

Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP

Chair-Initiated Complaint and Public Interest Investigation Police Investigating Police

Call for Public Submissions

The Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP (CPC) will conduct a public interest investigation into the following Chair-initiated complaint:

- Complaint into the conduct of those unidentified RCMP members who have conducted criminal investigations into the activities of other RCMP members, in cases that involved serious injury or death, which have taken place anywhere between April 1, 2002 and March 31, 2007.

In conducting this public interest investigation, the CPC will not necessarily examine all such criminal investigations; rather, a sample of cases will be selected from across Canada drawn from the five regions policed by the RCMP.

The CPC's mandate for the Chair-initiated "police investigating police" complaint is to determine:

1. whether the RCMP members involved in these investigations conducted the investigations:
 - a. free of actual or perceived conflict of interest;
 - b. responded appropriately and proportionately to the gravity of the incident;
 - c. responded in a timely fashion; and
 - d. adhered to the standards set out in section 37 of the RCMP Act.
2. whether these same RCMP members complied with all appropriate policies, procedures, guidelines and statutory requirements for such investigations; and
3. whether existing RCMP policies, procedures, and guidelines are adequate to ensure that fair, effective, thorough and impartial investigations are carried out by RCMP members when investigating fellow RCMP members.

The CPC will also undertake an examination of domestic and international models for investigation of actions involving police and civilians that result in serious injury or death. The Chair of the CPC will make recommendations regarding how criminal investigations into the activities of RCMP members could be managed to complement the current investigative process, while also taking into account domestic and international best practices. Work is already underway.

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In order to assist the Chair in drafting his final report and recommendations, public submissions are being sought on any matter relevant to the Public Interest Investigation, as per the terms of reference outlined previously.

All final submissions are required no later than March 31, 2008 and can be sent to:

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