques at a tactical level, permitting access to locations where it would be unsafe to send civilian medical responders**
- **In April 2020, there were six EMRT positions in Nova Scotia – four, of which, were filled at the time**
- **H-Division EMRT members on scene at Portapique Beach Road and Highway 2 as of 12:55 a.m. on April 19, 2020**

# Definitions

## H-DIVISION POLICE DOG SERVICES (PDS)

- **An organized group of specialized support services RCMP members/ dog-handlers and trained dogs**
- **First PDS member arrived at Portapique Beach Road and Highway 2 at approximately 11:39 p.m. on April 18, 2020**

# Key Indicators Relevant to Sequence of Events

APRIL 18, 2020

- 10:48 PM** Critical Incident Commander S/Sgt. West contacts ERT Team Lead Cpl. Tim Mills
- 10:54–10:57 PM** Cpl. Tim Mills commences ERT call-out

# Key Indicators Relevant to Sequence of Events

APRIL 19, 2020

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| <b>12:34 AM–1:15 AM</b> | ERT members arrive at intersection of Portapique Beach Road and Highway 2  |
| <b>1:18 AM–1:30 AM</b>  | ERT responds to Bay Shore Road complaint   |
| <b>2:02 AM</b>          | ERT departs Bay Shore Road   |
| <b>2:31 AM–2:50 AM</b>  | ERT locates and extracts Clinton Ellison and four RCMP general-duty members in Portapique                          |
| <b>3:23 AM–4:01 AM</b>  | ERT attends Five Houses Road in response to “flashing lights” concern  |
| <b>4:11 AM</b>          | ERT Team Leader Cpl. Mills on route to Great Village fire hall Command Post; TAV attends 200 Portapique Beach Road |

# Key Indicators Relevant to Sequence of Events

APRIL 19, 2020

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| <b>5:26 AM–5:42 AM</b> | ERT attends 123 and 135 Orchard Beach Drive   |
| <b>6:33 AM–6:42 AM</b> | ERT dispatched to 140 Portapique Crescent and extracts Lisa Banfield                |
| <b>7:15 AM–7:40 AM</b> | ERT attends 200 Portapique Beach Road and 136 Orchard Beach Drive to check vehicles |
| <b>7:25 AM</b>         | ERT members respond to Bay View Court complaint                                     |
| <b>9:04 AM</b>         | ERT begins planned evacuation of Portapique   |

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APRIL 19, 2020

- 9:24 AM** J-Division ERT begins to arrive at Great Village fire hall Command Post
- 9:42 AM** Dispatch about Wentworth; ERT responds
- 9:50 AM** Dispatch regarding Glenholme; ERT diverts from Wentworth call
- 10:02 AM** ERT on scene at Glenholme and broadcasts “No PC.”
- 10:08 AM** Dispatch regarding Plains Road; ERT responds

# Key Indicators Relevant to Sequence of Events

APRIL 19, 2020

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| <b>10:14 AM</b> | ERT members arrive at Plains Road  |
| <b>10:46 AM</b> | ERT informed of Brookfield sighting of the perpetrator; heading south on Highways 2 and 102                      |
| <b>10:57 AM</b> | ERT members arrive at Shubenacadie cloverleaf scene  |
| <b>11:00 AM</b> | ERT members depart Shubenacadie cloverleaf scene and proceed south on Highway 224                                |
| <b>11:26 AM</b> | ERT member involved in shooting of perpetrator at Enfield Big Stop; members extract perpetrator from the vehicle |



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