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Re: Drug Recognition Expert training at Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Dear Mr. Eby:

Your correspondence with C/Supt. Mark Fleming , Deputy Criminal Operations Officer, and "E" Division, dated January 25, 2012 refers.

First and foremost, I would like to extend our appreciation to you and your organization for bringing this matter to our attention. Please be advised that based on the receipt of this information, Deputy Commissioner Doug Lang, Contract & Aboriginal Policing, RCMP National Headquarters, immediately suspended all DRE training at the Maricopa County Sherriff's Office (MCSO) facilities.

I would, however, like to provide you with information pertaining to the Canadian Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) certification process and the assistance to this process provided through the MCSO.

It is our understanding that prisoners who volunteered to be evaluated were not given either preferential treatment or remunerated for their participation in the certification process. All prisoners who participated in the certification training were in the remand process, participated voluntarily and interacted only with DRE instructors. Having said that, the U.S. Department of Justice report does bring this into question.

The DRE program in partnership with other police agencies has worked towards a goal of continued public safety. The RCMP stands behind its commitment to provide worldclass policing and appreciates the assistance you have provided to help us reach that goal.

Sincerely,

Supt. Brian Simpson
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