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Dear Chief,

I have attached correspondence given to Constable Dunlop from Inspector Trew, regarding a request for leave to attend in Vancouver, to receive an award. In this letter, Inspector Trew, makes reference to two items which you may not be aware of and can not go without clarification.

The first minor issue is and I quote, "Although this request ought to have been made directly to your immediate supervisor,". Constable Dunlop came to the Vice President with this letter, asking the association to present this request. This misunderstanding of chain of command was discussed with Inspector Trew and Vice President Lortie. It has no business in this letter. Furthermore, did Inspector Trew follow the chain of command when initiating an investigation into comments made by Constable Dunlop in a past CBC interview, the answer is no and for good reasons. There is an obvious conflict of interest with Constable Dunlop and some members in management positions. Constable Dunlop used common sense, requesting this leave from a different level, through the association.

The second issue and more important issue is quoted in the last line of Inspector Trew's letter, "As you are receiving your award in your personal capacity, it is understood that you will attend in civilian attire." I do not wish to bring forward old wounds, but how can we forget the events that transpired that led to Constable Dunlop's actions. He was charged under the Police Act for misconduct, taking action that was not part of his duties, and exonerated by a court of law. The judgement in this case went further to point out that it was Constable Dunlop's duty to report this incident. Constable Dunlop continued to look at this matter when everyone else had forgotten it, and the end result so far is 12 persons charged, with 57 criminal counts. Was it not his duty to investigate this? This is not just out of his personal capacity, it is out of his capacity as a police constable. He has carried out his duty through great adversity. I do not wish to labour this point. It has nothing to do with other members, it was only a service to the community.

Constable Dunlop is not the first officer to care about the well being of the community, outside of his regular shift, and recognized in an awards ceremony, in uniform. I have attached a photo copy of a news paper clipping, which was published in the Standard Freeholder,

October 17th, 1996. Officers were recognized for service, which was not part of their regular duties. These officers deserved this recognition and are seen in uniform. You were quoted as saying, "In this partnership, each of us has a responsibility to contribute to the well-being of everyone in the community in which we live." I hope that we can agree that Constable Dunlop, through his efforts has contributed to this community. Certainly the Vancouver Island Human Rights Coalition is convinced of this.

In my capacity as president of the Cornwall Police Association, I have been approached by the Ottawa Sun for comments regarding Constable Dunlop and this prestigious award. Before I speak to them, could you please confirm some questions for the record. Can Constable Dunlop wear full dress uniform to this ceremony? If not, can we have an explanation as to why he is being treated differently from others? Constable Dunlop also mentioned in passing that he was going to request that the police service pay for his travel fees, which are coming out of his pocket. However, after receiving this letter from Inspector Trew, he felt it was a hopeless request. If he was receiving this award on behalf of the association, we would pay for his travel fees, however, he was doing this in his capacity as a police officer and good citizen. Has the service paid for travelling fees for other members who were receiving awards and/or dealing with fundraising events, such as Special Olympics? If so, can Constable Dunlop receive reimbursement for all, or part of his travelling fees?

The association did not bring this non-issue to the forefront. This has the appearance of a personality problem. I am sure that this is merely a misunderstanding, which can be easily resolved at your level. I look forward to your attention and response to these issues.

Thanking you in advance



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