

Serious Incident Response Team

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SIRT-NL to Begin Collecting Race-based Data.

Michael King, director of the Serious Incident Response Team, Newfoundland and Labrador (SIRT-NL), announces that, as of today, April 1, 2024, SIRT-NL will begin collecting race-based data from affected persons on each investigative file.

King: "Race-based data collection is essential for identifying and monitoring inequalities arising from racial bias and discrimination, and to guide us in determining the interventions necessary to improve equity in justice system access, quality and outcomes."

Provision of this information, by affected persons, to SIRT-NL is voluntary.

SIRT-NL is a civilian led oversight agency that conducts 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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