



Serious Incident Response Team

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Investigation into the May 11, 2020 Topsail Road fatal vehicle collision concluded; SIRT-NL finds no criminal conduct

The independent investigation into the fatal motor vehicle collision has concluded. Mike King, Director of the Serious Incident Response Team, Newfoundland and Labrador (SIRT-NL), advised today that the RCMP provided him with the results of their investigation, which revealed no criminal conduct on the part of any RNC officer.

The RNC initially requested the independent investigation into the May 11, 2020 fatal motor vehicle collision. SIRT-NL engaged the RCMP to conduct the independent investigation, with SIRT-NL oversight and review. SIRT-NL found the RCMP's investigation was conducted properly, using best practices and that investigators took all investigative steps appropriate in the circumstances. There was no evidence of bias, tunnel vision or lack of objectivity on the part of the investigating agency.

SIRT-NL is a civilian led oversight agency. Once it is fully operational, SIRT-NL will conduct its own investigations into serious incidents. Serious incidents within this context are those involving serious injury, death, sexual offence, domestic violence or any matter of significant public interest arising from the actions of a police officer in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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