



KRPF Statement concerning Constable Steve Dery

Kuujjuaq, Québec, March 5, 2013 – The following statement was delivered to media by Aileen MacKinnon, Chief of the Kativik Regional Police Force:

It is with a heavy heart that I come to speak to you today. This is the message that no police chief wants to have to deliver.

At 9:30 p.m. on Saturday March 2, 2013, Constable Steve Dery and his partner Constable Joshua Boreland responded to a routine family dispute call. As they arrived on the scene, both officers were shot.

Constable Boreland was injured, was treated in hospital in Kuujjuaq and was later released. Constable Boreland is doing well and is expected to fully recover from his injuries.

However, Constable Steve Dery was seriously injured and succumbed to his injuries.

Constable Dery was a member of the Kativik Regional Police Force for over four (4) years and, for the majority of that time, he lived and worked in Kuujjuaq. Constable Dery was a trusted and professional police officer, who was respected by his colleagues as well as by the members of the community he worked so hard to serve and protect.

Constable Dery is the first member of the Kativik Regional Police Force to lose his life in the line of duty. On Saturday March 2, we, the Kativik Regional Police Force, lost not only a member of our team but a member of our family.

All the members of the Kativik Regional Police Force are experiencing a wide range of emotions as we attempt to deal with the aftermath of this very difficult and tragic event. No words can accurately express the emotions we are all feeling as we try to move forward. This event has moreover affected the whole community.

During the last few days the support we have received from the individuals, the region and other police organizations has been greatly appreciated.

As Chief of the Kativik Regional Police Force, and in the name of all of the members of the Kativik Regional Police Force, I would like to express our deepest condolences to Constable Dery's family.

Constable Dery will be sorely missed by all.

I would like to request that the media respect the privacy of Constable Dery's family, as well as that of the members of the Kativik Regional Police Force as each of us attempts to find a way to cope with our loss.

Thank you.