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Mr. Dennis R. Young
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Dear Mr. Young:

This is further to your request submitted under the Access to Information Act for:

Copies of specific records related to the refusal of National Defence personnel to participate in the kicking in of doors to High River homes by the RCMP even though the RCMP considered this activity as a search of "survivors". Copies of records that show the rationale used to justify the Canadian Armed Forces personnel to provide transportation to the RCMP officers to the High River homes so they could kick in the doors and seize private property without warrants. Copies of any records related to this apparent contradiction in the Canadian Force's interpretation of the Request for Assistance from the Alberta Government and the orders given by the Minister of National Defence and/or their commanders in charge of the High River operation.

Enclosed please find all requested records that could be located using the Department’s best efforts, within the constraints of the Act. You will note that certain information has been withheld from disclosure pursuant to sections 16, 19, and 69 of the Act.

Please be advised that you are entitled to file a complaint with the Office of the Information Commissioner concerning the processing of your request within sixty days of the receipt of this notice. In the event you decide to avail yourself of this right, your notice of complaint should be addressed to:

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Should you require clarification or assistance regarding your request, please contact Jamie Hoffman of my staff at 613-992-0058 or by e-mail at Jamie.Hoffman@forces.gc.ca or use our toll free number 1-888-272-8207.

Yours truly,

Julie Jansen
Director
Access to Information and Privacy

Enclosure: CD

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Subject: FW: FW: 300 DND resources requested by RCMP

Tracking:

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Read: 21/06/2013 6:45 PM

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Subject: FW: FW: 300 DND resources requested by RCMP

JOC SWO,

WRT to RCMP request below, they are looking to use 300 of the 383 troops from 1 VP in High River to assist in Search and Evacuation efforts.
1 VP is scheduled to be in High River at 1900L. The RCMP would like to use them ASAP.

Can you get this authorized and then get word to the EOC there and 1VP.

Ken Zinck
Capt
POC

From: poc.operations.i
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 4:50 PM
To: poc.dnd.i; poc.rcmp.i
Subject: FW: FW: 300 DND resources requested by RCMP

Direction from the POC Director as below.

From: Jim Cornish
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 4:08 PM
To: poc.operations.i
Subject: Re: FW: 300 DND resources requested by RCMP

Discuss with DND liaison, however I suspect they will not be comfortable with this tasking
James (Jim) Cornish

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Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 03:59 PM Mountain Standard Time
To: poc.director.i; Jim Cornish
Subject: FW: FW: 300 DND resources requested by RCMP

For your attention, and decision.

From: Gerald Gervais [mailto:gerald.gervais@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 3:30 PM
To: poc.operations.i
Cc: KDIV_Flooding.ALBERTA_PO.KDIV@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
Subject: Fwd: FW: 300 DND resources requested by RCMP

This is a request from the RCMP EOC ("K" Division HQ) to obtain the assistance from DND for 300 DND personnel to assist specifically with:

1) Establishing restricted access points around flood areas in the High River area (with conjunction with RCMP members)

2) Once these restricted access points are created assistance in manning these restricted access points along with our RCMP members
3) Assistance with the safe transportation of victims of flooding between residences in the area

Should this request be supported if you can advise in due course an estimated time of arrival.

Thanks in advance,

Gerald

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Gerald,

Your request will need to go through AEMA as it will constitute a change to the RFA currently in place.

Ken Zinck
Capt
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Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 2:02 PM  
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Subject: RE: 300 DND resources requested by RCMP

Ken, engage pers at the POC. This should be managed by AEMA, not straight through to the CAF.

From: Gosselin LCol TP@LFWA HQ@Edmonton  
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Subject: RE: 300 DND resources requested by RCMP

PO,

This request should be vetted by the POC and would likely constitute ALEA. Our direction fm CIJC was to not become involved in these type of activities. The province would have to add this to their existing RFA or submit a new one.

TPG  
LCol  
A/COS
From: ++LFWA-JTFW DSO@LFWA-JTFW HQ@Edmonton
Sent: Friday, 21, June, 2013 13:22 PM
To: Gosselin LCol TP@LFWA HQ@Edmonton
Subject: FW: 300 DND resources requested by RCMP

Sir,

recieved a request for troops from the RCMP for High River

K.S.Lush
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Subject: FW: 300 DND resources requested by RCMP

Sir,

See below a request from the RCMP for 300 troops for High River.

Ken Zinck
Capt
POC

From: Gerald GERVAIS [mailto:gerald.gervais@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 1:03 PM
To: poc.dnd.i
Subject: 300 DND resources requested by RCMP
The RCMP Emergency Operation Centre at their Edmonton "K" Division HQ is requesting 300 DND resources to be deployed to High River for the purpose of conducting security checks, door knocks on citizen residences. There is in excess of 13,000 homes that need to be checked on status with phone lines and power being out.

If you can advise in due course how soon you could handle this request.

Thanks in advance,

Gerald

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Sir, I contacted J34. Below the Fin para for CJOC orders have been sent to J3 CJOC staff.

Basically, we will capture all incremental costs within OFA. This is SOP for us, we have a Domestic Contingency Financial Structure already in place that RJTFs Commanders have delegation of authorities on it. JTFW will need to used to same format as of POS Type 1 to staff the costing and the waiver of costs to Public Safety and/or the Provinces. It will be reported as a pressure at the T2.

Assistance to the Province of Alberta will be provided as a Public Service under NDA 273.6(1). Class C pay and allowances will be coded to the CMP Cost Centre using Fund C103. JTFW to create and disseminate fin structure to capture all other incremental costs incurred by all supported and supporting elements under the JTFW OFA fund code: FC 0150CN CC 6436DM Fund C190 GRCs/IOs TBA and GLs as appropriate. JTFW will provide CJOC J8 a rough order magnitude costing using the same proforma as for a Type 1 Provision of Service NLT 30 Jun 2013. A final report of the costs incurred by JTFW supported and supporting elements will be submitted to CJOC J8 60 days after completion of the operation. JTFW will coordinate and report pressures to CJOC J8 through the tri-annual reporting process. JTFW will staff a waiver for costs incurred through the RJTF/CJOC CoC concurrent with the final report.

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Comd JTF(W): You are cleared to proceed with assistance to provincial authorities for tasks such as evacuation assistance, logistic support and other HA tasks immediately. While the final tasks are being worked out, keep clear of any task that is ALEA or related.

CJOC J8 - Contact SJS J34 and FinCS to establish cost capture and reporting mechanisms.

CFICC retx this via chat to JTFW

acknowledge Comd JTFW

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Subject: Comd CIOC Verbal Authorization to Comd JTF(W)

ALCON,

The CDS has authorized CJOC to provide assistance to the province of Alberta under NDA s.273.6(1)- Public Service. SJS and Adm(Pol) continue to confirm the specific tasks and associated documentation necessary to follow this direction. Please note that there is no authority at this point to provide assistance under NDA s.273.6(2) - ALEA.

Comd CJOC has given verbal authority to Comd JTF(W) to conduct operations in support of flood mitigation in Southern Alberta. JTF(W) is the supported Commander, JFACC is supporting.

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Subject: 1CMBG Op LENTUS SITREP 06 22 13

Attached is the 1CMBG Op LENTUS SITREP

Last 24 - approximately 20 percent of HIGH RIVER has been searched in detail. CS 0 established, colocated at fire hall with civil authorities. Under the lead of RCMP, elements are assisting in the conduct of house by house searches of town.

Next 24 - BG to continue to provide mobility support to joint EOC, Police, Power and Gas elements. Currently continuing to improve passage of info and coord between military, police and civilian elements IOT complete tasks. Additionally, there is a notable citizen footprint in the town. These pers, who did not evac, are remaining in place but police are blocking return of other citizens from outside town.

Environmental concerns - there are issues relating to breaks in water mains and gas lines as well as the overflow of the sewage system. BG proper has no immediate enviro concerns relating to operations.

Force layout is as follows:

Rece Party: (10 pers) Currently at MEDICINE HAT EOC conducting Liaison with city officials. 1 Veh.
Main Body: (201 pers) B Coy, Adm Coy, Cbt Spt Coy and 13 Fd Sqn with 42 B vehicles. Now departing AIRDRIE for CFB Suffield.
FonF: A Sqn LdSH (69 pers) and 9 Veh is now departed from Edm to CFB Suffield.
SALH: Attached SALH elms possess 13 vehicles and 22 pers. They are in situ in unit Armoury awaiting future tasks.

Next 24:
At this point, primary focus is sandbagging/barrier construction to protect low lying areas. City is working on its Sand Bag plan and 3VP will await their request. Plan will likely see soldiers working through the night to help city get ahead of the curve.

Admin Points:
2IC Adm is conducting recce of potential bed down at Crescent Heights High School. ASU Suffield is coming to the fight with much second line support. Tracking visit of Comd LCC and Comd JTFW to MEDICINE HAT tomorrow. CO's Assessment. City is hesitant and unaware of our capabilities. He plans to get our forces in tonight and push parties to where they are needed IAW the city's needs.

LdSH(RC) IRU - Sector West

Last 24.
VG COY - Coord evac of special needs pers from WILLIAM WALTON LODGE (WWL). 46 pers evac'd - situation is developing as we expect a provincial request to evac KANANASKIS. This operation involved 36 soldiers, 2 x GRIFFON, 1 x CORMORANT. This event rec'd significant CA PRESS coverage - PAO was in place.

A COY - 63 of 74 deployed to CANMORE and are working ISO RCMP and Fire Svs. Tasks incl manning of information posts on entry to COUGAR CREEK, the pumping of water from the hospital in CANMORE (Its now open to ambs for first time in 2 days), and traffic control. Coy currently established at a school adjacent to Canmore Fire Dept.

C COY - established contact with civilians at Kananaskis Golf Club - no help req'd. Assisted in tpt of tools and parts to water treatment facility IVO Kananaskis Golf Course. Each task Pl size.

ENGRS - route remediation along Hwy 40, Recce of EVAN THOMAS bridge failure - 40m gap currently exists at that location - civilian agencies moving dump trucks of fill to that location. Route remediation along HWY 1 and HWY 1A as well. These tasks employed 26 soldiers and much heavy eqpt.

Next 24.
T9 conducting coord with EXSHAW cv auth to assess needs and possible tasks. Evac of personnel at WWL likely to continue tonight, there are at least 50 more to move - MTF as this develops. There is some discussion in CANMORE EOC of evacuating the entire KANANASKIS corridor. This will likely generate further RFAs. We are prepared to coord this activity.

41 TBG - Sector Calgary

Last 24:
The TBG is currently assisting the Calgary Fire Department with mobility, assigning 4 x assault boats to move through flood affected communities and allow Calgary Fire to identify anyone still remaining in the area. The task is expected to be complete by 2200 hrs this evening. Earlier task today of assisting Calgary City officials in conducting a recce of berms along the Elbow River is now complete, with all DRCs returned to Currie Barracks.

Future Tasks: Possible Burm/ sandbag task and support EVAC of a Calgary community (TBD). Recce coordinating with cvi authorities and CERA to ensure sand and bags will be in location (TBC). 1x DRC w/ attachments (including backhoe, and dump truck) 127 pers, 15x vehicles.

1CER

Last 24:
Hwy 1/1A recce completed. All rte pavement intact and trafficable by cvl patterns. Continue to support mobility of RCMP within HIGH RIVER. Conducting route remediation of Hwy 40 (Kananaskis Trail)Conducting leadership recce in preparation for follow-on responsibilities in East AO (MEDICINE HAT) At

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approx 1830hrs, the LCC HQ received word that the Crowfoot Ferry was in danger of breaking free of its mooring lines, and potentially releasing down river to BASSANO Dam. Elements from the 1 CER IRU were quickly dispatched to conduct an assessment of the scene, including a recce party, dive team, 1 CER Dive Boats, and elements NAVRES from HMCS TECUMSEH. Currently, lead elements are en route the ferry, and will assess what measures to take once on the ground.

Next 24:
TBC
1 Fd Amb

Last 24:
Main Body (3 x UMS, HSU HQ and EVAC Pl) deployed to CALGARY. UMS assets pushed to 1VP, 3VP, Recce Sqn and LdSH (remaining asset for HSS IRU).

Next 24:
TBC
Recce Sqn

Last 24:
Remaining as Bde Reserve Fwd Deployed to PENHOLD Cadet Camp. 55 pers.

Next 24:
TBC

JC Croucher
Capt
G3 Ops TF GLADIUS
HMCS TECUMSEH CALGARY
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Subject: RE: Military Assistance Sik'sika

Sir/All
On behalf of BGen Lamarre who is currently out of contact.

CDS Briefed on the overall issue of future potential for ALEA tasks, as well as COS MND. There is no/no desire on the part of CF/DND to enter into ALEA type activities and all parties involved are to stress that CF/DND is not trained, equipped, prepared to enter into such activity. For security type tasks the likes of which below, CDS/COS MND believe that this is firmly in domain of RCMP and under the purview of Min PS and the umbrella of policing.

Should this issue gain any further traction please advise BGen Lamarre/myself soonest. Regards,

Conrad
CJM
J33

From: Skjerpen Capt (N) CT@CJOC HQ@Ottawa-Hull
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Subject: Military Assistance Sik'sika

Sir,

I spoke with Craig Oldham and he has clarified the issue.

During the visit of Min Campbell (AB) there were a number of statements made regarding the community. One of which mentioned the possibility of military personnel to assist with security. However, nothing has been requested through the RCMP. We will verify that no request has been initiated by the RCMP (our LOs will be able to check). A request for this type of task has not/not been received via the GOC. As was noted during the command call, there has been no/no request at the provincial level to JTFW.

It is clearly understood that this type of task was not in the original RFA by the province of AB and it is not an authorized for CAF. This type of task would require a new RFA. I do not have any information that would indicate that a new request has been initiated.

Yours aye,
Craig
C.T. Skjerpen
Sir:

Info for CUB Slides.

From: Long LCol SG@41 CBG HQ@Calgary
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Subject: Re: Command Level Sitrep

Ack.
LCol Scott Long
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Sent: Sun Jun 23 05:04:23 2013
Subject: RE: Command Level Sitrep

Sir, this just in from 1 Svc Bn Ops: Hesco Bastion currently being loaded, first lift expected to be moving by 0600 hrs and second at 1000 hrs. Move to be executed by 1 Svc Bn assets, contracted lift was not feasible. I spoke to Wx Ops two hrs ago, all tn assets committed/in beddown in Red Deer, expected to be back in Wx by 1300 hrs at which time the second MGB will be loaded and launched.
C. Malin
Maj
G3 DO
4588

From: Long LCol SG@41 CBG HQ@Calgary
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Subject: Re: Command Level Sitrep

Craig advise if an issue develops to prevent us from executing this ASAP tonight. This is our lead and already many fingers in the pie. If we have to use 1x assets and it makes sense then ack but if not then stay the crse. CO 1 Svc seems to think sufficient trucks there we can employ.

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Sent: Sun Jun 23 00:35:27 2013
Subject: Fw: Command Level Sitrep

Can we please send this out to ASG Dist List when you get a minute.

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Subject: Command Level Sitrep

Sir,
Overall a very productive day that culminated with the deployment of the 3 VP BG to Medicine Hat (Sector East). The Brigade is in full swing now, and with the addition of the 41 CBG elements, we have over 2000 troops committed to the task. I do not believe that we should commit any more troops to the fray at this point - indeed I feel that we are only 24-48 hours away from considering thinning out or reassignment of forces.

LdSH(RC) - Sector West

In addition to the initial evacuation of 120 pers with TCV from KANANASKIS Village, the coordination of evacuation of special needs personnel from WILLIAM WALTON LODGE (WWL) has gone well, and 36 soldiers, 2 x GRIFFON, 1 x CORMORANT have managed to evacuate 73 pers with additional 35 to be evacuated by 0200 when military helos will come off station. As you are no doubt aware, the province is considering ordering an evacuation of the entire KANANASKIS region. With the remediation of Route 40 by our Engineers up to Kananaskis Village, and the evacuation of the special needs people in WWL, the Kananaskis authorities are now convinced that they can handle any further evacuation with their own means and will not require additional military assistance. Additionally, our assistance with the transportation of tools and parts to the Kananaskis Village means that they now have power and potable water. In the CANMORE Area, A Coy has been manning information posts on the re-entry points to COUGAR CREEK, and assisted in the pumping of water from the hospital in CANMORE (it is now open to ambs for first time in 2 days) - they will relocate to Bow River with the rest of the BG tomorrow morning.

Assessment. The local authorities in Kananaskis and Canmore are now into the stage of re-entry and remediation, less the evacuation in WWL and South, which will now be managed by municipal and provincial assets. CO LdSH assesses that there are no longer any tasks for his personnel. The Calgary Stampede Breakfast Committee is laying on a Stampede Breakfast for his BG tomorrow morning. He will continue to liaise with authorities in both regions, but it is unlikely that there will be any further tasks from Canmore or KANANASKIS. I may be able to thin out or reassign the bulk of the BG in the next 24 hours, whether it be to Edmonton to reconstitute my Reserve, or to other tasks further East.

1VP - Sector Central

The focus is very much on continuing the clearance searches and approximately 20 percent of HIGH RIVER has now been searched in detail. CS 0 has been established, co-located at fire hall with civil authorities. Under the lead of RCMP, elements are conducting house by house searches of town. For the next 24 hours, elements of the BG will continue to provide mobility support to joint EOC, Police, Power and Gas elements. These tasks require approximately a company worth of soldiers as well as supporting engineers. They will also work to continue to improve passage of info and coord between military, police and civilian elements IOT complete tasks.

Assessment Of some concern is that there remains a sizeable citizen footprint in the town. These pers who did not evac, are remaining in place but police are blocking return of other citizens from outside town. This is causing some tension amongst the populace and with the City staff, both of whom who are less inclined to wait while the RCMP completes its very methodical sweep of the town. The BG continues to politely refuse requests from the RCMP to conduct security patrols and to assist with traffic control. As a result of a SofM that sees comprehensive clearance being conducted before any re-entry and remediation is started, there are few tasks for the BG beyond the coy assisting in the comprehensive clearance. I may be able to thin out or reassign at least one coy within the next 24 hours.

3VP Sector East

The 3 PPCLI Recce Party is in Medicine Hat and as at 222330 Jun, the lead coys were expected to arrive within the hour. The city plan to build a berm along the South side of the river has been reassessed as inadequate, and they now plan to move the berm line inland an additional 3 blocks. There is a requirement to build 1.5 Km of berm and dyke by 240600 Jun. CO 3 VP plans to start within the hour. His SALH elements are filling sandbags now, and as soon as bus parties arrive, he will work them until 23 0400 Jun, before allowing a brief period of forced rest. It is his assessment that the
limiting factor will not be personnel, but rather the arrival of Hesco Bastion and earth fill prior to the cresting of the river. The City has requested Hesco from Winnipeg, and we are awaiting authority from CJOC to release 1500m Hescos from 7 CFSD. My staff and yours are working on procuring the 53' flatbed trailers and trucks that will be required to move that amount of Hesco.

Assessment This will be a race against time. If CO 3 VP requires additional soldiers, they can be freed up from LdSH and 1 VP BGs with no to negligible impact on activities in their sectors. Having said that, it is too early to tell if more labour will make a difference - that should be clear by tomorrow morning.

41 TBG - Sector Calgary

The TBG is currently assisting the Calgary Fire Department with mobility, assigning 4 x assault boats to move through flood affected communities and allow Calgary Fire to identify anyone still remaining in the area. The task is expected to be complete by 2200 hrs this evening. Earlier task today of assisting Calgary City officials in conducting a recce of berms along the Elbow River is now complete, with all DRCs returned to Currie Barracks. Future activities will likely include possible berm / sandbag tasks and support to the evacuation of a Calgary community (TBD).

Assessment CEMA is very well organised and resourced. We will continue to help where we can. I intend to leave the TBG in location as long as there are viable tasks for them to complete.

1CER

The Regiment has been busy with much of its capability allocated to support the BGs. They have completed a recce and minor repairs of Hwy 1 and 1A from Canmore to Calgary. All rte pavement intact and trafficable by clv patterns. The continue to support mobility of RCMP within HIGH RIVER and to conduct route remediation of Hwy 40 (Kananaskis Trail). At approx 1830hrs, the LCC HQ received word that the Crowfoot Ferry was in danger of breaking free of his mooring lines, and potentially releasing down river to BASSANO Dam. Elements from the 1 CER IRU were quickly dispatched to conduct an assessment of the scene, including a recce party, dive team, 1 CER Dive Boats, and elements NAVRES from HMCS TECUMSEH. In discussions with the Alberta Transport reps on the scene, they have determined that the ferry is still safely anchored, and that attempts to improve its anchoring may well endanger the existing anchors.

Assessment As is to be expected, there are an abundance of tasks for the engineers. As coy and BG elms no longer require their Engineer assets, they will be reassigned to support the main effort. I am also considering using the Regimental HQ as a C2 node that will allow me to conduct an economy of force mission in Sector West.

Overall Assessment

I believe that in the next 24 hours, we will have a much better sense of the ongoing requirement for our support to Sector West and Sector Central, and a more defined assessment of troops to task in Sector East. I envisage an economy of force mission in the West, a reconstituted BG sized reserve in Edmonton, and a reduced presence in the Center, all within the next 48 hours. This will allow us to recock and reload for potential follow on tasks if required, and set the conditions for the successful mission termination of Op LENTUS.

Dave

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Sir,
This has just come in from the commander, and he mentions he wants the POC to be tracking.

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Subject: FW: CO's Assessment - High River - 24 June

Gents,

Plese note the Comd's direction immed below.

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Subject: Re: CO's Assessment - High River - 24 June

Dave,
GTG.

Trevor,
Ensure POC is tracking.

Merci
Sir,

Nick has provided an excellent assessment of the situation in High River, which I fully endorse. His soldiers have done an extraordinary job in a demanding and complex situation. His bottom line assessment is that his work is almost done there, but he is sensitive to the requirement to thin out. I will ask him to sensitise the EOC to his plan, which is essentially as follows:

Send 1 x rifle coy as well as Recce and Snipers back to Edm tomorrow. This will leave the Engr Sqn and 1 x rifle coy, along with Bn HQ and Admin Coy for one more day in order to ensure we have the capacity to meet any unforeseen tasks throughout the day, but also so that the entire BG does not simply pick up and leave. Redeploy the remainder of the BG, including the Engr Sqn back to Edm NLT Wed, 26 June.

I fully concur with his assessment and ask that you endorse it in principle.

I will summarise the overall movement plan shortly.

Dave

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Subject: CO's Assessment - High River - 24 June

Colonel,

Just finished our evening coord with civilian authorities. It is my assessment that we are very close to the point here in High River where the employment of military resources will no longer be required.

During the past 24hrs, we have continued to assist the RCMP with their initial survey work of residential properties throughout the city. Military resources have been employed to assist the RCMP, ATCO and Fortis Power reps to get to properties in areas within the city that are still under water or covered in deep mud. The assault boats and our LAVs have allowed us to do this quite well. This survey work has been completed now, less a very small number of homes that cannot be accessed until water levels drop significantly in low lying areas.

We have also assisted local authorities with rescuing a few citizens from their homes. Today there was an elderly lady and a wheel chair bound man who wanted to leave the city. We were able to assist the authorities with getting access to the properties. There are still a number of people who remain in their homes despite the mandatory evac order. We are starting to see more people decide to leave on their own because they are out of supplies and feel their homes are secure now. Others are simply fed up because the power has not been fully restored.

We also recovered a EMS vehicle and another service vehicle out of two sink holes today. There were no injuries and the vehicles seemed to be repairable.

We have also assisted the various authorities with developing a common operating picture of the dangers within the city. Essentially we have developed a ground trace using a common map product and talc (kicking it old school). This trace is updated continually with safe routes, sink holes, danger areas and water levels etc so that key personnel are aware of the dangers and areas of concern can be prioritized. It also allows for safer movement of emergency services throughout the town. We are also using this product to track the progress of building inspections and safe zones where power can be restored. So it is a valuable tool for all involved in the disaster relief efforts. My Ops and Int staff along with the Engrs have been instrumental in this effort.

My soldiers have also been extremely beneficial with information passage throughout the city. We have been conducting route recce's throughout the day in order to maintain awareness of the dangers in the city. During these tasks, local citizens have naturally gravitated towards my soldiers looking for information. So we have been able to provide them with contact numbers for the crisis centre and websites where they can seek answers to their questions. This has proven to be extremely beneficial. The soldiers have shown a level of professionalism and compassion that is extremely impressive to say the least. In fact the hardest thing to do as their commander is to hold them back. They simply want to help but we realize the limitations of our involvement here in High River.

It is my assessment that after Tuesday, there is nothing that we are doing here that cannot be done by local or provincial authorities. We are simply augmenting civilian engineer efforts, helping pass information to local civilians and assisting with coordinating efforts. The civilian contractors and engineers have more resources and personnel at their disposal each day and they are making great progress.

Tonight we are assisting the EOC staff with relocating their command post back to the High School where they started. Tomorrow I will also conduct an interview with CBC morning news and then we will support a media visit at approx 1300hrs. We will continue with our support tasks to the RCMP and local authorities throughout the day but the focus of this assistance will largely be engineer related tasks such as plumbing and electrician work as well as the use of assault boats in the city.
I would like to recommend that I send 1x rifle coy as well as Recce and Snipers back to Edm tomorrow. I will keep the Engr Sqn and 1x rifle coy, along with Bn HQ and Admin Coy for one more day in order to ensure we have the capacity to meet any unforeseen tasks throughout the day, but also so that the entire BG does not simply pick up and leave. As you know optics are important and perception is reality.

I will look to redeploy the remainder of the BG, including the Engr Sqn back to Edm NLT Wed, 26 June. I think the Construction Troop could also probably return to Edm at that time unless there is a desire to maintain a military signature here in High River, knowing that they will be overshadowed by civilian resources.

Sorry for the rather lengthy e-mail but I wanted to paint an accurate and detailed picture for you since we are dealing with a very important decision point for this operation. I am available to discuss at your convenience tonight if required.

All the best,

Nick

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Sir,
I have responded that I tracked email regarding troops providing transportation to RCMP as they conducted their business, but would appreciate something more official to send to CIOC.

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LFWA Desk officer:

Request confirmation whether or not CAF personnel assisted with the removal of firearms form High River residences. ASAP response is requested.

Thanks

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Subject: Re: URGENT MNDO RFI: High River Gun Seizures

As well sir:

The reporter, is filing on this tonight. He’s had gun organizations tell him the military entered homes as well.

MNDO has asked to confirm ASAP if this actually occurred.

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Sir,

PMO is saying that gun organizations are saying this.

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Roger sir. I’ll find out.

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ALCON;
CF was not/not auth to conduct ALEA tasks.

Matt;
Before we reach down with this RFI - the subject of which would have been reported were CF pers had participated, I would ask that the context provided to MNDO be given to us for this RFI. I say this, because such an activity was well outside of the arcs provided to the CF from the CDS. Please advise to help us answer the RFI.

SWO;
Ken, as RFI manager at CJOC, please stand by. Early remit reqr.

Conrad Mialkowski
Col, SJS/J33 Current Ops
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Sir,

Re. See story below.

MNDO have been told that CAF members may have been present or participated in these searches/seizures.

MNDO is asking to confirm whether this is true or false?

MNDO has asked for confirmation NLT 0700 tomorrow morning.

Please ack.

Thanks sir.

‘Hell to pay’: Residents angry as RCMP seize guns from High River homes

‘It’s just like Nazi Germany,’ says resident

By Trevor Howell, Calgary Herald June 27, 2013 3:40 PM

Evacuees confronted the RCMP on the northwest corner of town in a bid to enter the Town of High River on Thursday, June 27th 2013, one week after the Highwood River flooded leaving the whole town empty. RCMP laid a spike belt down across the road to prevent them from travelling down it.

Photograph by: Lorraine Hjalte , Calgary Herald

HIGH RIVER — RCMP revealed Thursday that officers have seized a “substantial amount” of firearms from homes in the evacuated town of High River.

“We just want to make sure that all of those things are in a spot that we control, simply because of what they are,” said Sgt. Brian Topham.

“People have a significant amount of money invested in firearms ... so we put them in a place that we control and that they’re safe.”

That news didn’t sit well with a crowd of frustrated residents who had planned to breach a police checkpoint northwest of the town as an evacuation order stretched into its eighth day.

“I find that absolutely incredible that they have the right to go into a person’s belongings out of their home,” said resident Brenda Lackey, after learning Mounties have been taking residents’ guns. “When people find out about this there’s going to be untold hell to pay.”
See photos from the scene.

About 30 RCMP officers set up a blockade at the checkpoint, preventing 50 residents from walking into the town. Dozens more police cars, lights on, could be seen lining streets in the town on standby.

Officers laid down a spike belt to stop anyone from attempting to drive past the blockade. That action sent the crowd of residents into a rage.

“What’s next? Tear gas?” shouted one resident.

“It’s just like Nazi Germany, just taking orders,” shouted another.

“This is the reason the U.S. has the right to bear arms,” said Charles Timpano, pointing to the group of Mounties.

Officers were ordered to fall back about an hour into the standoff in order to diffuse the situation and listen to residents’ concerns.

“We don’t want our town to turn into another New Orleans,” said resident Jeff Langford. “The longer that the water stays in our houses the worse it’s going to be. We’ll either be bulldozing them or burning them down because we’ve got an incompetent government.”

Langford blasted High River Mayor Emile Blokland over comments made Wednesday in which Blokland said residents will be allowed to return after businesses, such as hardware and drug stores, are opened.

“It was ridiculous,” said Langford. “I think he’s a puppet on a string.”

Langford said Premier Redford should come to High River to address residents’ concerns and provide information.

“This is at the highest tension,” he said. “What’s going to happen next is that people are just going to be walking across these fields, and I don’t care if they put hundreds of thousand of police officers there, they’re not going to stop from getting in.”

Sgt. Topham said he didn’t know when residents would be allowed to return to their homes. “People much higher up are going to make those decisions,” he said.

He did confirm that officer relied on forced entry to get into numerous houses during the early stages of the flood because of an “urgent need”, said Topham.

Police are no longer forcing themselves into homes and the residences that were forced open will be secured, he said.

Topham said the confiscated firearms have been inventoried and are secured at an RCMP detachment. He was not at liberty to say how many firearms had been confiscated.

“We have seized a large quantity of firearms simply because they were left by residents in their places,” said Topham.

The guns will be returned to owners after residents are allowed back in town and they provide proof of ownership, Topham added.

Residents promised to returned to the checkpoint at noon every day until they are allowed to return to their homes.

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Thanks Brian,

It looks like it is everything they are down there to do, with regard to the presence and assisting the municipality with Humanitarian Assistance. 1VP may be limited in the Assessment of Infrastructure.

I will await the brief coming back up the chain from 1 CMBG, as they associate troops to tasks.

Maj Seymour

This should resolve the concerns regarding what was initially developing into an ALEA for HIGH RIVER. Although we can be certain LCol Grimshaw is info LCC of intent of tasks, it is worth closing the loop from JTFW down to LCC IOT assure RCMP chain that this proposal is feasible and within our mission.

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Maj BP Roach

Sir

For your review and the appropriate DND approval process.
Steven P. Daley  
Senior Provincial Reviewer  
"K" Division Criminal Operations  
(780) 412-5584

Steve, could you please bring forward to Major Roach for his review and comment. Please feel free to vet same to allow for the engagement of additional resources. Will await a final copy from your point.

John Haney, Insp.

My proposed wording of the request for the deployment of DND resources is as follows:

The Town of High River, situated approx. 45 kms southwest of Calgary, is currently under a mandatory evacuation order due to severe flooding of significant portions of the town. The RCMP Site Commander at High River has consulted with the military commander (Lt. Col. Grimshaw) who is currently on site at High River with approximately 380 DND resources. The following is a list of the proposed duties that DND personnel would perform to assist local civil authorities and the RCMP in ensuring the safety the effective management of the current and ongoing emergency situation in the area:

* provide observation function to augment the situational awareness for both the RCMP and civil authorities, particularly at night through the deployment of specialized equipment (i.e. night vision capability) not currently available to the RCMP or civil authorities;
* to augment and assist with search, rescue and transportation of search and rescue personnel and civilians;
* to assist with the initial assessment of infrastructure (i.e. bridges, water systems), and;
* to assist with the re-integration of the civilian population upon the lifting of the evacuation order.

This request for the deployment of DND resources is not additional to the DND resources currently on site in the Town of High River.
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Subject: JTFW FRAG O-FLOODING IN SOUTHERN AB

1. SITUATION. Heavy rainfall continues to fall in Southern AB and has resulted in a number of States of Emergency being established in a number communities, specifically Calgary and the surrounding communities of HIGH RIVER, BRAGG CREEK, BLACK DIAMOND, MD of FOOTHILLS, COUNTY of LETHBRIDGE. A SAR req was submitted to JRCC Trenton asking for support to a possible evacuation of effected pers in the area of HIGH RIVER. SAR assets were deployed to Calgary to base for SAR operations. This uncharacteristic weather event has challenged provincial capabilities and an RFA has been submitted by the province seeking CAF assistance. Current areas of concerns remain CANMORE, KANANASKIS Area, and HIGH RIVER.

2. MISSION. JTFW will provide assistance to AB provincial authorities in the conduct of HADR operations.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. JTFW will provide a rapid, task tailored response to the RFA based on 1 CMBG. This operation will be conducted in three phases to align with provincial priorities:

1. Phase 1. SAR.
2. Phase 2. HADR Operations.

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b. Groupings and Tasks

(1) 1 CMBG

(a) Phase 1.

i. Activate and deploy the IRU.

ii. BPT to provide follow on forces.

iii. Form LCC.

iv. Where possible support evacuation/recovery of persons at risk.

v. BPT to provide emergency resupply of essential life support.

vi. BPT generate LOs for liaison at municipal/Districts Emergency Manager(DEM) level.

(b) Phase 2.

i. BPT to support provincial flood mitigation and evacuation efforts.

ii. BPT to deliver humanitarian aid.

iii. BPT to support SAR.

iv. BPT provide emergency bridging capabilities.

v. BPT Support re-entry operations.

(c) Phase 3. Redeployment to be issued under a separate instruction

(3) 41 CBG

(a) Phase 1.

Upon arrival in RRED DEER and PENHOLD.

i. Coordinate RSOM support for the IRU Recce and Vanguard

ii. Place 41 TBG on 12 hrs NTM.

iii. BPT generate LO's for liaison at municipal/Districts Emergency Manager(DEM) level.
Phase 2.

i. BPT to support provincial flood mitigation and evacuation efforts.

ii. BPT to deliver humanitarian aid.

iii. BPT to support SAR.

iv. BPT Support re-entry operations

Phase 3. Redeployment to be issued under a separate instruction.

(4) ACCE(W). All Phases. Coordinate air effects to support HADR operations.

(5) NAVRES

(a) Phase 1. Identify availability of boats and crews to support LCC operations.

(b) Phase 2.

i. BPT to support provincial flood mitigation and evacuation efforts.

ii. BPT to deliver humanitarian aid.

iii. BPT to support SAR.

iv. BPT generate LO's for liaison at municipal/Districts Emergency Manager (DEM) level

c. Coordinating Instructions.

> (1) Timings

(a) 202243 June, H Hour (complete).

(b) Phase 1 complete-on order.

(c) Phase 2 complete-on order.

(d) Phase 3. On order

>4. SERVICE AND SUPPORT

a. Finance. Res formations are not to expend funds until auth by Comd JTFW. All expenses will be cost captured with a view to recovery.

b. Bed-down. Initial bed-down of the IRU will be centred on the Cormack Armouries in RED DEER (55th Street Armoury, 4402 55 St, Red Deer, AB T4N 2H1). Potential relocation to PENHOLD AB.
c. Sustainment. Deploying units are to deploy with their own integral support, self-sufficient for minimum of 72 hrs. Resupply will be coordinated by 1 CMBG G4 Ops and 1 Svc Bn.

(1) Class I - Rations. Units will deploy with 3 DOS of IMPs, follow-on supply of IMPs will be coordinated by 1 CMBG on a push system. Transition to fresh rations will only be once the conditions stabilize and on order.

(2) Class I - Water. Units should deploy with 3 DOS utilizing their integral water trailers. Guidance will be provided on water resupply or potential transition to bottled water.

(3) Class II - G&T. Units are to deploy with 3 DOS based on scales for IRU. Additional requirements are to be identified to 1 CMBG G4 Ops.

(4) Class III - Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants (POL) (package and bulk). Units are to deploy with 3 DOS. Additional bulk refuellers are to be positioned and coordinated by 1 CMBG G4 Ops. Units are to ensure all environmental protection barriers employed.

(5) Donation/gratuitous transfers are not authorized unless approved by Comd JTFW in advance.

(6) All materiel shall be accounted for and secured in accordance with normal supply discipline.

(7) LPO is to minimized to ensure impact to local economy is not adversely affected. Centralized LPO by IRU units should be maximized. All LPO activities must remain within Delegated authorities.

(8) Emergency Contracting. In the event a situation is identified for an emergency contract, advice and guidance must be sought through the chain of command from LF WA G4 contracts prior to any commitment (verbally or written).

5. COMMAND AND SIGNALS

a. Comd. All CF assets will remain under CF comd at all times. IRU elements will be in support of AEMA auths and identified DEMS.

b. Air Assets. OPCOM of air assets is delegated to JTFW Commander from Combined Forces Air Component Commander (CFACC) (CIOC) for force employment based upon air tasking orders, warning orders or operations orders. The CFACC or a designated ACC will be responsible for all tasking of Canada-wide aerospace resources. It is anticipated that ACCE(W) will be designated as the ACC if required. Upon approval of an air force package, CIOC will transfer OPCON/TACON of designated aerospace forces to JTFW.

c. LCS. LCS Kits will be deployed with IRU to provide Situational Awareness to Comd JTFW. 2 x LCS Kits will remain in Edmonton on 2 hrs NTM to be deployed on order in support of JIMP requirements as required by Comd JTFW. It is anticipated that LCS kits may be deployed to OGD Operations centers to provide necessary SA.

Communications deficiencies and Immediate Operational Requirements beyond capacity of Unit level are to be identified immediately through Chain of Command to LF WA G6 for consequence management.

d. Reports/Returns. Formation DSR due JOC JTFW daily at 2200hrs.

e. DIRLAUTH. Direct Liaison between 1 CMBG and regional DEMS is auth.
Canmore EOC  (403) 678-1553.
(2) Kanansaskis EOC. Marc Storie (403) 493-0349.
(3) High River EOC (403) 652-3774.
(4) Direct Liaison is auth between 1 CMBG and 1 EET.

ACKNOWLEDGE INSTRUCTIONS. Acknowledge receipt to the JTFW Duty Watch keeper at ++LFWA-JTFW DSO@LFWA-JTFW HQ@Edmonton or CSN 528-6057.

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SITUATION

1. General. The scale of the flooding in southern Alberta (AB) is such that the ability to restore key utilities such as power, gas and potable water to the population may be beyond the capability of the civil authority for an undetermined but considerable period. Under these circumstances, CAF may be required to support the local civil authorities with specialist capabilities. Additionally, until there is an adequate restoration of utilities, it may become necessary to support the establishment and running of centralised housing and feeding centres.

POSSIBLE MISSION

2. CJOC will provide specialist support to the Province of AB for the provision / restoration of critical services to the population.

EXECUTION

3. Comd’s Intent. CJOC will be prepared to provide specialist capabilities to support the Government of AB led disaster reconstruction / restoration operation (DR/RO). CAF capability is limited and so, if authorised, the effort must focus on those areas that are most important:

a. Restoration / provision of power.

b. Restoration / provision of potable water.

c. Restoration / provision of essential ground transportation links.
d. Provision of emergency shelter and feeding.

4. **CJO C Strategic Objectives.** No change from ref.

5. **Tasks.**

a. **JT F W.** As part of the daily reporting, provide a forecast of the nature and scale of specialist reinforcement required to include personnel and equipment.

b. **RCN, CA, RCAF.** Conduct immediate staff checks to determine specialist capabilities that could be deployed to support the AB led DR/RO. In particular:

   (1) **Engr.**

   (a) Mobility support / bridging including Medium Girder Bridge and ACROW.

   (b) Provision of potable water including Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Units (ROWPU), including spares, chemicals and consumables.

   (c) The location and deployability of all Construction Engineer units (Regular and Reserve) down to sub-sub unit level. Particular focus on EGS (00303-01) and ED (00302-01)MOCs.

   (2) **Other.** Deployable food services capabilities, especially field kitchens.

   c. **CFIOSG.**

   (1) Confirm deployability status of 1 ESU HR SETs.

   (2) Confirm stock levels and locations for critical holdings including:

   (a) ROWPUs, spares and chemicals.

   (b) Bridging stocks.

   (c) Generators.

   (d) Modular tentage.

   (e) Cots.

   (f) Any additional items recommended.

   d. **CDI.** Confirm number, deployability status and capability description of National level Geomantic Support Teams (GST).
6. Coordinating Instructions.
   a. Timings. Staff checks to be at CJOC HQ, attention J Engr (LCol Braddon) NLT 2200Z 22 Jun 13.
   b. Returns to include:
      (1) Serviceability of the reported equipments, including spares and essential stores.
      (2) Time required to prepare the reported equipments and organisations for deployment, if ordered to do so.
      (3) Effects on other CAF operations if ordered to deployed the reported equipments and organisations.
   c. Except for pers necessary to conduct the staff check, movement of pers not authorised. Preparation, pre-positioning and movement of equipment and plant not authorised.

SERVICE SUPPORT
7. Personnel. No change from ref.
8. Finance. No change from ref.

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M. DAOD 5023-2, Physical Fitness Program

SITUATION

1. General. CONPLAN LENTUS is Canada Armed Forces (CAF) assistance to the Canadian Government during Disaster Relief Operations (DRO). The province of Alberta has recently experienced flooding of unprecedented historical proportions in the Southern Foothills region. Heavy rainfall continues to fall in Southern Alberta (AB) and has resulted in States of Emergency.

2. At ref A, the Minister Public Safety (MPS) requested assistance from the CAF. The Minister of National Defence (MND) agreed to provide this assistance at ref B and provided direction to the CDS in ref C. At ref D, CJOC has received direction from CDS to conduct DRO in AB.
3. **Problem Definition.** Extensive flooding in the Province of Alberta has exceeded the capacity of the communities to respond and a request for assistance from the Province of Alberta has been issued.

4. **Limitations**

   a. **Constraints:**

      (1) CAF pers will remain under military command at all times.

      (2) CAF will maintain routine National SAR posture.

      (3) IAW ref H, CAF must be prepared to respond to relief operations elsewhere in the world.

   b. **Restraints:**

      (1) CAF pers will not engage in assistance to law enforcement agency (ALEA) ops. CAF members are not authorized to physically restrain members of the public from entering evacuated, damaged or areas otherwise in need of control nor in the protection of critical infrastructure from vandalism, theft or other criminal acts. If ALEA tasks are required by the Province, then another request will need to be submitted and approved.

      (2) CAF Health Services (HS) elements will not provide medical care to civilians except to alleviate pain and suffering and to preserve life to the extent required to evacuate the patient to a civilian medical facility. If medical assistance is required by the Province, then another request will need to be submitted and approved.

      (3) This operation must not adversely affect ongoing CAF operations.

**MISSION**

5. CJOC will provide support to the Province of Alberta in response to relief efforts for flooding.

**EXECUTION**

6. **Commander’s Intent.** To provide assistance to the province of AB focusing on high priority tasks as described at para 9. The conduct and presence of CAF personnel should consistently be a source of comfort to the stricken population. The safety of CAF personnel and strict adherence to directed tasks, constraints and restraints are essential. In accordance with the planning assumptions at ref E, use CAF resources assigned to best advantage, focussing on tasks for which we are uniquely suited. Further, cross-organisational cooperation, collaboration and understanding at all levels is essential to mission success. It
is critical to maintain a continuous assessment of the situation and the potential for escalation of the flooding. Given the rapid onset of the flooding there is much uncertainty concerning the scope and duration of this problem. This will require iterative planning and collaboration across the CAF as the situation develops, including CAF sustainment considerations. It is vital that we maintain clear accurate and timely communications among JTFW, JFACC and CJOC HQ. In a domestic crisis in a media enabled age, it is imperative that external communications be completely coordinated from tactical to strategic.

7. Concept of Operations. As part of a Government of Canada relief effort, Commander JTFW is the Supported Commander and will coordinate all aspects of the tasking to provide the assistance requested by the Province of Alberta.

8. CJOC Strategic Objective. CJOC will assist the Government of Alberta in a WoG effort to:
   a. Save lives.
   b. Prevent suffering.
   c. Mitigate effects on the population.
   d. Demonstrate how, in coordination with OGDs, CAF personnel are prepared to respond to emergencies and help Canadians in distress.
   e. Demonstrate the relationship between the CAF and OGDs in support of Provinces and Territories.

   a. JTFW. Plan, command and coordinate the CAF components of DRO in AB. Tasks to include:
      (1) The evacuation and safeguarding of persons at risk.
      (2) Safeguarding of critical infrastructure from flooding.
      (3) Resupply of those areas isolated by flooding as requested by civil authorities.
      (4) Provision of engineering and humanitarian relief support to those communities that must shelter in place.
      (5) Assistance with informing the public of the need to avoid entry into those areas evacuated, damaged, or otherwise in need of control and surveillance in order to ensure the safety of emergency personnel and evacuees.
b. **RCN.**

(1) Support planning as required by CJOC.

(2) On order Comd CJOC, be prepared to provide additional support.

c. **CA.**

(1) Support planning as required by CJOC.

(2) Detach LFWA OPCON to JTFW.

(3) On order Comd CJOC, be prepared to provide additional resources.

d. **JFACC.**

(1) Support planning as required by JTFW.

(2) Provide ISR and airlift as coordinated between JTFW and JFACC.

(4) Provide tactical aviation support OPCON to JTFW.

(5) On order Comd CJOC, be prepared to provide additional resources.

e. **CMP/CF H Svcs Gp**

(1) Support planning as required by JTFW.

(2) Coordinate the provision of HSS to the CAF contingent.

(3) Provide additional Force Health Protection Measures as required.

f. **CF JOSG.** Provide JTFW with CIS and MovCon support as required.

10. Coordinating Instructions.

a. **Weapons.** Weapons carriage is not authorized, except by credentialed members of the military police.

b. **Rules of Engagement (ROE).** No ROE are authorized.

c. **Public Affairs.** See Annex A.

d. **Timings.**

(1) DRO to commence immediately.
(2) Redeployment on order from Comd CJOC.

e. **Daily Reporting.** JTFW to send consolidated SITREPs to CJOC NLT 0930, 1500, 1800 and 2230 (Zulu) daily. SITREPs shall include:

(1) In the 1800Z SITREP, a summary of past 24 hours of operations.

(2) Confirmed locations of deployment of CAF assets in the AO and the CAF footprint in each location.

(3) Any new locations being considered for the deployment of CF assets beyond those locations currently envisaged.

(4) New capabilities/specialist skill sets that are being brought into theatre (eg ISR, general support engineers, etc).

(5) Occasions where CF assets are providing support or transportation to or receiving visits by VIPs (eg. officials of municipal, provincial and the federal government).

(6) Any indications that the AB provincial government may be considering asking the CF to conduct tasks beyond what we've been asked to do to date, (eg ALEA, etc).

(7) In the 1800Z SITREP, a forecast of the next 48 hours of operations.

(8) In the 1800Z SITREP, a Commander's analysis, which should include synopsis and analysis of Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) and provincial authorities' plans and intent and anticipated impact on CAF.

f. **Post Op Report.** A JTFW consolidated Post Op report will be submitted to CJOC NLT 60 days after receipt of the order to redeploy. A separate CJOC instruction will be issued.

**SERVICE SUPPORT**

11. **Engr Support.** IAW Ref I Annex EE, additional Engr support external to JTFW will be coord via reach back request to CJOC J Engr Ops & Plans Cont. The Engr capabilities available are, but not limited to: mobility sp, geospatial, fire safety, environmental, force protection engineering, Engr contracts and force bed down.

12. **Support Concept.** JTFW units to deploy self sufficient for Integral Support (IS) and Close Support (CS). Support to the deployed force, including General Support (GS), will be provided within the capability and capacity of the region's support/sustainment resources. JTFW is responsible for defining support capability gaps and/or deficiencies to CJOC J4 Ops for further action. CJOC J4 Ops will coordinate any Operational level support outside of the
capabilities identified by JTFW. Further details concerning logistics support can be found in Annex R to the SOODO (ref I).

13. **Movement Support.** JTFW shall coordinate tactical level movement requirements within their AOR. For operational and strategic movement requirements, JTFW shall coordinate through CJOC J4 Ops Desk Officer who will engage CJOC J4 Movement Control Centre. Further details concerning movements can be found in Annex S to the SOODO (ref I).

14. **Contracting Support.** JTFW will begin operations using their existing contracts structure. Maximum use of existing contracts including Standing Offer Agreements (SOAs), Regional Standing Offers (RSOs) and Local Purchase Orders (LPOs) are encouraged to meet support needs. For national level contracting support, CJOC J4 Contracts will establish the contracting capability and contract management structure. All CAF contracting will comply with Canadian law and Treasury Board/DND directions. Further details concerning contracting can be found in Annex ZZ to the SOODO (ref I).

15. **Personnel.**

   a. **Employment of Reserve Force Personnel.** The employment of Reserve Force members is governed by policies specified in refs I through M. Barring an order by the Governor-in-Council placing reserve members on active service, all reserve members must consent to serve on this operation. Reservists who are already employed on full time service for other purposes shall not be employed on the operation without their further consent, or at least be given the opportunity to withdraw their consent.

   b. **Authority for Class C Reserve Service.** Primary Reserve members are authorized Class C reserve service while employed for Op LENTUS 01-13. This authority does not constitute the authority to activate any particular reserve unit, sub-unit or formation. It means only that personnel who are employed through the doctrinal Force Employment process are authorized that class of service. Force Generators (FGs) are to administer Class C Reserve Service IAW refs J through M. FGs are to identify Class C PY requirements to CJOC J1.

   c. All reservists employed on the operation are considered to be under command of the Regular Force and supernumerary to Regular Force establishments. Individual reservists, reserve units and/or sub-units will come under the command and control of the Regular Force unit that they are attached to effective immediately upon the commencement of their participation in the operation, and will remain so until the official termination of their participation in the operation.

   d. **Fitness.** Operational employment of Primary Reserve personnel is normally restricted to those personnel who are known to meet the fitness requirements for Class C Reserve Service in accordance with reference J. However, due to the exceptional and urgent circumstances in this instance, as a consequence of an assessed threat to life and limb, the normal verification of medical and physical fitness need not be conducted. Any reserve personnel who have not been verified as
meeting the fitness requirements for Class C Reserve Service in accordance with CMP Instr 20/04 are to be subject to supervision by the chain of command to avoid their employment for tasks involving significant risk. Once the urgency of the situation has diminished, the continued employment of reserve personnel who lack verification of fitness shall cease. At that point, either serving reservists will be verified as meeting the medical and physical fitness requirements for continued Class C reserve service, or their service on the operation will be be ended.

16. **Special Duty Service (SDS).** If SDS is deemed warranted for this operation, Comd JTFW is to submit an elevated risk assessment to Comd CJOC.

17. **Finance.** Assistance to the Province of Alberta will be provided as a Public Service under NDA 273.6(1). In accordance with current financial policies, CJOC will capture all incremental costs associated with services provided for possible cost recovery from Public Safety Canada. Class C pay and allowances will be coded to the CMP Cost Centre using Fund C103. JTFW to create and disseminate fin structure to capture all other incremental costs incurred by all supported and supporting elements under the JTFW OFA fin code: FC 0150CN CC 6436DM Fund C190 GRCs/Ios TBA and GLs as appropriate. JTFW will provide CJOC J8 a rough order magnitude costing using the same proforma as for a Type 1 Provision of Service NLT 30 Jun 2013. A final report of the costs incurred by JTFW supported and supporting elements will be submitted to CJOC J8 60 days after completion of the operation. JTFW will coordinate and report pressures to CJOC J8 through the tri-annual reporting process.

18. **Health Services Support.** Health services support has been coordinated by CF H Svcs Gp and 1 Health Services Group.

**COMMAND**

19. **Supported Command.** JTFW.

20. **Supporting Commands/Groups.** RCN, CA, RCAF, CMP, ADM(PA), CDI.

21. **CJOC Points of Contact.** CJOC HQ lead is J33C – LCol Perron, 613-990-5538. Additional CJOC contacts are:

   a. CJOC lead - LCol Perron, 613-990-5538, BB 613-852-1135
   b. J1C Ops 2 – Maj Chang-Fong, 613-993-3346, BB 613-816-4186
   c. J33C-2 – Maj Plumton, 613-945-2996, BB 613-793-0576
   e. J4 Ops Desk Officer: Capt R.E. Fox, 613-945-2237, BB 613-222-4228
f. J4 Move Ops: Capt L.P.P. Williams, 613-945-2071, BB 613-325-3917

g. J4 Contracts: Maj Symington, 613-945-2088, Cell 780-237-6353

h. J8 Comp – Maj Debruin, 613-945-2325, 613-240-8126

i. LEGAD – LCdr Park, 613-945-2840, 613-894-5922

j. POLAD – Mr Galoumian, 613-945-2248, 613-769-1249

k. JFACC LO – LCol Polenz, 613-945-2559, 613-697-1194

l. PAO – Maj Allison, 613-945-2937, BB 613-608-2615

m. JHSS – Maj Dionne, 613-993-3924, BB 613-799-7692

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References: DJO 13000 (Public Affairs)

SITUATION

1. States of local emergency have been declared in municipalities within Southern Alberta. Flood warnings have also been issued in other areas as well. The Province of Alberta has requested assistance from Public Safety Canada who has, in turn, requested assistance from the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF).

2. Joint Task Force West (JTFW) deployed elements of its Immediate Reaction Unit (IRU) to Red Deer on 20 June 2013. Other JTFW elements have been put on heightened states of readiness as required. 1 Canadian Air Division has deployed fixed and rotary-wing assets to locations throughout Alberta to assist RCMP in evacuation and search and rescue tasks as well.

3. The flooding in Alberta has garnered a high amount of media coverage nationally. CAF PA offices have received a heavy number of media queries about its actual and potential support to the Province of Alberta in its disaster relief operations. This, in turn, may lead to speculation and commentary on what the CAF could and should do to help.

AIM

4. The aim of this annex will be to provide guidance to JTFW and other CAF/DND elements in support of Op LENTUS 13-01.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS APPROACH

5. The Public Affairs approach for this operation will be active in support of Public Safety Canada, which has the lead in communicating the Government of Canada’s assistance to the provincial disaster relief operations. The decision to go active or reactive will depend on coordination and consultation with Public Safety Canada, as well as provincial and municipal organizations as required.

TARGET AUDIENCES

6. The key audiences are as follows:

   a. Internal: DND employees, CF members and their families.

   b. External:

      (1) Canadian media and public.
KEY MESSAGES

7. The following key messages will be used when communicating the CAF’s support to disaster relief operations in Alberta:

a. As part of the Canada First Defence Strategy, the Canadian Armed Forces always stands ready to offer assistance in support of civilian authorities during any crisis in Canada including natural disasters.

b. In partnership with other government departments, Canadian Armed Forces personnel and equipment are always on stand-by to respond to emergencies wherever and whenever required.

c. The men and women of the CAF are ready to provide unique, robust and highly trained crews and resources to support and serve fellow Canadians who face uncertainty and distress from natural disasters and all threats to their safety.

d. As a partner in the community, we have a shared responsibility to assist provincial and municipal authorities save lives, protect public health, assist in protecting property, protect the environment, and help reduce social and economic losses.

e. Public Safety Canada has the lead responsibility for the emergency response and CAF personnel are in continuous liaison with Public Safety Canada, as well as with provincial authorities and our other federal partners.

EXECUTION

8. General.

a. Communication of the CAF’s support to disaster relief operations in Alberta will be led by JTFW with support from CJOC and ADM (PA). JTFW will provide PA situational awareness higher to CJOC, who will coordinate with other Level 1 PA staff in providing guidance and support as required. JTFW PA will liaise and coordinate with OGD PA staff at their level while CJOC will coordinate with ADM (PA) in order to provide coordination with OGDs at the national level.
b. CJOC PA will coordinate communication of CAF operations through the social media realm in support of JTFW and Level 1 PA staff. Imagery will be provided by organic JTFW imagery assets as well as Canadian Armed Forces Combat Camera (CAFCC).

9. **Groupings and Tasks.**

a. CJOC PA will:

   (1) Liaise with ADM (PA) IOT coordinate messaging and communications with OGDs at the national level.

   (2) Provide guidance in terms of messaging and coordination of communications.

   (3) Coordinate with CAFCC and JTFW in order to post imagery online in a timely manner.

   (4) Coordinate with JTFW and other Level 1 PA staff in order to communicate the CAF’s support to disaster relief operations in a timely, relevant and coherent manner in the social media realms.

b. JTFW PA will:

   (1) Provide two SitReps (1500 hrs and 2230 hrs Zulu) daily to CJOC PA for situational awareness, at a minimum.

   (2) Communicate their operations as required in coordination with pertinent provincial and federal organizations.

   (3) Gather and provide imagery to ADM (PA) and CJOC PA in a timely manner for onward dissemination online.

   (4) Coordinate and provide guidance to deployed CAFCC assets in order to capture imagery of the CAF’s support to disaster relief operations in a comprehensive and timely fashion.

c. ADM (PA) is asked to:

   (1) Deploy CAFCC assets to the Op LENTUS 13-01 AOR in order to capture and provide imagery of the CAF’s support to disaster relief operations in coordination with JTFW PA.
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(2) Provide personnel from NDPAO Prairies and North to support JTFW PA during Op LENTUS 13-01.

(3) Provide daily media monitoring services of Op LENTUS 13-01 to CJOC PA and JTFW PA.

SPOKESPERSONS

10. The primary spokespersons are as follows in order of precedence:

a. Prime Minister.
b. Minister for Public Safety.
c. Minister of National Defence.
d. Chief of the Defence Staff.
e. Level One Commanders (ie- Comd CJOC, CLS).
f. Comd JTFW.
g. CFACC.
h. Delegated authorities as approved by CJOC.
i. Delegated authorities as approved by Comd JTFW.

11. All CF members deployed on OP LENTUS 13-01 are also potential spokespersons. When communicating with the public and the media, CAF members will limit themselves to their areas and level of expertise.

CRITICAL INCIDENTS

12. CJOC PA shall be notified by the fastest available means of events and incidents that may impact the mission. The JTFW PA will:

a. Provide an immediate SitRep to CJOC PA with all pertinent details.
b. Produce MRLs, have them approved by Comd, JTFW and forward them immediately to CJOC PA.
POINTS OF CONTACT

14. The following is a list of key contacts for PA operations:
   a. CJOC PA J3 – Cdr N. Garcia, 613-945-2251.
   c. CJOC PA J33 Continental 2 – Capt C. Myhill, 613-945-2396.
   d. ADM (PA) SJS – LCol R. LePage, 613-995-2455.
   e. ADM (PA) CAFCC, Maj J. Proulx, 819-997-0706.
SITUATION

1. General. At refs A and B, JTFW has identified operational requirements not within his Task Force.

2. Remainder no change from ref C.

MISSION

3. No change. CJOC will provide support to the Province of Alberta in response to relief efforts for flooding.

EXECUTION

3. Comd’s Intent. No change.

4. CJOC Strategic Objectives. No change.

5. Tasks.

   a. RCN. Detach OPCON to JTFW small boats with crews and ground transport for small boats from NAVRES Units within AB as required for use in flooded areas.
b. CA.
   
   (1) Provide to JTFW MGB set x 1.
   
   (2) Detach OPCON to JTFW:
      
      (a) 2 x Capt PAOs.
      
      (b) 1 x PA Media Ops.
      
      (c) 1 x PA Plans.
   
   c. ADM(PA). Detach OPCON to JTFW 2 x Combat Camera Imagery Techs.

6. Coordinating Instructions. No change.

SERVICE SUPPORT

7. Movement. In order to effect the strategic movement of major equipment & materiel to the Area of Operations, Force Generators shall liaise direct with CJOC J4 Ops, who shall coordinate.

8. Remainder no change.

COMMAND

9. No change.

Le Lieutenant-général

[Signature]

S.A. Beare
Lieutenant-General

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FRAG O 02 TO OP LENTUS 13-01

References: A. JTFW OP LENTUS SITREP 15, 23 Jun 13
B. CJOC WNG O 01 – Possible Renforcement to Op LENTUS 13-01, 22 June 2013

SITUATION

1. General. Medicine Hat, AB is the next main population hub along the South Saskatchewan river. Local authorities have issued an evacuation order and are now in the midst of proactive preparation for arrival of flood waters. Local cresting expected within the next 24 hours. At ref A, Comd JTFW has identified operational requirements not within his Task Force.

2. Remainder no change.

MISSION

3. No change. CJOC will provide support to the Province of Alberta in response to relief efforts for flooding.

EXECUTION

4. Tasks.

a. CA.

   (1) Transition the following to 24 hours NTM:

      (a) 1 x ACROW Set – Suggested Source 39 CER.

      (b) 1 x MGB Set (46 m) – Suggested Source SQFT.
(c) 2 x Advanced Bridging Qualified SNCOs.

b. RCAF.

(1) Detach OPCON to JTFW, 1 x ROWPU, including prime movers, applicable water supply stores and personnel to execute water production for 24/7 operations, to 24 hours NTM – Suggested Source 4 Wing.

7. Coordinating Instructions.

a. Timings.

(1) NLT 2200Z 24 Jun 13: All to confirm status of assets to Comd CJOC (+CFICC Cont OWO@CJOC HQ@Ottawa-Hull, attention J Engr).

b. Boundaries. JOA is defined as AB, from Red Deer to the southern border.

SERVICE SUPPORT

8. No change.

COMMAND

9. No change.

10. CJOC Points of Contact.

a. J Engr Ops& Plans – LCol C.A. Braddon, 613-993-4950 (office) or 613-286-3358 (BB)

b. J Engr Continental Ops – Maj D. Desveaux, 613-990-5226 (office) or 613-889-2029 (BB)

c. CJOC J6 Continental Ops – LCol I.M. Denny, 613-945-2310 (office) or 613-608-4271 (BB)

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References:
B. CJOC FRAGO 01 to CJOC OP Order – Op LENTUS 13-01, 22 Jun 13
C. CJOC FRAGO 02 to CJOC OP Order – Op LENTUS 13-01, 23 Jun 13

SITUATION

1. The force reduction in the JOA continued throughout the past 24 hours. The continued presence of the CAF has provided a stabilizing presence to the affected communities in the region of Op LENTUS 13-01. A transition from response efforts to recovery efforts in many communities is now being seen. Several communities are now closing reception centres and emergency operations centres.

MISSION

2. No change. CJOC will provide support to the Province of Alberta in response to relief efforts for flooding.

EXECUTION

3. Comd’s Intent. No change.

4. CJOC Strategic Objectives. No change.

5. Tasks. All assets and personnel that have been placed on reduced notice to move in anticipation of deployment to Op LENTUS 13-01 are to revert to normal notice to move. Assets and personal are as follow:

   a. RCN, RMCE, and small boats with crews from NAVRES Units within AB.
b. CA. Non-LFWA ROWPU, ACROW and MGB sets, Advanced Bridging Qualified SNCOs and PAOs.

c. RCAF/JFACC. Air assets as they are released from JTFW, ROWPU and pers.

d. ADM(PA). Combat Camera Imagery Techs.

e. Remainder no change.

SERVICE SUPPORT

6. No change.

COMMAND

7. No change.

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The Minister

CANADIAN FORCES SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA

1. On 21 June 2013, you received requests from Minister of Public Safety for the assistance of the Canadian Armed Forces to respond to flooding in the Southern Foothills region of Alberta (Tabs A). Based upon your direction, the Canadian Armed Forces deployed and are assisting the Province of Alberta in supporting provincial and municipal authorities in their flood relief operations through the:

- Evacuation and safeguarding of at risk persons;
- Safeguarding of critical infrastructure from flooding;
- Resupply of those areas isolated by flooding as requested by civil authorities;
- Provision of engineering, logistic and humanitarian relief support to those communities that must shelter in place;
- Assistance in informing the public of the need to avoid entry in to those areas evacuated, damaged, or that are otherwise in need of control and surveillance in order to ensure the safety of emergency personnel and evacuees.

2. Although the Government of Alberta has indicated that medical services are likely to be disrupted by the flooding, they have not requested medical assistance and Canadian Armed Forces personnel are restricted to providing emergency care only. If medical assistance beyond emergency care is requested by the Province, your authorization will be required.

3. Canadian Armed Forces personnel will not engage in law enforcement activities. Should the support of the Canadian Armed Forces be required to provide assistance to law enforcement authorities, it will be the subject of another request.

4. In accordance with current financial policies, the Department of National Defence will continue to capture all incremental costs associated with services provided and recover appropriate incremental costs from the applicable federal government department.
5. We recommend that you sign the enclosed letter to the Minister of Public Safety (Tab C) formally indicating that the Canadian Armed Forces will respond to the requests and the enclosed letter confirming your authorization and direction to the CDS that the Canadian Armed Forces is to provide the support listed above (Tab D).

T. J. Lawson  
General  
Chief of the Defence Staff

Richard B. Fadden  
Deputy Minister

Enclosures (4)

Tab A – Letter from the Minister of Public Safety to the MND  
Tab B –  
Tab C - Letter from the MND to the Minister of Public Safety  
Tab D - Letter from the MND to the CDS

Approved

The Honourable Peter Mackay, P.C., Q.C., MP  
Minister of National Defence

Date: 

JUN 21 2013
CDS TASKING ORDER
OP LENTUS 13-01: CANADIAN ARMED FORCES SUPPORT TO DISASTER RELIEF IN ALBERTA

SITUATION

1. General. CONPLAN LENTUS is Canada Armed Forces (CAF) assistance to the Canadian Government during disaster relief operations (DRO). The Province of Alberta has recently experienced flooding of unprecedented historical proportions in the Southern Foothills region. Heavy rainfall continues to fall in Southern Alberta and has resulted in States of Emergency being declared in a number of communities.

Translation to follow.
2. and provided direction to the CDS in reference C.

3. **Problem Definition.** Extensive flooding in the Province of Alberta has exceeded the capacity of the communities to respond and a request for assistance from the Province of Alberta has been issued.

4. **Limitations:**
   
a. **Constraints:**
   
   (1) CAF personnel will remain under military command at all times; and
   
   (2) The CAF will maintain routine National SAR posture;
   
   b. **Restrictions:**
   
   (1) CAF personnel will not engage in law enforcement. If assistance to law enforcement authorities is required by the Province, then another request will need to be submitted and approved;
   
   (2) CAF Health Services (HS) elements will not provide medical care to civilians except to alleviate pain and suffering and to preserve life to the extent required to evacuate the patient to a civilian medical facility, unless prior permission is granted by the MND. If medical assistance is required by the Province, then another request

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will need to be submitted and approved; and

(3) This operation will not impact other ongoing CAF operations.

MISSION

5. The CAF will provide support to the Province of Alberta in response to relief efforts for flooding.

EXECUTION

6. **Concept of Operations.** As part of a Government of Canada relief effort, Commander CJOC is the Supported Commander and will coordinate all aspects of the tasking to provide the assistance requested by the Province of Alberta.

7. **CF Strategic Objectives.** The CAF will assist the Government of Alberta in a WoG effort to:

   a. Save lives;
   
   b. Prevent suffering;
   
   c. Mitigate effects on the population;
   
   d. Demonstrate how, in coordination with OGDs, Canadian Armed Forces personnel are prepared to respond to emergencies and help Canadians in distress; and
   
   e. Demonstrate the relationship between the CAF and OGDs in support of Provinces and Territories;

8. **Tasks:**

   a. **CJOC.** Plan, coordinate and

   a. **COIC.**
command CAF operations in support of the Province of Alberta. Specifically:

(1) The evacuation and safeguarding of persons at risk;

(2) Safeguarding of critical infrastructure from flooding;

(3) Resupply of those areas isolated by flooding as requested by civil authorities;

(4) Provision of engineering and humanitarian relief support to those communities that must shelter in place; and

(5) Assistance with informing the public of the need to avoid entry into those areas evacuated, damaged, or otherwise in need of control and surveillance in order to ensure the safety of emergency personnel and evacuees;

b. **RCN.** BPT support CJOC as per ref C;

c. **CA.** BPT support CJOC as per ref C;

d. **RCAF.** BPT support CJOC as per ref C;

e. **ADM(PA):**

(1) Synchronize with and provide guidance from PCO and MNDO through Min Svcs and SJS/CL Public Affairs;

(2) Provide imagery support through Canadian Forces Combat Camera to promote visibility of...
CAF support within whole of government response efforts; and

(3) Provide media monitoring summaries and analysis of national and regional coverage to aid situational awareness;

f. CMP. BPT support CJOC as per ref C;

g. CDI. BPT support CJOC as per ref C;

9. Coordinating Instructions:

a. Weapons. Weapons carriage is not authorized, except by credentialed members of the military police;

b. Rules of Engagement (ROE). No ROE are authorized;

c. Key dates and timings:

(1) Operations in support of this mission are to commence immediately; and

(2) Comd CJOC, in consultation with the CDS and Public Safety, will determine conditions for CAF redeployment;

d. Readiness. As directed by Comd CJOC.

e. Reporting. In addition to the currently established CFICC reporting regime, CJOC will report to CDS and SJS the following incidents/activities as info becomes available:

(1) Confirmed locations of deployment of CAF assets in the
region and the CAF footprint in each location;

(2) Any new locations being considered for the deployment of CF assets beyond those locations currently envisaged;

(3) New capabilities/specialist skill sets that are being brought into theatre (eg ISR, general support engineers, etc);

(4) Occasions where CF assets are providing support or transportation to or receiving visits by VIPs (eg officials of municipal, provincial and the federal government); and

(5) Any indications that the Alberta government may be considering asking the CAF to conduct tasks beyond those requested to date, (eg ALEA, etc);

f. Lessons Learned. CJOC is responsible for the collection and processing of all operational observations during this operation. SJS will collect and process all strategic observations pertaining to Op LENTUS 13-01;

g. Public Affairs:

(1) PA Posture: Active;

(2) GoC PA Lead: Public Safety;

(3) CAF PA Lead: CJOC; and

(4) PA Approvals: ADM(PA) to support coordination and approval of supporting PA products.

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CONCEPT OF SUPPORT

10. Comd CJOC, as the Supported Commander will coordinate all aspects of the tasking and provide the necessary assistance and support through existing resources.

11. Finance. In accordance with current financial policies, the Department of National Defence will capture all incremental costs associated with services provided for possible cost recovery from Public Safety Canada. CJOC is appointed Comd Compt and will provide further financial direction to L1s within Op O. Costs will be captured in the Operations Funding Account (OFA); funding pressures to be reported in the financial review process. Cost estimate and final financial report are to be submitted by J8 CJOC to DCMFA.

12. Personnel:

a. Employment of Reserves. Op LENTUS 13-01 is effective as of 21 Jun 13 and is designated an operation pursuant to the Canadian Labour Code, Division XV.2, section 247.5(1)(a). This designation is effective until the operation terminates;

b. Reserve Class C Requirements. FGs are to identify Class C requirements to SJS J1 Ops; and

c. Special Duty Service (SDS). If SDS is deemed warranted for this operation, CJOC is to submit an elevated risk assessment to SJS J1.
Ops for staffing with CMP and to CDS and MND.

**COMMAND**

13. **Supported Commander.** Comd CJOC.

14. **Supporting Commanders/Group Principals.** RCN, CA, RCAF, ADM(PA), CDI.

15. **SJS POCs.**
   
a. Col C.J.J. Mialkowski, J33, 992-4655;
   
b. LCol M.J. Thornley, WH Ops, 944-8223.

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**COMMANDEMENT**

13. **Commandant appuyé.**

14. **Commandants/Chefs de groupe en appui.**

15. **PDC EMIS.**
   
a. ;
   
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Le Général T.J. Lawson
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DISASTER RELIEF IN ALBERTA

C. Minister of National Defence Deputy
Chief of Staff email to the Chief of
Defence Staff, 21 June 2013 8:21 am
D. CJOC Contingency Operation Plan
LENTUS dated 02 May 2012
E. Canada First Defence Strategy
F. National Defence Act, Section
273.6(1)
G. Queen’s Regulations and Orders for
the Canadian Forces, Chapter 34
H. CDS Tasking Order Op LENTUS 13-
01: Canadian Armed Forces Support to
Disaster Relief in Alberta 21 Jun 13

SITUATION

1. **General.** This Frag Order is
being issued to include ADM(IM) in para
9. **Tasks and to provide the French**

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C. Courriel du chef d’état-major adjoint
du bureau du ministre de la Défense
nationale au chef d’état-major de la
Défense, le 21 juin 2013 8 h 21
D. Plan d’opération de contingence
*Lenius* du COIC, daté du 2 mai 2012
E. Stratégie de défense *Le Canada
d’abord*
F. Loi sur la défense nationale, article
273.6(1)
G. Ordonnances et règlements royaux
applicables aux Forces canadiennes,
chapitre 34
H. Ordre de mission du CEMD
Op *Lenius* 13-01 – Soutien des Forces
armées canadiennes au secours aux
sinistrés en Alberta, le 21 juin 2013

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**SITUATION**

1. **Généralités.** Le présent ordre
fragmentaire est diffusé pour inclure le
SMA(GI) au paragraphe 9 (Tâches) et
translation. For ease of reference the order is being issued in side-by-side bilingual format.

2. CONPLAN LENTUS is Canada Armed Forces (CAF) assistance to the Canadian Government during disaster relief operations (DRO). The Province of Alberta has recently experienced flooding of unprecedented historical proportions in the Southern Foothills region. Heavy rainfall continues to fall in Southern Alberta and has resulted in States of Emergency being declared in a number of communities.

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      (2) The CAF will maintain routine National SAR posture;

fournir la traduction française. Afin de faciliter la consultation, l’ordre est rédigé en format bilingue côté à côté.

2. Le CONPLAN Lentus correspond à l’aide des Forces armées canadiennes (FAC) au gouvernement du Canada pendant des opérations de secours aux sinistrés. La province de l’Alberta a récemment connu des inondations historiques sans précédent dans la région des contreforts Sud. De fortes pluies continuent de tomber dans le Sud de l’Alberta, ce qui a entraîné le déclenchement de l’état d’urgence dans de nombreuses communautés.

3. et a donné des directives au CEMD à la référence C.


5. Limites :
   a. Contraintes :
      (1) Le personnel des FAC demeurera sous le commandement militaire en tout temps; et
      (2) Les FAC conserveront la position nationale habituelle en matière de SAR;
b. Restraints:

(1) CAF pers will not engage in law enforcement. If assistance to law enforcement authorities is required by the Province, then another request will need to be submitted and approved;

(2) CAF Health Services (HS) elements will not provide medical care to civilians except to alleviate pain and suffering and to preserve life to the extent required to evacuate the patient to a civilian medical facility, unless prior permission is granted by the MND. If medical assistance is required by the Province, then another request will need to be submitted and approved; and

(3) This operation will not impact other ongoing CAF operations.

b. Restrictions:

(1) Le personnel des FAC ne s'occupe pas de l'application de la loi. Si la province a besoin d'assistance aux agences de maintien de l'ordre, elle doit soumettre une autre demande aux fins d'approbation;

(2) Les éléments des Services de santé des FAC ne fourniront pas de soins médicaux aux civils, sauf pour soulager la douleur et la souffrance et préserver la vie dans le mesure requise pour évacuer le patient vers une installation de soins de santé civile, sauf si le min DN en a préalablement accordé la permission. Si de l'aide médicale est requise par la province, une autre demande devra être soumise et approuvée; et

(3) Cette opération n'aura pas d'incidence sur les autres opérations en cours des FAC.

MISSION

6. The CAF will provide support to the Province of Alberta in response to relief efforts for flooding.

EXECUTION

7. Concept of Operations. As part

MISSION


EXÉCUTION

7. Concept des opérations. Dans
of a Government of Canada relief effort, Commander CJOC is the Supported
Commander and will coordinate all aspects of the tasking to provide the
assistance requested by the Province of Alberta.

8. **CF Strategic Objectives.** The CAF will assist the Government of
Alberta in a WoG effort to:

a. Save lives;

b. Prevent suffering;

c. Mitigate effects on the population;

d. Demonstrate how, in coordination with OGDs, Canadian Armed Forces
personnel are prepared to respond to emergencies and help Canadians in distress; and

e. Demonstrate the relationship between the CAF and OGDs in support of Provinces and
Territories.

9. **Tasks:**

a. **CJOC.** Plan, coordinate and command CAF operations in support of the
Province of Alberta. Specifically:

(1) The evacuation and safeguarding of persons at risk;

(2) Safeguarding of critical

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8. **Objectifs stratégiques des FC.** Les FAC aideront le gouvernement de l'Alberta dans le cadre d'un effort pangouvernemental visant à:

a. Sauver des vies;

b. Prévenir la souffrance;

c. Atténuer les répercussions sur la population;

d. Démontrer comment, en coordination avec les autres ministères, le personnel des Forces armées canadiennes est prêt à réagir aux urgences et à aider les Canadiens en détresse; et

e. Démontrer la relation entre les FAC et les autres ministères à l'appui des provinces et des territoires.

9. **Tâches:**

a. **COIC.** Planifier, coordonner et commander les opérations des FAC à l'appui de la province de l'Alberta. Plus particulièrement :

(1) L'évacuation et la protection des personnes à risque;

(2) La protection de
infrastructure from flooding;

(3) Resupply of those areas isolated by flooding as requested by civil authorities;

(4) Provision of engineering and humanitarian relief support to those communities that must shelter in place; and

(5) Assistance with informing the public of the need to avoid entry into those areas evacuated, damaged, or otherwise in need of control and surveillance in order to ensure the safety of emergency personnel and evacuees;

b. **RCN.** BPT support CJOC as per ref C;

c. **CA.** BPT support CJOC as per ref C;

d. **RCAF.** BPT support CJOC as per ref C;

e. **ADM(PA):**

(1) Synchronize with and provide guidance from PCO and MNDO through Min Svcs and SJS/CL Public Affairs;

**b. MRC.** Être prêt à soutenir le COIC conformément à la réf. C;

c. **AC.** Être prêt à soutenir le COIC conformément à la réf. C;

d. **ARC.** Être prêt à soutenir le COIC conformément à la réf. C;

e. **SMA(PA):**

(1) Synchroniser avec le BCP et le cabinet du min DN, et donner des conseils provenant de ceux-ci, par l'entremise des svc
(2) Provide imagery support through Canadian Forces Combat Camera to promote visibility of CAF support within whole of government response efforts; and

(3) Provide media monitoring summaries and analysis of national and regional coverage to aid situational awareness;

f. CMP. BPT support CJOC as per ref C;

g. CDI. BPT support CJOC as per ref C; and

h. ADM(IM). BPT support CJOC as per ref C.

10. Coordinating Instructions:

a. Weapons. Weapons carriage is not authorized, except by credentialed members of the military police;

b. Rules of Engagement (ROE). No ROE are authorized;

c. Key dates and timings:

10. Instructions de coordination:

a. Armes. Le port d'armes n'est pas autorisé, sauf pour les membres de la police militaire qualifiés;

b. Règles d'engagement (RE). Aucune RE n'est autorisée;

c. Dates clés et échéancier:
(1) Operations in support of this mission are to commence immediately; and

(2) Comd CJOC, in consultation with the CDS and Public Safety, will determine conditions for CAF redeployment;

d. **Readiness.** As directed by Comd CJOC;

e. **Reporting.** In addition to the currently established CFICC reporting regime, CJOC will report to CDS and SJS the following incidents/activities as info becomes available:

(1) Confirmed locations of deployment of CAF assets in the region and the CAF footprint in each location;

(2) Any new locations being considered for the deployment of CF assets beyond those locations currently envisaged;

(3) New capabilities/specialist skill sets that are being brought into theatre (eg ISR, general support engineers, etc);
(4) Occasions where CF assets are providing support or transportation to or receiving visits by VIPs (eg officials of municipal, provincial and the federal government); and

(5) Any indications that the Alberta government may be considering asking the CAF to conduct tasks beyond those requested to date, (eg ALEA, etc);

f. Lessons Learned. CJOC is responsible for the collection and processing of all operational observations during this operation. SJS will collect and process all strategic observations pertaining to Op LENTUS 13-01;

g. Public Affairs:
   (1) PA Posture: Active;
   (2) GoC PA Lead: Public Safety;
   (3) CAF PA Lead: CJOC; and
   (4) PA Approvals: ADM(PA) to support coordination and approval of supporting PA products.

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CONCEPT OF SUPPORT

11. Comd CJOC, as the Supported Commander will coordinate all aspects of the tasking and provide the necessary assistance and support through existing resources.

12. **Finance.** In accordance with current financial policies, the Department of National Defence will capture all incremental costs associated with services provided for possible cost recovery from Public Safety Canada. CJOC is appointed Comd Compt and will provide further financial direction to L1s within Op O. Costs will be captured in the Operations Funding Account (OFA); funding pressures to be reported in the financial review process. Cost estimate and final financial report are to be submitted by J8 CJOC to DCMFA.

13. **Personnel:**

   a. **Employment of Reserves.** Op LENTUS 13-01 is effective as of 21 Jun 13 and is designated an operation pursuant to the Canadian Labour Code, Division XV.2, section 247.5(1)(a). This designation is effective until the operation terminates;

   b. **Reserve Class C Requirements.** FGs are to identify Class C requirements to SJS J1 Ops; and

CONCEPT DE SOUTIEN

11. Le cmdt COIC, en tant que commandant appuyé, coordonnera tous les aspects de la mission et fournira l’assistance et le soutien nécessaires à l’aide des ressources existantes.

12. **Finances.** Conformément aux politiques financières actuelles, le ministère de la Défense nationale comptabilisera tous les coûts supplémentaires liés aux services fournis pour le recouvrement possible des coûts auprès de Sécurité publique Canada. Le COIC est désigné le contrôleur du comd et fournira des directives financières supplémentaires aux N1 au sein de l’O Op. Les coûts seront comptabilisés dans le Compte de fonds pour les opérations (CFO); les pressions financières doivent être signalées dans le cadre du processus d’examen financier. L’estimation des coûts et le rapport financier final doivent être soumis au DFCEF par le J8 COIC.

13. **Personnel:**


   b. **Besoins relativement au service de réserve de classe C.** Les responsables de la MPF doivent indiquer les besoins en service de classe C à l’EMIS J1 Ops; et
c. Special Duty Service (SDS). If SDS is deemed warranted for this operation, CJOC is to submit an elevated risk assessment to SJS J1 Ops for staffing with CMP and to CDS and MND.

14. Supported Commander. Comd CJOC.

15. Supporting Commanders/Group Principals. RCN, CA, RCAF, ADM(PA), CDI, ADM(IM).

16. SJS POCs:
   a. Col C.J.J. Miałkowski, J33, 992-4655; and
   b. LCol M.J. Thornley, WH Ops, 944-8223.

Le Général T.J. Lawson
General

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June 21st 2013,

The Honourable Victor Toews
Office of the Minister
Public Safety Canada
269 Laurier Avenue, 19th floor.
Ottawa, Ontario, K1AOP8

Dear Minister,

As you are no doubt already aware, we are seeing flooding of unprecedented historical proportions in the Southern Foothills region of Alberta, requiring an emergency and humanitarian response that will exceed the current capacity of many of our smaller communities, and in the immediate term, the Province of Alberta. I am therefore writing to seek your support in the provision of the Canadian Forces (CF) to assist us with the evacuation and safeguarding of at risk persons and critical infrastructure threatened by this fast moving disaster and its effects. Likely tasks would include the aerial and ground resupply of those areas isolated by flooding and the destruction of transportation networks, the provision of engineering and humanitarian relief support those communities that must shelter in place for a significant period of time, and assistance in the access control or re-entry those areas evacuated, damaged, or that otherwise need control and surveillance in order to ensure the safety of emergency personnel and evacuees. I do not foresee a requirement to use the CF members as peace officers, and I do not see a requirement to arm them for these humanitarian and disaster response duties.

I anticipate requiring military support until the affected communities have re-established critical life support services, including power, water and medical services, and movement and resupply via ground transportation routes is safe and sustainable. I would also request to retain the support of the CF until after the peak water mark has passed safely through Medicine Hat, which is anticipated to be on or about 24 June 2012.

I do not make this request lightly, and appreciate the support of the Federal Government and the members of the Defence and Public Safety teams have shown the people of Alberta in this time of dire need.

Sincerely

Douglas Griffiths

Minister of Municipal Affairs

Minister Responsible for Emergency Response
The Honourable Peter MacKay, P.C., M.P.
Minister of National Defence
Major-General George R. Pearkes Building
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K2

Dear colleague:

A serious situation has developed in the province of Alberta as a result of the recent flooding in the Southern Foothills region of the province. The Alberta Minister Responsible for Emergency Response has assessed that the current situation requires resources beyond those available to the province of Alberta and he has requested federal assistance in dealing with this urgent situation (see enclosed) in the province and specifically, the resources of the Canadian Forces (CF).

Based on collaborative federal planning efforts and after reviewing the Alberta request, it appears that the unique assets and skill of the CF are required to provide assistance to the province in their operations to mitigate the effects of the flooding. In summary, the following assistance is requested by the government of Alberta to deal with this:

- Evacuation and safeguarding of at risk persons;
- Safeguarding of critical infrastructure from flooding;
- Aerial and ground resupply of those areas isolated by flooding as requested by civil authorities;
- Provision of engineering and humanitarian relief support to those communities that must shelter in place; and
- Assistance in informing the public of the need to avoid entry into those areas evacuated, damaged, or that otherwise are in need of control and surveillance in order to ensure the safety of emergency personnel and evacuees.

I trust you will agree that the provision of this assistance cannot be accomplished effectively without the assistance of the CF, and that the provision of such assistance involves public service.
Given the foregoing, and pursuant to subsection 273.6(1) of the National Defence Act, I respectfully request that you issue directions to authorize the CF to provide assistance to the government of Alberta in responding to the flooding situation in that province.

No assistance to law enforcement by the CF under subsection 273.6(2) of the National Defence Act is anticipated at this time.

Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Vic Toews, P.C., Q.C., M.P.

Enclosure: (1)
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The Honourable Vic Toews, P.C., Q.C., M.P.
Minister of Public Safety
Sir Wilfred Laurier Building
340 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, ON K1A 0P8

Dear Colleague,

I am writing in response to your communications of 21 June 13 requesting the assistance of the Canadian Armed Forces in support of the Government of Alberta as it responds to the flooding in the Southern Foothills region of Alberta.

Pursuant to section 273.6 (1) of the National Defence Act, I confirm that the Canadian Forces can provide support to the Province of Alberta in its operations to mitigate the effects of the flood. I have therefore authorized the Canadian Forces to provide the following assistance:

- Evacuation and safeguarding of at risk persons;
- Safeguarding of critical infrastructure from flooding;
- Resupply of those areas isolated by flooding as requested by civil authorities;
- Provision of engineering, logistic and humanitarian relief support to those communities that must shelter in place;
- Assistance in informing the public of the need to avoid entry in to those areas evacuated, damaged, or that are otherwise in need of control and surveillance in order to ensure the safety of emergency personnel and evacuees.

I acknowledge that the Canadian Armed Forces has not been requested to provide medical services despite that fact that these services have been disrupted, and note that Canadian Armed Forces personnel are therefore restricted to providing emergency care. If further medical assistance beyond emergency care is required by the Province, then another request will need to be submitted and approved.

Canadian Armed Forces personnel will not engage in law enforcement activities. If assistance to law enforcement authorities is required by the Province, then another request will need to be submitted and approved.
In accordance with the Treasury Board “Policy on Interdepartmental Charging and Transfers Between Appropriations,” the Department of National Defence will capture all incremental costs associated with services provided and recover those costs from your department.

Sincerely,

Peter MacKay, P.C., M.P.
JUN 21 2013

General T.J. Lawson  
Chief of Defence Staff  
Major-General George R. Pearkes Building  
101 Colonel By Drive  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K2

General,

In response and letter of 21 June 2013 from the Minister of Public Safety to me requesting the assistance of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) to the Province of Alberta to respond to widespread flooding in Southern Foothills region of Alberta, I have responded to the Minister of Public Safety to confirm that pursuant to sections 273.6(1) of the National Defence Act, the CAF will provide support to the Province of Alberta in its operations to support provincial and municipal authorities in their flood relief operations. Based on this letter, I authorize the Canadian Armed Forces to provide the following assistance to the Province of Alberta to support them in their flood relief operations:

- Evacuation and safeguarding of at risk persons;
- Safeguarding of critical infrastructure from flooding;
- Resupply of those areas isolated by flooding as requested by civil authorities;
- Provision of engineering, logistic and humanitarian relief support to those communities that must shelter in place;
- Assistance in informing the public of the need to avoid entry in to those areas evacuated, damaged, or that are otherwise in need of control and surveillance in order to ensure the safety of emergency personnel and evacuees.

Although the Government of Alberta has indicated that medical services are likely to be disrupted by the flooding, they have not requested medical assistance. CAF personnel are therefore restricted to providing emergency care only. If further medical assistance beyond emergency care is required by the Province, then another request will need to be submitted and approved.

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Canadian Armed Forces personnel will not engage in law enforcement activities. If any assistance to law enforcement authority activities are required by the Province, then another request will need to be submitted and approved.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Peter MacKay, P.C., M.P.
June 26th, 2013,

The Honourable Victor Toews  
Office of the Minister  
Public Safety Canada  
269 Laurier Avenue, 19th floor.  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A0P8

Dear Minister,

On the 21st of June, on behalf of the Government of Alberta, I requested the support of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) to aid the Province in responding to unprecedented flooding across southern Alberta. The efforts of these fine soldiers, sailors, airmen and airwomen were nothing but superb. The dedication and devotion they demonstrated in supporting Albertans during this highly stressful and frightening event, did not go unnoticed. In my travels across southern Alberta over the past five days, I have had the occasion to meet with and personally thank the personnel for their support to the Province and the communities directly impacted by flooding.

As the emergency phase of the flooding situation in all communities except High River has moved from response to recovery, we anticipate that these communities will be able to sustain recovery efforts with their own resources. Critical life support services such as power, water, medical services and ground transportation resupply routes have now been re-established. As such, I wish to inform you that as of 1200 hours, June 27th, 2013, the CAF should consider themselves released by the Government of Alberta, and are free to return to their home stations.

We deeply appreciate the demonstrated and continuing support of the Federal Government and especially the members of the Defence and Public Safety teams. It is comforting to know that in times of dire need, we can depend on our friends to come to our aid.

Sincerely

Douglas Griffiths

Minister of Municipal Affairs

Minister Responsible for Emergency Response
Detailed SITREP – Alberta Floods

COMD CJOC has provided verbal auth to provide assistance to the Province of Alberta for the following effects:

1. Logistics/fuel support in the Kananaskis valley area;
2. Evacuation of hospital patients; (note: patient evac from Canmore hospitals was not necessary) and
3. High River evacuation assistance.
COMD JTFW ASSESSMENT

Provincial priorities remain SAR and delivery of humanitarian aid in the Areas of Canmore, High River, and Kanasakis. JTFW has embedded a RLO within the AEMA provincial ops centre to maintain shared situational awareness. Initial deployment the IRU Recce Group and Vanguard were successful, the Main Body and follow up forces are standing up. The initial urgency in conducting Casevac and emergency resupply to the hospitals in Canmore and High River has been reduced by the province. JTFW will remain engaged with the province to ensure CF efforts align with provincial priorities.

JTFW Assets:

Force Disposition:


b. Arrivals last 24 hrs: 25.

c. Departures next 24 hrs: 329

1 CMBG IRU - deploying to Red Deer, AB:

Detailed breakdown:

- Recce (25 x soldiers, 9 x vehs G wagons, MLVW and 1 Bison CP) has arrived at the armouries at Red Deer;

- Vanguard Coy (185 x soldiers, 18 x Vehs) and Svc Bn (still TBC - tracking 5 x MSVS (trucks) with 10 x soldiers) assets and are departing Edm

- The follow-on Coy from 3 PPCLI (87 pers) and the Combat Service Support (CSS) Coy (47 x soldiers, 26 x vehs.) should be rolling by 0600.

- Intent is to hold the org in Red Deer on forced rest until further direction from COMD 1CMBG is received with respect to specific tasking

SAR assets tasked (1 fixed wing, 8 rotary wing):

1 x SAR Griffon (Cold Lake) - concluded SAR tasks in Hi River, now on crew rest in Lethbridge until 210900L,

1 x Cormorant - tasked from 19 Wing (Comox), concluded SAR tasks in Hi River, now on crew rest in Hi River until 211000L,

1 x Cormorant - tasked as follow on from 19 Wing (Comox), ran into fog in Castlegar, should arr Calgary 211000L,
1 x CC-130 - tasked from 17 Wing (Winnipeg) to provide night illumination, has now returned to base.

1 x SAR Griffon launching from 4 Wing (Cold Lake), should arr Calgary approx 210500L,

2 x CH-146 (Griffon) from 408 Squadron (Edmonton) departing 210800L and

2 x CH-146 (Griffon) from 408 Squadron (Edmonton) departing 211000L.

- R903 (Cormorant) and R417 (Griffon) rescued 22 and 9 pers respectively, who were stranded on roof tops, to the High River airport with the help of R333 (Hercules from 435 Sqn) top cover and illumination. They stopped operations for crew rest in Lethbridge while R333 RTB'd. They will recommence operations at 1000 Eastern.

- R907 (Cormorant) was enroute to High River but was forced to stop their transit in Castlegar, BC because of fog through the mountain passes. They are currently taking crew rest and will continue on to Alberta at 1300 Eastern, subject to visibility.

SAR aircraft will continue with support to hospital evacuations as needed by local authorities. There are currently no more SAR tasks to rescue personnel from roof tops.

Grant Bannister
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Subject: Authority to Provide support to the Province of Alberta
Importance: High

Sir,

As you are aware there have been informal requests for assistance provided to LFWA from the Province of Alberta. Further, we are aware that the Province of Alberta is in the process of formalizing this request to the MND through the MPS. This request has been supported by the MND through an e-mail exchange with MPS with official documentation to follow.

I have confirmed with SJS J3 (Acting DOS) that the CDS authorizes CJOC to provide assistance to the province of Alberta under NDA s.273.6(1) - Public Service. SJS and Pol are working to staff the necessary paper work to follow up this direction. Please note that there is no authority at this point to provide assistance under NDA s.273.6(2) - ALEA. We continue to seek clarification regarding those tasks.

John

John J Zorz
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From: +MCU@MCU@Ottawa-Hull
Sent: Wednesday, 29, January, 2014 10:47
To: RE: Flooding High River
From: +MCU@MCU@Ottawa-Hull Sent: 2014-01-29 10:47:29

Dear,

Thank you for sending me a copy of your email about the flooding in High River last summer. Let me first extend my sympathy to you and all those who were affected. I appreciate the opportunity to address your concerns, and please accept my apology for this delay in responding.

Within 14 hours of the Government of Alberta's request for assistance, a Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) army unit was deployed to High River because the municipality was identified as one of the top four priority areas. The unit that deployed to High River consisted of 310 soldiers, who were involved in reconnaissance, search and evacuation of stranded civilians, providing mobility assistance to law enforcement and critical services personnel, and protecting critical infrastructure.

We have found no evidence of CAF members having kicked in doors of houses. If such action had taken place, it would have only been taken under the legal direction from the appropriate government authorities.

In addition to the initial provision of search and rescue services, the CAF provided humanitarian and disaster relief, engineering support, and evacuation assistance to various locations in Alberta, specifically, High River, Canmore, Kananaskis, and Medicine Hat. How and where the CAF provided assistance were the prerogative of Alberta's provincial authorities.

More information about the province's response to the flooding can be obtained by contacting the applicable municipal and provincial authorities as follows:

Mr. Gordon Beagle
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Alberta Emergency Management Agency
Government of Alberta
PO Box 1333
Edmonton AB T5J 2N2

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Corporal Fern Currie
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11140 - 109 Street North West
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Telephone: 780-412-5662
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I trust that this information is helpful.

Sincerely,
Hon. Rob Nicholson, PC, QC, MP
Minister of National Defence
Robinson LCol DP@ADM(Pol) DWH Pol@Ottawa-Hull

From: Reichert Maj KA@JAG DJAG OPS@Ottawa-Hull
Sent: Friday, 21, June, 2013 09:55
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Cheers,
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From: Donaldson VAdm AB@VCDS@Ottawa-Hull 
Sent: June 21, 2013 9:37 AM 
To: Cathcart MGen BB@JAG Judge Advocate General@Ottawa-Hull; Sinclair J@ADM(Pol)@Ottawa-Hull; Bos M@ADM(Pol) D NATO POL@Ottawa-Hull 
Subject: FW: Alberta Floods 

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From: Lawson Gen TJ@CDS@Ottawa-Hull 
Sent: Friday, 21, June, 2013 08:31 AM 
To: Fernet M@DND MND@Ottawa-Hull 
Cc: MacDonell J@DND MND@Ottawa-Hull; Vandahl LCol ES@DND MND@Ottawa-Hull; Cadieu Col TJ@CDS@Ottawa-Hull; Lamarre BGen CA@SJS Operations@Ottawa-Hull; Donaldson VAdm AB@VCDS@Ottawa-Hull 
Subject: Re: Alberta Floods 

Got it, Marian.

We've got a good jump on this - excellent forward leaning by Land Forces Western Area Commander and the Rescue Coordination Centres.

TJL 

TJ Lawson - Gen 

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From: Fernet M@DND MND@Ottawa-Hull 
Sent: Fri Jun 21 08:21:49 2013 
Subject: FW: Alberta Floods 

General: 

Official paperwork is expected later. 

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From: +MCU@MCU@Ottawa-Hull
Sent: Friday, 30, August, 2013 11:24
To: RE: cdn forces involvement
From: +MCU@MCU@Ottawa-Hull  Sent: 2013-08-30 11:23:58
Dear

Thank you for your email concerning the deployment of Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) personnel to the floods in Alberta.

The CAF was tasked to assist the Province of Alberta in disaster relief operations following the floods based on a request for assistance from the Minister of Public Safety. Once tasked, CAF personnel worked in support of the Province of Alberta for disaster relief and emergency response operations, part of which involved support to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The mandate of the CAF was clear, providing mobility and protecting the safety and security of residents—which included going door-to-door in High River and locating residents who were in distress or deceased; our task was not assistance to law enforcement.

We are confident that CAF personnel operating in High River understood their mandate and provided appropriate assistance to local authorities in order to preserve the life and safety of all affected residents.

I trust this information is helpful, and I appreciate being made aware of your concerns.

Sincerely,

Hon. Rob Nicholson
Minister of National Defence
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Thank you for your email concerning the deployment of Canadian Armed Forces personnel in response to the floods in Alberta. Please accept my apology for this delay in responding.

At the onset of the flooding situation, the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) was requested by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Alberta to assist as part of their search and rescue efforts. With conditions deteriorating, the Government of Alberta formally requested assistance from Public Safety, which in turn requested that the Department of National Defence assist the Province of Alberta in disaster relief operations. Having already been put on alert, CAF personnel were on the ground within hours, assisting in the flood-fighting efforts, and working in support of the Province of Alberta for disaster relief and emergency response operations.

Once the situation had stabilized, the Provincial Flood Recovery Task Force took over and the Province withdrew its request for assistance because it was transitioning from providing an emergency response to providing disaster management. At this point, a few soldiers with unique capabilities remained in key locations, prepared to assist as required.

The deployment of CAF personnel in this, and any, domestic disaster situation is based on a request by the Province. Without such a request, the Department of National Defence is not empowered to provide support.

I am proud of the men and women of the CAF who assisted not only in High River, but in all affected regions of Alberta in order to preserve the life and safety of its residents.

I trust this information is helpful, and I would like to commend you for your volunteer work assisting others in their time of need.

Sincerely,

Hon. Rob Nicholson, PC, QC, MP
Minister of National Defence