



Funeral Details for Constable Dery

Kuujuuaq, Québec, March 6, 2013 – On March 2, Constable Steve Dery of the Kativik Regional Police Force died from injuries he received while responding to a call in this Nunavik community. Constable Dery was well respected by his colleagues and by the residents of the village he worked hard to serve and protect.

“I want to offer my heartfelt prayers to everyone who has been affected by this event,” stated Tunu Napartuk, mayor of the Northern Village of Kuujuuaq. “The community is in mourning. As each day passes, we will need to continue searching deep within ourselves for the collective strength to recover from this terrible incident.” For her part, the Chairperson of the Kativik Regional Government Maggie Emudluk added, “I would like to express my sincerest condolences to the family of Constable Dery. This has been a tragedy for the KRPF which plays an important role in our communities, for the community of Kuujuuaq and for the entire region.

The funeral for Constable Dery is being organized by the Kativik Regional Police Force and the Ottawa Police Service in cooperation with the slain officer’s family. The service will be held at 11 a.m. on March 9 at the Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica in Ottawa, Ontario, followed by an official tribute.

Messages of condolence may be emailed to: condolences@krg.ca

Visitations for the family of the deceased and members of the police community will be held at the Heritage Funeral Home (2871 St-Joseph Blvd., Orléans, Ontario) on Friday, March 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. As well, police forces that wish to attend the funeral are asked to contact the Ottawa Police Service at 613 236 1222 ext. 2487 or at specialevents@ottawapolice.ca

Constable Steve Dery was 27 years old. He had been a member of the Kativik Regional Police Force since 2009, starting his career in the community of Kangirsuk before being transferred to the community of Kuujuuaq in 2010. Constable Dery is the first constable of the Kativik Regional Police Force to lose his life in the line of duty.

The Kativik Regional Police Force was created by the Kativik Regional Government in 1996 with the participation of the Solicitor General of Canada and the ministère de la Sécurité publique du Québec to maintain peace, order and public safety in Nunavik. The Kativik Regional Police Force maintains a police detachment in all of the region’s 14 isolated communities. Its mission pursuant to the Québec Police Act is to maintain peace, order and public security; to prevent and repress crime and offences under the law and municipal by-laws in the Kativik Region; as well as to apprehend offenders. A delegation of the Kativik Regional Police Force will be in attendance at the funeral of Constable Steve Dery. This participation has been made possible with the financial assistance of the Nunavik Police Association, and the regional airlines First Air and Air Inuit.

The Kativik Regional Government is a public organization created in 1978, under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. The organization has jurisdiction over nearly the entire territory of Québec north of the 55th parallel in areas such as municipal matters, transportation, the environment, policing, employment, labour training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use planning, civil security and economic development.

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