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Dear Mayor Elisa BROSSEAU

As you are aware, hot, dry conditions continue in most areas of the province resulting in numerous wildfires. The situation is dynamic and has the ability to impact public safety. The Alberta RCMP continues to respond to preserve the peace and protect the safety of affected persons, property and communities across Alberta.

This situation constitutes an emergency in the Province of Alberta, and the Provincial Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services has granted the emergency provisions under Article 9 of the Provincial Police Service Agreements (PPSA) for the deployment of RCMP officers to the extent necessary to “maintain law and order, keep the peace and protect the safety of persons, or property.” Municipal Police Service Agreements (MPSA) allow for the withdrawal of up to 10% of resources to address the circumstances. Redeployment of Members occurs when Members are temporarily assigned to a different geographic location or Unit than where they are normally posted. For example, a Member attached to a Municipal Unit is considered redeployed if he or she is temporarily assigned to a provincial/territorial or Federal Unit to respond to an Emergency.

The need for an ongoing police response to ensure the safety of people and property in affected communities means the Alberta RCMP may need to draw on resources from your police service.

It is important to note that any municipality from which resources are drawn will NOT bear the costs directly related to the redeployment. The Province pays 100% of all the costs, including salary, transportation, overtime, and other operating costs. However, if municipalities choose to backfill their police officer positions while their resources are redeployed, they would be responsible for the backfill costs.



As your Chief of Police, I want to assure you that we will be keeping community resource needs in mind when choosing where to withdraw members, and will ensure we still have adequate resources to respond to calls for service.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns, and thank you for your support in assisting us to address this emergency situation.



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