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January 31, 2019

Via Email: s.22(1)

Dear s.22(1)

I write further to your request received by the Metro Vancouver Transit Police on 2018-09-11 and subsequent request for review on 2018-12-17 . In your request you sought the following information:

*Reports to Police Services & Police Board regarding Firearm Discharges 2007-2017*

We have now had the opportunity to compile the remaining information requested. Therefore please find attached the responsive data. For ease of reference we have included all previously released information.

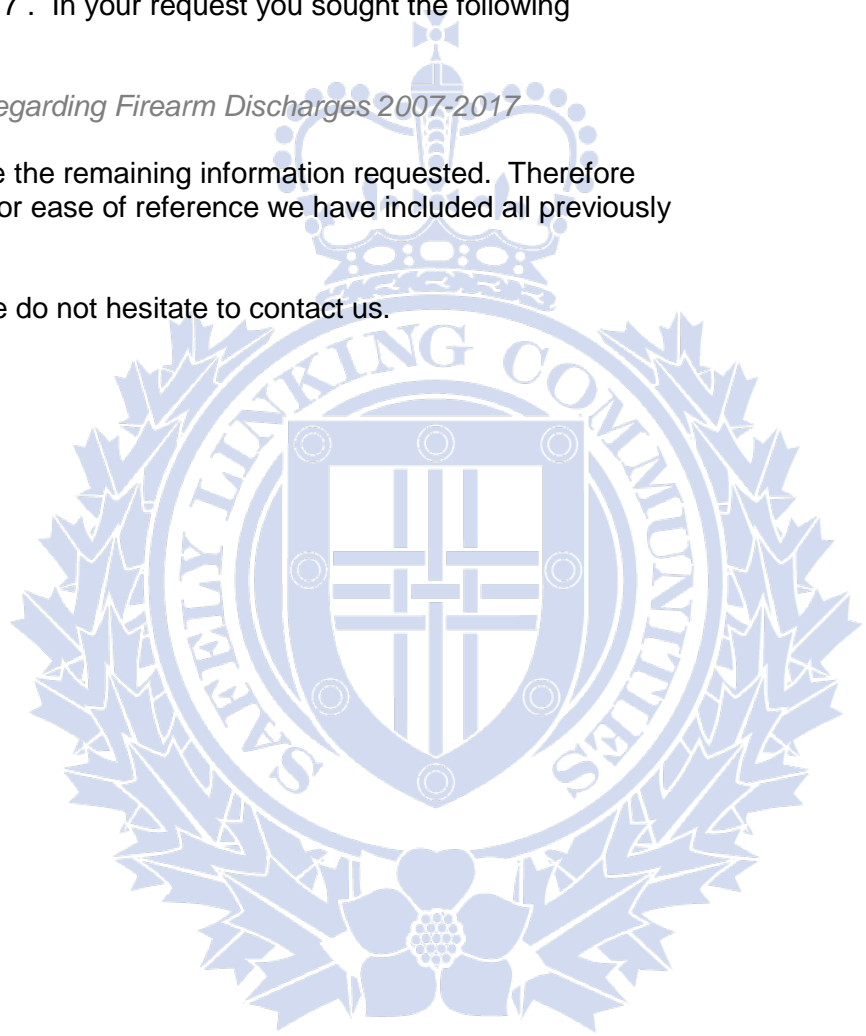
If we can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

electronically signed GV6082

**Legal Services Section**

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## INTRODUCTION

Each year since 2007, Policing and Security Branch (PSB) has collected summary data from each police agency in BC on the number of police firearm discharge incidents, including whether the discharge resulted in injury or death. This report presents a 10-year summary of that data.

The discharge data presented in this document only includes operational firearm discharge incidents involving a person. Firearm discharges involving animals (for humanitarian or self-defence reasons) and accidental firearm discharges in a non-operational context (e.g. while cleaning a gun) were excluded from analysis. For consistency and to avoid double counting, PSB has attempted to ensure that incident counts are attributed to the police agency that was in command of the incident during which a firearm discharge occurred. In some cases, such as incidents involving seconded police officers, integrated Emergency Response Team callouts or requests for assistance from other police agencies, this may be a different police agency to where the involved officer is employed. An incident can include more than one discharge by the same officer or different officers. This report only includes injuries and deaths caused by a police firearm.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- From 2007 to 2016, the number of police firearm discharge incidents reported to PSB per year ranged from a low of nine to a high of 24, for an average of 13 incidents per year (see Table 1).
- From 2007 to 2016, there was an average of four deaths per year (range of zero to eight), and an average of four persons injured per year by police firearm discharges (see Figure 1).
- In 2016, there were nine police firearm discharge incidents in BC reported to PSB, three less than in 2015. Also in 2016, four people died and five people were injured as a result of police gunshot wounds; this was three less deaths and one more injury than in 2015.
- Overall, there is no clear trend in police firearm discharges, when considered in isolation or when compared to trends in other data available to PSB about the policing environment in BC. The number of discharges has fluctuated, increasing in some years while decreasing in others. Furthermore, because the number of incidents each year is relatively small, the fluctuations are quite pronounced when expressed as percentage increases or decreases.

# Police Firearm Discharges, 2007–2016

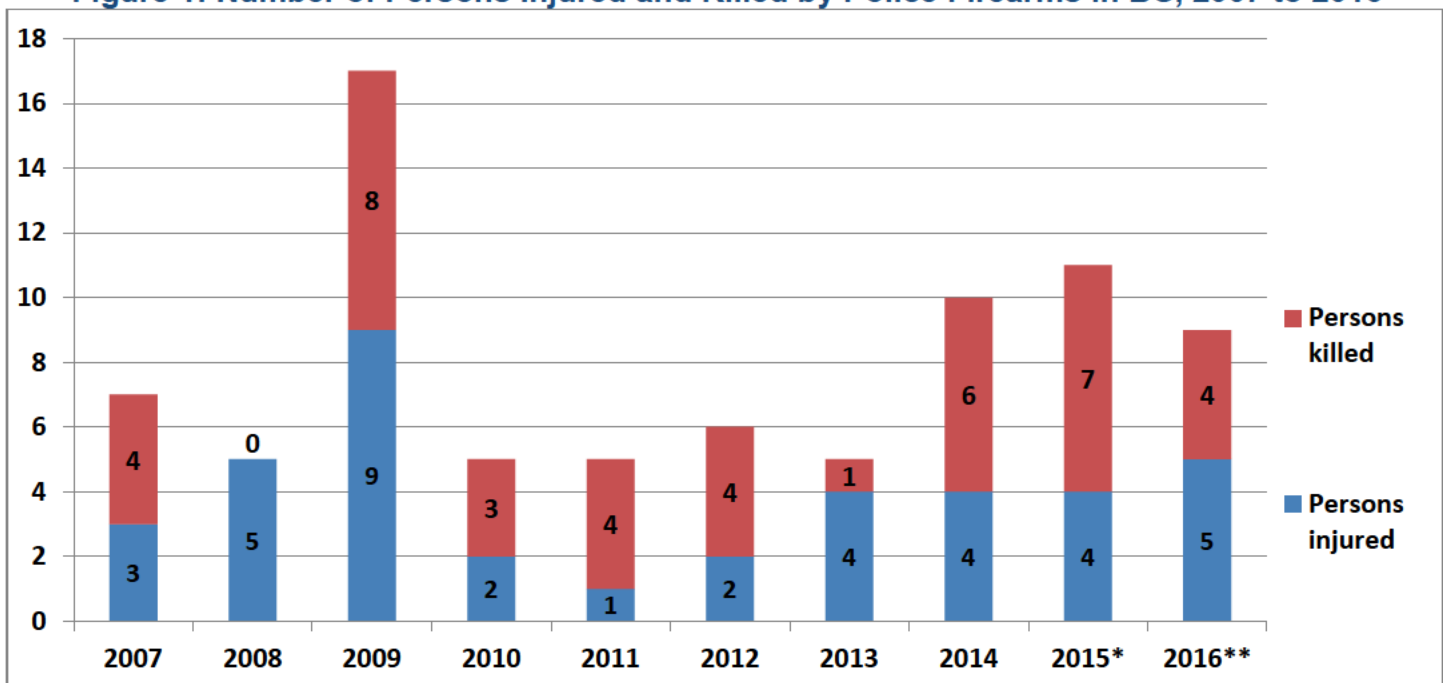
**Table 1: Police Firearm Discharge Incidents in an Operational Setting by Agency, 2007 to 2016**

POLICE AGENCY*															
	AB	CS	DE	NE	NW	OB	PM	SA	STP	TP	VA	VI	WV	RCMP	BC Total
2007	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	11	15
2008	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	13
2009	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	19	24
2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	9
2011	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	7	10
2012	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	10
2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	9	10
2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	0	9	16
2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	11	12
2016	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	9

\*Abbotsford Police Department (AB), Central Saanich Police Service (CS), Delta Police Department (DE), Nelson Police Department (NE), New Westminster Police Department (NW), Oak Bay Police Department (OB), Port Moody Police Department (PM), Saanich Police Department (SA), St'l'at'imx Tribal Police Service (STP), Metro Vancouver Transit Police (TP), Vancouver Police Department (VA), Victoria Police Department (VI), and the West Vancouver Police Department (WV).

**Note:** Counts are attributed to the agency that was in command of the officer(s) who discharged the firearm(s) at the time of the incident, regardless of which agency the member(s) may have been seconded from (e.g. integrated Emergency Response Teams).

**Figure 1: Number of Persons Injured and Killed by Police Firearms in BC, 2007 to 2016**



**Note:** This data only includes injuries and deaths caused by a police firearm.

\*2015 persons-killed figure includes two people who died after being shot by police, who had also sustained other life-threatening injuries that were not caused by a police firearm.

\*\*2016 figure includes one incident counted as an injury where a subject was shot by police, and later died from a different injury.

# Firearm discharges

Data for year 2008

Name of agency: SCBCTAPS

Part A	Did an officer from your agency discharge firearms (do not include incidents that solely involve animals) - Y / N (if 'Yes' fill part A below)	N
Part B	Were there any firearm incidents involving animals (humanitarian and or in self-defense) (Y / N) (if 'Yes' fill part B below).	N

## Part A - Information about each firearm discharge - Do not include animals

1st Incident (fill one column for each incident)

2nd Incident

### INFORMATION ABOUT THE INCIDENT

1		How many officers from your agency discharged a firearm in this incident		
	1(a)	Did officers from another agency discharge a firearm (Yes / No).		
2		Total number of rounds fired by officers from YOUR agency in this incident		
	2(a)	How many rounds were fired intentionally		
	2(b)	How many rounds were fired unintentionally		
3		Did officers from ANY agency use any intermediate weapons - not just displayed - in this incident (Y/N)		
	3(a)	If yes, specify the type of intermediate weapon, or force option (list all - e.g. bean bags, CEW/taser, OC spray, baton, police dogs)		

### INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUBJECTS

4		How many subject/s were involved		
5		Were any subject/s believed to be intoxicated (drugs and/or alcohol) (Y/N)		
6		Did the officer believe that the subject/s were armed with a weapon (Y/N)		
	6(a)	If yes, specify the type of weapon/s believed to be in the possession of the subject (e.g firearm, knife, baseball bat). If several weapons, list all types.		

**PART A**

**INFORMATION ABOUT SERIOUS INJURIES**

A serious injury is one which necessitates medical attention for a condition likely to interfere with the health or comfort of the person and is **more than merely transient or trifling in nature** (e.g. fractures, laceration, contusion, concussion, or loss of vision or hearing).

7		Were any officer/s seriously injured during this incident (Y/N)		
	7(a)	If yes, briefly describe injury and cause		
8		Were any subject/s seriously injured during the incident (Y/N)		
	8(a)	If yes, briefly describe injury and cause		
9		Were any third party or bystander/s seriously injured in this incident (Y / N) (not subject, not officer)		
	9(a)	If yes, briefly describe injury and cause		

**INFORMATION ABOUT DEATH/S**

10		Did any officer/s die as a result of the incident (Y/N)		
	10(a)	If yes, briefly describe cause		
11		Did any subject/s die from incident (Y / N)		
	11(a)	If yes, briefly describe cause		
12		Did any third party or bystander/s die in this incident (Y / N) (not subject, not officer)		
	12(c)	If yes, briefly describe cause		
13		Briefly describe the circumstance of each incident (no police file numbers, names, location or personal identifiers necessary.)		

**Part B - Incidents Involving Animals**

Total number of incidents

Total number of shots fired

**PART B**

14	Number of incidents where a firearm was discharged at an animal for HUMANITARIAN reasons (e.g. to end suffering after animal hit by car)		
15	Number of incidents where a firearm was discharged at an animal for officer SELF-DEFENSE or to prevent injuries to another person (e.g. attacking dog)		

## Firearm discharges

Data for year 2009

Name of agency: South Coast British Columbia  
Transportation Authority Police Service

<b>Part A</b>	Did an officer from your agency discharge firearms (do not include incidents that solely involve animals) - Y / N (if 'Yes' fill part A below)	No
<b>Part B</b>	Were there any firearm incidents involving animals (humanitarian and or in self-defense) (Y / N) (if 'Yes' fill part B below).	No

<b>Part A - Information about each firearm discharge - Do not include animals</b>			<b>1st Incident (fill one column for each incident)</b>	<b>2nd Incident</b>	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT THE INCIDENT</b>					
<b>PART A</b>	<b>1</b>	How many officers from your agency discharged a firearm in this incident			
	<b>1(a)</b>	Did officers from another agency discharge a firearm (Yes / No).			
	<b>2</b>	Total number of rounds fired by officers from YOUR agency in this incident			
	<b>2(a)</b>	How many rounds were fired intentionally			
	<b>2(b)</b>	How many rounds were fired unintentionally			
	<b>3</b>	Did officers from ANY agency use any intermediate weapons - not just displayed - in this incident (Y/N)			
	<b>3(a)</b>	If yes, specify the type of intermediate weapon, or force option (list all - e.g. bean bags, CEW/taser, OC spray, baton, police dogs)			
	<b>INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUBJECTS</b>				
	<b>4</b>	How many subject/s were involved			
	<b>5</b>	Were any subject/s believed to be intoxicated (drugs and/or alcohol) (Y/N)			
<b>6</b>	Did the officer believe that the subject/s were armed with a weapon (Y/N)				
	<b>6(a)</b>	If yes, specify the type of weapon/s believed to be in the possession of the subject (e.g firearm, knife, baseball bat). If several weapons, list all types.			

PART A	<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERIOUS INJURIES</b>				
	A serious injury is one which necessitates medical attention for a condition likely to interfere with the health or comfort of the person and is <b>more than merely transient or trifling in nature</b> (e.g. fractures, laceration, contusion, concussion, or loss of vision or hearing).				
	7		Were any officer/s seriously injured during this incident (Y/N)		
		7(a)	If yes, briefly describe injury and cause		
	8		Were any subject/s seriously injured during the incident (Y/N)		
		8(a)	If yes, briefly describe injury and cause		
	9		Were any third party or bystander/s seriously injured in this incident (Y / N) (not subject, not officer)		
		9(a)	If yes, briefly describe injury and cause		
	<b>INFORMATION ABOUT DEATH/S</b>				
	10		Did any officer/s die as a result of the incident (Y/N)		
		10(a)	If yes, briefly describe cause		
	11		Did any subject/s die from incident (Y / N)		
	11(a)	If yes, briefly describe cause			
12		Did any third party or bystander/s die in this incident (Y / N) (not subject, not officer)			
	12(c)	If yes, briefly describe cause			
	13		Briefly describe the circumstance of each incident (no police file numbers, names, location or personal identifiers necessary.)		
<b>Part B - Incidents Involving Animals</b>				Total number of incidents	Total number of shots fired
PART B	14	Number of incidents where a firearm was discharged at an animal for HUMANITARIAN reasons (e.g. to end suffering after animal hit by car)			
	15	Number of incidents where a firearm was discharged at an animal for officer SELF-DEFENSE or to prevent injuries to another person (e.g. attacking dog)			



# 2010 - FIREARM DISCHARGES

**AGENCY** SCBC Transportation Authority Police Service

<b>Part A</b>	Did an officer from your agency discharge firearms - Yes/No. If 'Yes', complete Part A below (exclude incidents solely involving animals).	No
<b>Part B</b>	Were there any firearm incidents involving animals - Yes/No. If 'Yes', complete Part B below (humanitarian and/or in self-defense).	No

Please note UK means unknown or not available at this time.

Part A - Information About Each Firearm Discharge							
Exclude Incidents Solely Involving Animals							
INFORMATION ABOUT THE INCIDENT (complete one column per incident)		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident	
PART A	1	How many officers from your agency discharged a firearm in this incident?					
	(a)	Did officers from another agency discharge a firearm? Yes/No.					
	2	What was the total number of rounds fired by your agency's officers in this incident?					
	(a)	How many rounds were fired intentionally?					
	(b)	How many rounds were fired unintentionally?					
	3	Did officers from ANY agency apply intermediate weapons - not just displayed - in this incident? Yes/No.					
	(a)	If yes, specify the type of intermediate weapon, or force option (list all, e.g., ERIW, CEW, OC spray, baton, police dog)					
	INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUBJECTS		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
	4	How many subjects were involved?					
	5	Were any subjects believed to be intoxicated (drugs and/or alcohol)? Yes/No.					
6	Did the officer believe that the subjects were armed with a weapon? Yes/No.						
(a)	If yes, specify the type of weapon believed to be in the possession of the subject (list all, e.g., firearm, knife).						



PART A	<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERIOUS INJURIES</b> A serious injury is one which necessitates medical attention for a condition likely to interfere with the health or comfort of the person and is <b>more than merely transient or trifling in nature</b> (e.g. fractures, laceration, contusion, concussion, or temporary loss of vision or hearing).		<b>1st Incident</b>	<b>2nd Incident</b>	<b>3rd Incident</b>	<b>4th Incident</b>	<b>5th Incident</b>
	7	Were any officers seriously injured during this incident? Yes/No. If yes, please provide the number of officers.					
		(a) If yes, briefly describe injury and cause.					
	8	Were any subjects seriously injured during this incident? Yes/No. If yes, please provide the number of subjects.					
		(a) If yes, briefly describe injury and cause.					
	9	Excluding officers and subjects, were any third parties or bystanders seriously injured in this incident? Yes/No. If yes, please provide the number of third parties or bystanders.					
		(a) If yes, briefly describe injury and cause.					
	<b>INFORMATION ABOUT DEATHS</b>		<b>1st Incident</b>	<b>2nd Incident</b>	<b>3rd Incident</b>	<b>4th Incident</b>	<b>5th Incident</b>
	10	Did any officers die as a result of this incident? Yes/No. If yes, please provide the number of officers.					
		(a) If yes, briefly describe cause.					
11	Did any subjects die as a result of this incident? Yes/No. If yes, please provide the number of subjects.						
	(a) If yes, briefly describe cause.						

INFORMATION ABOUT DEATHS Cont'd		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
PART A	12	Excluding officers and subjects, were any third parties or bystanders killed in this incident? Yes/No. If yes, please provide the number of third parties or bystanders.				
	(a)	If yes, briefly describe cause				
	13	Briefly describe the circumstance of each incident. (Exclude agency file numbers, names, addresses, and any other personal identifiers.)				

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Part B - Incidents Involving Animals		Total incidents	Total shots fired
PART B	14	Number of incidents where a firearm was discharged at an animal for HUMANITARIAN reasons (e.g. to end suffering after animal hit by car)	
	15	Number of incidents where a firearm was discharged at an animal for officer SELF-DEFENSE or to prevent injuries to another person (e.g. attacking dog)	

# 2011 - FIREARM DISCHARGES

AGENCY SCBC Transportation Authority Police Service

<b>Part A</b>	Did an officer from your agency discharge firearms - Yes/No. If 'Yes', complete Part A below (exclude incidents solely involving animals).	No
<b>Part B</b>	Were there any firearm incidents involving animals - Yes/No. If 'Yes', complete Part B below (humanitarian and/or in self-defense).	No

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Part A - Information About Each Firearm Discharge							
Exclude Incidents Solely Involving Animals							
INFORMATION ABOUT THE INCIDENT (complete one column per incident)		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident	
PART A	1	How many officers from your agency discharged a firearm in this incident?					
	(a)	Did officers from another agency discharge a firearm? Yes/No.					
	2	What was the total number of rounds fired by your agency's officers in this incident?					
	(a)	How many rounds were fired intentionally?					
	(b)	How many rounds were fired unintentionally?					
	3	Did officers from ANY agency apply intermediate weapons - not just displayed - in this incident? Yes/No.					
	(a)	If yes, specify the type of intermediate weapon, or force option (list all, e.g., ERIW, CEW, OC spray, baton, police dog)					
	INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUBJECTS		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
	4	How many subjects were involved?					
	5	Were any subjects believed to be intoxicated (drugs and/or alcohol)? Yes/No.					
6	Did the officer believe that the subjects were armed with a weapon? Yes/No.						
(a)	If yes, specify the type of weapon believed to be in the possession of the subject (list all, e.g., firearm, knife).						

PART A	<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERIOUS INJURIES</b> A serious injury is one which necessitates medical attention for a condition likely to interfere with the health or comfort of the person and is <b>more than merely transient or trifling in nature</b> (e.g. fractures, laceration, contusion, concussion, or temporary loss of vision or hearing).		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
	7	Were any officers seriously injured during this incident? Yes/No. If yes, please provide the number of officers.					
		(a) If yes, briefly describe injury and cause.					
	8	Were any subjects seriously injured during this incident? Yes/No. If yes, please provide the number of subjects.					
		(a) If yes, briefly describe injury and cause.					
	9	Excluding officers and subjects, were any third parties or bystanders seriously injured in this incident? Yes/No. If yes, please provide the number of third parties or bystanders.					
		(a) If yes, briefly describe injury and cause.					
	<b>INFORMATION ABOUT DEATHS</b>		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
	10	Did any officers die as a result of this incident? Yes/No. If yes, please provide the number of officers.					
		(a) If yes, briefly describe cause.					
11	Did any subjects die as a result of this incident? Yes/No. If yes, please provide the number of subjects.						
	(a) If yes, briefly describe cause.						

INFORMATION ABOUT DEATHS Cont'd		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
PART A	12	Excluding officers and subjects, were any third parties or bystanders killed in this incident? Yes/No. If yes, please provide the number of third parties or bystanders.				
	(a)	If yes, briefly describe cause				
	13	Briefly describe the circumstance of each incident. (Exclude agency file numbers, names, addresses, and any other personal identifiers.)				

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Part B - Incidents Involving Animals		Total incidents	Total shots fired
PART B	14	Number of incidents where a firearm was discharged at an animal for HUMANITARIAN reasons (e.g. to end suffering after animal hit by car)	
	15	Number of incidents where a firearm was discharged at an animal for officer SELF-DEFENSE or to prevent injuries to another person (e.g. attacking dog)	

# 2012 - FIREARM DISCHARGES

AGENCY Transit Police

<b>Part A</b>	Did an officer from your agency discharge firearms - Yes/No. If 'Yes', complete Part A below (exclude incidents solely involving animals).	NO
<b>Part B</b>	Were there any firearm incidents involving animals - Yes/No. If 'Yes', complete Part B below (humanitarian and/or in self-defense).	NO

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Part A - Information About Each Firearm Discharge							
Exclude Incidents Solely Involving Animals							
INFORMATION ABOUT THE INCIDENT (complete one column per incident)		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident	
PART A	1	How many officers from your agency discharged a firearm in this incident?					
	(a)	Did officers from another agency discharge a firearm? Yes/No.					
	2	What was the total number of rounds fired by your agency's officers in this incident?					
	(a)	How many rounds were fired intentionally?					
	(b)	How many rounds were fired unintentionally?					
	3	Did officers from ANY agency apply intermediate weapons - not just displayed - in this incident? Yes/No.					
	(a)	If yes, specify the type of intermediate weapon, or force option (list all, e.g., ERIW, CEW, OC spray, baton, police dog)					
	INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUBJECTS		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
	4	How many subjects were involved?					
	5	Were any subjects believed to be intoxicated (drugs and/or alcohol)? Yes/No.					
6	Did the officer believe that the subjects were armed with a weapon? Yes/No.						
(a)	If yes, specify the type of weapon believed to be in the possession of the subject (list all, e.g., firearm, knife).						

PART A	<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERIOUS INJURIES</b> A serious injury is one which necessitates medical attention for a condition likely to interfere with the health or comfort of the person and is <b>more than merely transient or trifling in nature</b> (e.g. fractures, laceration, contusion, concussion, or temporary loss of vision or hearing).		<b>1st Incident</b>	<b>2nd Incident</b>	<b>3rd Incident</b>	<b>4th Incident</b>	<b>5th Incident</b>
	7	Were any officers seriously injured during this incident? Yes/No. If yes, please provide the number of officers.					
		(a) If yes, briefly describe injury and cause.					
	8	Were any subjects seriously injured during this incident? Yes/No. If yes, please provide the number of subjects.					
		(a) If yes, briefly describe injury and cause.					
	9	Excluding officers and subjects, were any third parties or bystanders seriously injured in this incident? Yes/No. If yes, please provide the number of third parties or bystanders.					
		(a) If yes, briefly describe injury and cause.					
	<b>INFORMATION ABOUT DEATHS</b>		<b>1st Incident</b>	<b>2nd Incident</b>	<b>3rd Incident</b>	<b>4th Incident</b>	<b>5th Incident</b>
	10	Did any officers die as a result of this incident? Yes/No. If yes, please provide the number of officers.					
		(a) If yes, briefly describe cause.					
11	Did any subjects die as a result of this incident? Yes/No. If yes, please provide the number of subjects.						
	(a) If yes, briefly describe cause.						



INFORMATION ABOUT DEATHS Cont'd		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
PART A	12	Excluding officers and subjects, were any third parties or bystanders killed in this incident? Yes/No. If yes, please provide the number of third parties or bystanders.				
	(a)	If yes, briefly describe cause				
	13	Briefly describe the circumstance of each incident. (Exclude agency file numbers, names, addresses, and any other personal identifiers.)				

Please note UK means unknown or not available at this time.

Part B - Incidents Involving Animals		Total incidents	Total shots fired
PART B	14	0	0
	15	0	0

# 2013 - FIREARM DISCHARGES

AGENCY

Metro Vancouver Transit Police

Part A	Did an officer from your agency discharge firearms - Yes/No. If 'Yes', complete Part A below (exclude incidents solely involving animals and accidents outside of a use of force event).	NO		Please note UK means unknown or not available at this time.
		Total Incidents	Total Shots Fired	
Part B	Record the number of firearm incidents and shots fired involving animals for humanitarian reasons:	0	N/A	
	Record the number of firearm incidents and shots fired involving animals for self-defense:	0	N/A	
Part C	Record the number of accidental firearm discharge incidents and shots fired that occurred outside of an operational setting. (e.g. accidental discharge in locker room):	0	N/A	

## Part A - Information About Each Firearm Discharge

Exclude incidents solely involving animals and accidents outside of an operational setting.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE INCIDENT (complete one column per incident)		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
PART A	1 How many officers from your agency discharged a firearm in this incident?					
	(a) Did officers from another agency discharge a firearm? Yes/No.					
	2 Approximately what was the distance between subject and officer when the rounds were discharged?					
	3 What was the total number of rounds fired by your agency's officers in this incident?					
	(a) How many rounds were fired intentionally?					
	(b) How many rounds were fired unintentionally?					
	4 Was the officer who discharged the firearm acting as a member of an emergency response team?					
	5 Did officers from ANY agency apply intermediate weapons - not just display - in this incident? Yes/No.					
	(a) If yes, specify the type of intermediate weapon, or force option (list all, e.g., ERIW, CEW, OC spray, baton, police dog):					
	INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUBJECTS		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident
6	How many subjects were involved?					
7	Were any subjects believed to be intoxicated (drugs and/or alcohol)? Yes/No.					
8	Did the officer believe that the subjects were armed with a weapon? Yes/No.					
(a)	If yes, specify the type of weapon believed to be in the possession of the subject (list all, e.g., firearm, knife):					

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<b>INFORMATION ABOUT NON-TRIVIAL INJURIES</b> For the purposes of this survey, a <u>non-trivial injury</u> is one which necessitates medical attention for a condition likely to interfere with the health or comfort of the person and is <b>more than merely transient or trifling in nature</b> . Examples of non-trivial injuries include: lacerations, fractures/broken bones, concussions etc.			1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
PART A	9	Did any officers suffer a non-trivial injury during this incident? Yes/No.					
		(a) If yes, please provide the number of officers injured for each incident:	#	#	#	#	#
		(b) If yes, briefly describe injury and cause of injury for each incident:					
	10	Did any subjects suffer a non-trivial injury during this incident? Yes/No.					
		(a) If yes, please provide the number of subjects injured for each incident:	#	#	#	#	#
		(b) If yes, briefly describe injury and cause for each incident:					
	11	Excluding officers and subjects, did any third parties or bystanders suffer a non-trivial injury during this incident? Yes/No.					
		(a) If yes, please provide the number of third parties or bystanders injured for each incident:	#	#	#	#	#
		(b) If yes, briefly describe injury and cause for each incident:					

INFORMATION ABOUT DEATHS			1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
PART A	12	Did any officers die as a result of this incident? Yes/No.					
		(a) If yes, please provide the number of officers:					
		(b) If yes, briefly describe cause:					
	13	Did any subjects die as a result of this incident? Yes/No.					
		(a) If yes, please provide the number of subjects:					
		(b) If yes, briefly describe cause:					
	14	Excluding officers and subjects, were any third parties or bystanders killed in this incident? Yes/No.					
		(a) If yes, please provide the number of third parties or bystanders:					
		(b) If yes, briefly describe cause:					

PART A	DETAILS ON EACH INCIDENT		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
	15	Briefly describe the circumstance of each incident. (Exclude agency file numbers, names, addresses, and any other personal identifiers).					

## Police Services Division - Use of Force Reporting Forms – Firearm Discharge

### Firearm Discharge

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Collection period: 2007

Name of Department: South Coast British Columbia  
Transportation Authority Police Service (formerly  
GVTAPS)

### Part A - Information about each firearm discharge - Do not include animals

(add more if necessary)

			Incident #	Incident #	Incident #
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT THE INCIDENT</b>					
1		How many officers discharged a firearm in this incident	0		
2		Total number of rounds fired in this incident	0		
	2(a)	How many rounds were fired intentionally	0		
	2(b)	How many rounds were fired unintentionally	0		
3		Were any intermediate weapons also deployed - not just displayed - in this incident (Y/N)	0		
	3(a)	If yes, specify the type of intermediate weapon (list all intermediate weapons - e.g. bean bags, CEW/taser, OC spray, baton, police dogs)	0		
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUBJECTS</b>					
4		How many subject/s were involved	0		
5		Were any subject/s believed to be intoxicated (drugs and/or alcohol) (Y/N)	0		
6		Were any subject/s believed to be armed with a weapon (Y/N)	0		

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	<b>6(a)</b>	If yes, specify the type of weapon/s (e.g firearm, firearm replica, knife, baseball bat). If several weapons, list all types.	0		
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT SERIOUS INJURIES TO OFFICERS AND/OR SUBJECTS</b>					
<b>7</b>		Were any officer/s seriously injured during this incident (Y/N)	0		
	<b>7(a)</b>	If yes, briefly describe injury and cause	0		
<b>8</b>		Were any subject/s seriously injured during the incident (Y/N)	0		
	<b>8(a)</b>	If yes, briefly describe injury and cause	0		
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT THE DEATH/S OF OFFICERS OR SUBJECTS</b>					
<b>9</b>		Did any officer/s die as a result of the incident (Y/N)	0		
	<b>9(a)</b>	If yes, briefly describe cause	0		
<b>10</b>		Did any subject/s die from incident (Y/N)	0		
	<b>10(a)</b>	If yes, briefly describe cause	0		

<b><u>Part B - Incidents Involving Animals</u></b>		Total number of incidents	Total number of shots fired
<b>11</b>	Number of incidents where a firearm was discharged at an animal for HUMANITARIAN reasons (e.g. to end suffering after animal hit by car)	0	
<b>12</b>	Number of incidents where a firearm was discharged at an animal for officer SELF-DEFENSE or to prevent injuries to another person (e.g. attacking dog)	0	



## **Police Services Division - Use of Force Reporting Forms – Firearm Discharge**

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## 2014 USE OF FORCE AND CUSTODY/POLICE RELATED DEATHS SURVEY

### Instructions and Information

- Information and data being collected covers events occurring within the calendar year of 2014.

Agency

METRO VANCOUVER TRUNKET POLICE

Agency Contact Information

S.15 (1) (f), S.22 (1)

FORCE OPTIONS SECTION  
# 300. 2007 NEWS, COURT  
NEW WESTMINSTER

S.15 (1) (f), S.22 (1)

**This survey form is comprised of five components:**

- 1 Instructions and Information
- 2 Firearm Discharges
- 3 Intermediate Force Options
- 4 Police Pursuits
- 5 Custody and Police Related Deaths

### HOW TO COMPLETE THE FORM

- Please complete all applicable questions.
- If data is unavailable at this time, record "UK" for unknown.
- If you have any questions or concerns as you fill in the forms, please contact us and/or complete the COMMENTS portion located on the last page of the survey form.
- Once completed, your form can either be faxed, mailed or emailed to us.
- Please ensure that you retain a copy of your completed survey form for your agency's records.

### RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO

S.22 (1)

Standards and Evaluation Unit, Police Services Division, Ministry of Justice  
405 – 815 Hornby St Vancouver BC V6Z 2E6

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AGENCY METRO JACKSON TOWNSHIP POLICE

<b>Part A</b>	Did an officer from your agency discharge firearms - Yes/No. 'Yes', complete Part A below (exclude incidents solely involving animals and accidents outside of a use of force event).	If <u>YES</u>	Please note UK means unknown or not available at this time.
<b>Part B</b>	Record the number of firearm incidents and shots fired involving animals for humanitarian reasons:	Total Incidents	Total Shots Fired
	Record the number of firearm incidents and shots fired involving animals for self-defense:		
<b>Part C</b>	Record the number of accidental firearm discharge incidents and shots fired that occurred outside of an operational setting. (e.g. accidental discharge in locker room):		

## Part A - Information About Each Firearm Discharge

Exclude incidents solely involving animals and accidents outside of an operational setting.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE INCIDENT (complete one column per incident)		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
PART A	1 How many officers from your agency discharged a firearm in this incident?	<u>ONE</u>	<u>ONE</u>			
	(a) Did officers from another agency discharge a firearm? Yes/No.	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>			
	2 Approximately what was the distance between subject and officer when the rounds were discharged?	<u>S. 15 (1) S. 15 (1) (a)</u>	<u>UK</u>			
	What was the total number of rounds fired by your agency's officers in this incident?	<u>TWO</u>	<u>UK</u>			
	3 (a) How many rounds were fired intentionally?	<u>TWO</u>	<u>UK</u>			
	(b) How many rounds were fired unintentionally?	<u>0</u>	<u>UK</u>			
	4 Was the officer who discharged the firearm acting as a member of an emergency response team?	<u>0</u>	<u>NO</u>			
	Did officers from ANY agency apply intermediate weapons - not just display - in this incident? Yes/No.	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>			
	5 (a) If yes, specify the type of intermediate weapon, or force option (list all, e.g., ERIW, CEW, OC spray, baton, police dog):					
	INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUBJECTS		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident
6 How many subjects were involved?	<u>ONE</u>	<u>ONE</u>				
7 Were any subjects believed to be intoxicated (drugs and/or alcohol)? Yes/No.	<u>NO</u>	<u>UK</u>				
8 Did the officer believe that the subjects were armed with a weapon? Yes/No.	<u>YES</u>	<u>UK</u>				
(a) If yes, specify the type of weapon believed to be in the possession of the subject (list all, e.g., firearm, knife):	<u>FIREARM</u>	<u>UK</u>				



<b>INFORMATION ABOUT NON-TRIVIAL INJURIES</b> For the purposes of this survey, a <u>non-trivial injury</u> is one which necessitates medical attention for a condition likely to interfere with the health or comfort of the person and is <u>more than merely transient or trifling in nature</u> . Examples of non-trivial injuries include: lacerations, fractures/broken bones, concussions etc.		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
9	Did any officers suffer a non-trivial injury during this incident? Yes/No.	NO	NO			
	(a) If yes, please provide the number of officers injured for each incident:	#	#	#	#	#
	(b) If yes, briefly describe injury and cause of injury for each incident:					
10	Did any subjects suffer a non-trivial injury during this incident? Yes/No.	NO	OK			
	(a) If yes, please provide the number of subjects injured for each incident:	#	#	#	#	#
	(b) If yes, briefly describe injury and cause for each incident:					
11	Excluding officers and subjects, did any third parties or bystanders suffer a non-trivial injury during this incident? Yes/No.	NO	OK			
	(a) If yes, please provide the number of third parties or bystanders injured for each incident:	#	#	#	#	#
	(b) If yes, briefly describe injury and cause for each incident:					

INFORMATION ABOUT DEATHS		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
12	Did any officers die as a result of this incident? Yes/No.	NO	OK			
	(a) If yes, please provide the number of officers:					
	(b) If yes, briefly describe cause:					
13	Did any subjects die as a result of this incident? Yes/No.	NO	OK			
	(a) If yes, please provide the number of subjects:					
	(b) If yes, briefly describe cause:					
14	Excluding officers and subjects, were any third parties or bystanders killed in this incident? Yes/No.	NO	NO			
	(a) If yes, please provide the number of third parties or bystanders:					
	(b) If yes, briefly describe cause:					

DETAILS ON EACH INCIDENT		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
PART A	15 Briefly describe the circumstance of each incident. (Exclude agency file numbers, names, addresses, and any other personal identifiers).	<div style="background-color: black; color: red; padding: 5px;">           S.15 (f) ;S.15 (1) (a);S.16 (1) (a);S.15 (1) (c)         </div>				

# 2015 - FIREARM DISCHARGES

AGENCY

South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service

Part A	Did an officer from your agency discharge firearms - Yes/No. If 'Yes', complete Part A below (exclude incidents solely involving animals and accidents outside of a use of force event).	NO	
		Total Incidents	Total Rounds Fired
Part B	Record the number of firearm incidents involving animals for humanitarian reasons:	0	
	Record the number of firearm incidents involving animals for self-defense:	0	
Part C	Record the number of accidental firearm discharge incidents that occurred outside of an operational setting. (e.g. accidental discharge in locker room):	0	

Please note UK means unknown or not available at this time.

Please note that in any incidents where the IIO has asserted jurisdiction, agencies are still required to provide the information requested in the survey.

## Part A - Information About Each Firearm Discharge

Exclude incidents solely involving animals and unintentional discharges outside of an operational setting.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE INCIDENT (complete one column per incident)		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
PART A	1 How many officers from your agency discharged a firearm in this incident?					
	(a) Did officers from another agency discharge a firearm? Yes/No.					
	2 Approximately what was the distance between subject and officer when the rounds were discharged?					
	3 What was the total number of rounds fired by your agency's officers in this incident?					
	(a) How many rounds were fired intentionally?					
	(b) How many rounds were fired unintentionally?					
	4 Was the officer who discharged the firearm acting as a member of an emergency response team?					
	Did officers from ANY agency <u>apply</u> intermediate weapons - not just display - in this incident? Yes/No.					
	5 (a) If yes, specify the type of intermediate weapon, or force option (list all, e.g., ERIW, CEW, OC spray, baton, police dog):					
	6					
INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUBJECTS		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
6	How many subjects were involved?					
7	Were any subjects believed to be intoxicated (drugs and/or alcohol)? Yes/No.					
8	Were any subjects reported to be suicidal? Yes/No.					
9	Were any subjects perceived to be an emotionally disturbed person? Yes/No.					
10	Did any subjects have a history of mental health issues? Yes/ No.					

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PART A	11	Were any subjects apprehended under the Mental Health Act? Yes/No.					
	12	Did the officer believe that the subjects were armed with a weapon? Yes/No.					
		(a) If yes, specify the type of weapon believed to be in the possession of the subject (list all, e.g., firearm, knife):					
	INFORMATION ABOUT DEATHS		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
	13	Did any officers die during this incident? Yes/No.					
	14	How many officers died from a firearm for each incident?	#	#	#	#	#
	15	How many officers died by other means other for each incident?	#	#	#	#	#
		(a) Briefly describe cause of death:					
	16	Did any subjects die during this incident? Yes/No.					
	17	How many subjects died from a police firearm discharge for each incident?	#	#	#	#	#
	18	How many subjects died by other means for each incident?	#	#	#	#	#
		(a) Briefly describe cause of death:					
	19	Did any third parties die during this incident? Yes/No.					
	20	How many third parties died?	#	#	#	#	#
(a) Briefly describe their cause of death:							

INFORMATION ABOUT NON-TRIVIAL INJURIES		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
For the purposes of this survey, a <u>non-trivial injury</u> is one which necessitates medical attention for a condition likely to interfere with the health or comfort of the person and is <b>more than merely transient or trifling in nature</b> . Examples of non-trivial injuries include: lacerations, fractures/broken bones, concussions etc.						
21	Did any officers suffer a non-trivial injury during this incident? Yes/No.					
22	How many officers were injured by a firearm for each incident?	#	#	#	#	#
	How many officers were injured by means other than a firearm for each incident?	#	#	#	#	#
23	(a) Briefly describe cause of injuries for each incident:					
24	Excluding any deceased subjects, did any subjects suffer a non-trivial injury during this incident? Yes/No.					
25	How many subjects were injured by a police firearm discharge for each incident?	#	#	#	#	#
	How many subjects were injured by other means for each incident?	#	#	#	#	#
26	(a) Briefly describe cause of injuries for each incident:					
	Did any third parties suffer a non-trivial injury during this incident? Yes/No.					
27	(a) Briefly describe any injuries and their cause for each incident:					

DETAILS ON EACH INCIDENT		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
PART A	28	<p>Briefly describe the circumstance of each incident.</p> <p><i>Please note that in any incidents where the IIO has asserted jurisdiction, agencies are still required to provide the information requested in the survey.</i></p>				

# 2016 - FIREARM DISCHARGES

AGENCY:

SCBCTA Police Service (Transit Police)

<b>Part A</b>	Did an officer from your agency discharge firearms - YES/NO If 'Yes', complete Part A below (exclude incidents solely involving animals and accidents outside of an operational setting).	No	
		<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>Total Rounds Fired</b>
<b>Part B</b>	Record the number of firearm incidents involving animals for humanitarian reasons:	0	
	Record the number of firearm incidents involving animals for self-defense:	0	
<b>Part C</b>	Record the number of accidental firearm discharge incidents occurring <u>outside of an operational setting</u> (e.g. accidental discharge in locker room):	0	

Please note that in any incidents where the IIO has asserted jurisdiction, agencies are still required to provide the basic information requested in the survey; however, please use "UK" if the requested information is unknown or unavailable at this time.

## Part A - Information About Each Firearm Discharge

Exclude incidents solely involving animals and unintentional discharges outside of an operational setting.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE INCIDENT (complete one column per incident)		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
PART A	1 How many officers from your agency discharged a firearm in this incident?					
	(a) Did officers from another agency discharge a firearm? YES/NO					
	2 Approximately what was the distance between subject and officer when the rounds were discharged?					
	3 What was the total number of rounds fired by your agency's officers in this incident?					
	(a) How many rounds were fired intentionally?					
	(b) How many rounds were fired unintentionally?					
	4 Was the officer who discharged the firearm acting as a member of an emergency response team?					
	5 Did officers from ANY agency <u>apply</u> intermediate weapons - not just display - in this incident? YES/NO					
	(a) If yes, specify the type of intermediate weapon, or force option (list all, e.g., ERIW, CEW, OC spray, baton, police dog):					
INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUBJECTS		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
6	How many subjects were involved?					
7	Were any subjects believed to be intoxicated (drugs and/or alcohol)? YES/NO					
8	Were any subjects reported to be suicidal? YES/NO					
9	Were any subjects perceived to be an emotionally disturbed person? YES/NO					
10	Did any subjects have a history of mental health issues? YES/NO					

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PART A	11	Were any subjects apprehended under the Mental Health Act? YES/NO					
	12	Did the officer believe that the subjects were armed with a weapon? YES/NO					
	(a)	If yes, specify the type of weapon believed to be in the possession of the subject (list all, e.g., firearm, knife):					
	INFORMATION ABOUT DEATHS		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
	13	Did any officers die during this incident? YES/NO					
	14	How many officers died from a firearm in each incident?					
		How many officers died by other means in each incident?					
	15	(a) Briefly describe cause of death:					
	16	Did any subjects die during this incident? YES/NO					
	17	How many subjects died from a police firearm discharge for each incident?					
		How many subjects died by other means for each incident?					
	18	(a) Briefly describe cause of death:					
	19	Did any third parties die during this incident? YES/NO					
		How many third parties died?					
20	(a) Briefly describe their cause of death:						

INFORMATION ABOUT NON-TRIVIAL INJURIES		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
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PART A	21 Did any officers suffer a non-trivial injury during this incident? YES/NO					
	22 How many officers were injured by a firearm for each incident?					
	How many officers were injured by means other than a firearm for each incident?					
	23 (a) Briefly describe cause of injuries for each incident:					
	24 Excluding any deceased subjects, did any subjects suffer a non-trivial injury during this incident? YES/NO					
	25 How many subjects were injured by a police firearm discharge for each incident?					
	How many subjects were injured by other means for each incident?					
	26 (a) Briefly describe cause of injuries for each incident:					
	Did any third parties suffer a non-trivial injury during this incident? YES/NO					
	27 (a) Briefly describe any injuries and their cause for each incident:					

DETAILS ON EACH INCIDENT		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
PART A	28	<p>Briefly describe the circumstance of each incident.</p> <p>Please note that in any incidents where the IIO has asserted jurisdiction, agencies are still required to provide the basic information requested in the survey.</p>				



<b>Agency and contact information:</b>	South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service (Transit Police); S.22 (1)
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<b>Part A</b>	Did an officer from your agency discharge firearms - YES/NO (Exclude incidents solely involving animals and accidents outside of an operational setting.) If 'Yes', complete Part A below.	<b>No</b>		<b>2017 - FIREARM DISCHARGES</b>
		Total Incidents	Total Rounds Fired	
<b>Part B</b>	Record the number of firearm incidents involving animals for humanitarian reasons:	0		
	Record the number of firearm incidents involving animals for self-defense:	0		
<b>Part C</b>	Record the number of accidental firearm discharge incidents occurring <u>outside of an operational setting</u> (e.g. accidental discharge in locker room):	0		

Please note that in any incidents where the IIO has asserted jurisdiction, agencies are still required to provide the basic information requested in the survey; however, please use "UK" if the requested information is unknown or unavailable at this time.

## Part A - Information About Each Firearm Discharge

Exclude incidents solely involving animals and unintentional discharges outside of an operational setting.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE INCIDENT (complete one column per incident)		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
PART A	1 How many officers from your agency discharged a firearm in this incident?					
	(a) Did officers from another agency discharge a firearm? YES/NO					
	2 Approximately what was the distance between subject and officer when the rounds were discharged?					
	3 What was the total number of rounds fired by your agency's officers in this incident?					
	(a) How many rounds were fired intentionally?					
	(b) How many rounds were fired unintentionally?					
	4 Was the officer who discharged the firearm acting as a member of an emergency response team?					
	5 Did officers from ANY agency <u>apply</u> intermediate weapons - not just display - in this incident? YES/NO					
	(a) If yes, specify the type of intermediate weapon, or force option (list all, e.g., ERIW, CEW, OC spray, baton, police dog):					
	INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUBJECTS		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident
6	How many subjects were involved?					
7	What was the age and gender of each subject, if known? (Acceptable age ranges: Under 18, 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70+.)					
8	Were any subjects believed to be intoxicated (drugs and/or alcohol)? YES/NO					
9	Were any subjects reported to be suicidal? YES/NO					

10	Were any subjects perceived to be an emotionally disturbed person? YES/NO					
11	Did any subjects have a history of mental health issues? YES/NO					

PART A	12	Were any subjects apprehended under the <i>Mental Health Act</i> ? YES/NO					
	13	Did the officer believe that the subjects were armed with a weapon? YES/NO					
		(a) If yes, specify the type of weapon believed to be in the possession of the subject (list all, e.g., firearm, knife):					
	INFORMATION ABOUT DEATHS		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
	14	Did any officers die during this incident? YES/NO					
	15	How many officers died from a firearm in each incident?					
	16	How many officers died by other means in each incident?					
		(a) Briefly describe cause of death:					
	17	Did any subjects die during this incident? YES/NO					
	18	How many subjects died from a police firearm discharge for each incident?					
	19	How many subjects died by other means for each incident?					
		(a) Briefly describe cause of death:					
	20	Did any third parties die during this incident? YES/NO					
	21	How many third parties died?					
(a) Briefly describe their cause of death:							



INFORMATION ABOUT NON-TRIVIAL INJURIES			1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
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PART A	22	Did any officers suffer a non-trivial injury during this incident? YES/NO					
	23	How many officers were injured by a firearm for each incident?					
		How many officers were injured by means other than a firearm for each incident?					
	24	(a) Briefly describe cause of injuries for each incident:					
	25	Excluding any deceased subjects, did any subjects suffer a non-trivial injury during this incident? YES/NO					
	26	How many subjects were injured by a police firearm discharge for each incident?					
		How many subjects were injured by other means for each incident?					
	27	(a) Briefly describe cause of injuries for each incident:					
		Did any third parties suffer a non-trivial injury during this incident? YES/NO					
	28	(a) Briefly describe any injuries and their cause for each incident:					

DETAILS ON EACH INCIDENT		1st Incident	2nd Incident	3rd Incident	4th Incident	5th Incident
PART A						
	<p>Briefly describe the circumstance of each incident.</p> <p>Please note that in any incidents where the IIO has asserted jurisdiction, agencies are still required to provide the basic information requested in the survey.</p>					

## INTRODUCTION

Each year since 2007, Policing and Security Branch (PSB) has collected summary data from each police agency in BC on the number of police firearm discharge incidents, including whether the discharge resulted in injury or death. This report presents a 10-year summary of that data.

The discharge data presented in this document only includes operational firearm discharge incidents involving a person. Firearm discharges involving animals (for humanitarian or self-defence reasons) and accidental firearm discharges in a non-operational context (e.g. while cleaning a gun) were excluded from analysis. For consistency and to avoid double counting, PSB has attempted to ensure that incident counts are attributed to the police agency that was in command of the incident during which a firearm discharge occurred. In some cases, such as incidents involving seconded police officers, integrated Emergency Response Team callouts or requests for assistance from other police agencies, this may be a different police agency to where the involved officer is employed. An incident can include more than one discharge by the same officer or different officers. This report only includes injuries and deaths caused by a police firearm.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- From 2007 to 2016, the number of police firearm discharge incidents reported to PSB per year ranged from a low of nine to a high of 24, for an average of 13 incidents per year (see Table 1).
- From 2007 to 2016, there was an average of four deaths per year (range of zero to eight), and an average of four persons injured per year by police firearm discharges (see Figure 1).
- In 2016, there were nine police firearm discharge incidents in BC reported to PSB, three less than in 2015. Also in 2016, four people died and five people were injured as a result of police gunshot wounds; this was three less deaths and one more injury than in 2015.
- Overall, there is no clear trend in police firearm discharges, when considered in isolation or when compared to trends in other data available to PSB about the policing environment in BC. The number of discharges has fluctuated, increasing in some years while decreasing in others. Furthermore, because the number of incidents each year is relatively small, the fluctuations are quite pronounced when expressed as percentage increases or decreases.



# Police Firearm Discharges, 2007–2016

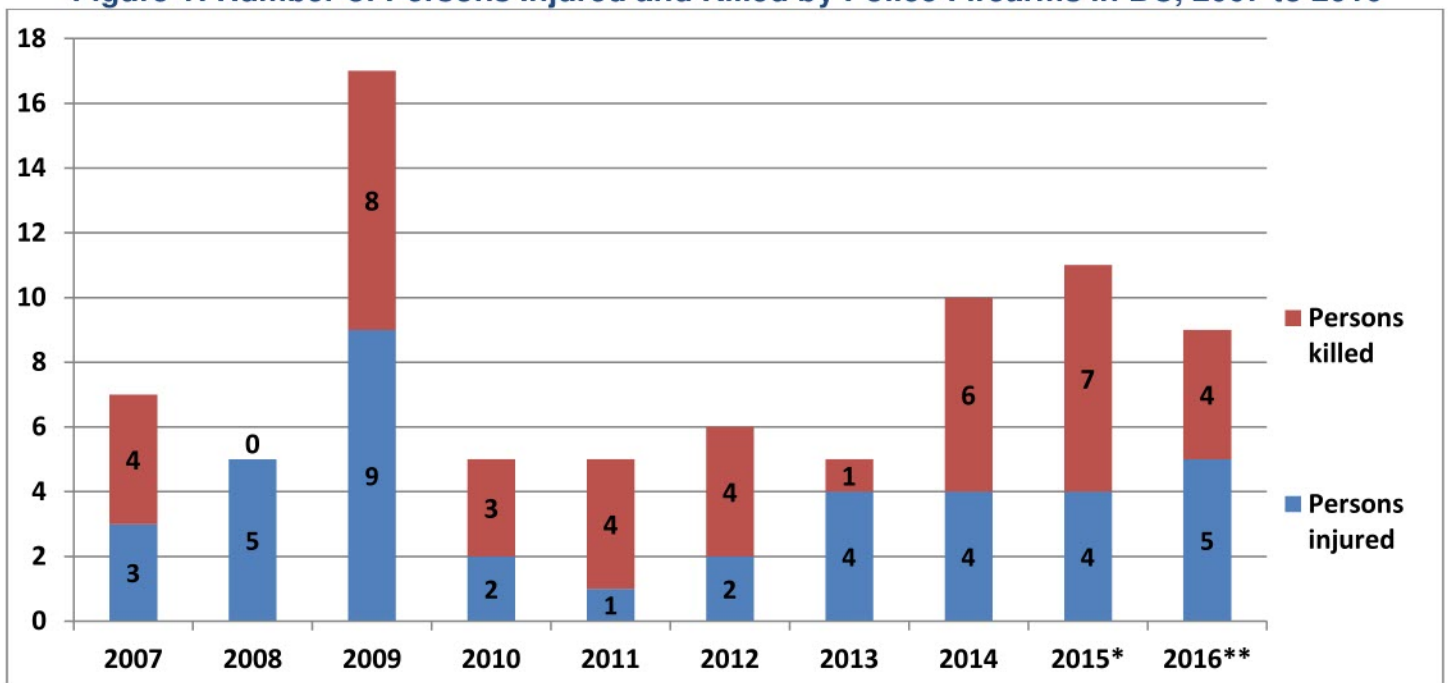
**Table 1: Police Firearm Discharge Incidents in an Operational Setting by Agency, 2007 to 2016**

POLICE AGENCY*															
	AB	CS	DE	NE	NW	OB	PM	SA	STP	TP	VA	VI	WV	RCMP	BC Total
2007	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	11	15
2008	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	13
2009	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	19	24
2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	9
2011	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	7	10
2012	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	10
2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	9	10
2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	0	9	16
2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	11	12
2016	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	9

\*Abbotsford Police Department (AB), Central Saanich Police Service (CS), Delta Police Department (DE), Nelson Police Department (NE), New Westminster Police Department (NW), Oak Bay Police Department (OB), Port Moody Police Department (PM), Saanich Police Department (SA), St'l'at'imx Tribal Police Service (STP), Metro Vancouver Transit Police (TP), Vancouver Police Department (VA), Victoria Police Department (VI), and the West Vancouver Police Department (WV).

**Note:** Counts are attributed to the agency that was in command of the officer(s) who discharged the firearm(s) at the time of the incident, regardless of which agency the member(s) may have been seconded from (e.g. integrated Emergency Response Teams).

**Figure 1: Number of Persons Injured and Killed by Police Firearms in BC, 2007 to 2016**



**Note:** This data only includes injuries and deaths caused by a police firearm.

\*2015 persons-killed figure includes two people who died after being shot by police, who had also sustained other life-threatening injuries that were not caused by a police firearm.

\*\*2016 figure includes one incident counted as an injury where a subject was shot by police, and later died from a different injury.