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All School Liaison and Youth Officers British Columbia

Dear School Liaison Officer and Youth Officers,

The events that took place in Quebec and Ottawa this week represent a new reality in the security environment in Canada. The RCMP National Security Program in British Columbia is requesting your continued vigilance to security. Currently, there are no indications of an imminent threat; however, we are asking you to remain alert to your surroundings.

A key component of any security program is awareness of suspicious incidents. When anything out of the ordinary is observed, *please report it immediately to the police of jurisdiction*. Incidents might include:

- Suspicious People: Does someone seem out of place? Are they asking unusual or odd questions? Is their behavior odd or suspicious? Have you noticed vehicles parked for long periods?
- Surveillance: Someone recording or monitoring security systems or procedures, drawing pictures or taking notes, or discreetly using cameras or binoculars
- Tests of Security: Any attempt to penetrate security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses

Extra precaution should be exercised given the current situation. This may be an opportunity to reevaluate security protocols and review personal safety procedures with staff.

It is important to remain vigilante and not allow complacency to set in.

Sincerely,

Dan Bond, Superintendent Assistant Criminal Operations Officer "E" Division National Security Program