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Re: Coroners Act 2008 – Part 6: Findings, Recommendations & Referrals

Subject: CHAPMAN, Jason

Case Number: 3645/04

Date of Recommendations: 20 September 2012

Recommendation #1:

Victoria Police review the practice of challenging people with symptoms of mental disorder and consider alternative methods that may reduce the likelihood of weapon discharge.

Response:

This recommendation has been implemented.

Victoria Police has rolled out an extensive program relating to Critical Incidents involving the mentally ill during the 2010 January to June Operational Tactics and Safety Training (OTST) training cycle. This program endeavours to provide police with an understanding of the mentally disordered and to provide communication strategies which take mental disorders into account. This session has also been redeveloped and is delivered as part of the Foundation Training for Recruits.

Recommendation #2:

Victoria Police review training practice in mental health awareness to ensure that emphasis is placed on the recognition of irrational behaviour and its possible causes and that this recognition be used in the development of tactics for the management of the incident.

Response:

This recommendation has been implemented.

Victoria Police rolled out an extensive program relating to Critical Incidents involving the mentally ill during the 2010 January to June OTST training cycle. In addition, training in understanding the effects illicit drugs can have on persons susceptible to Acute Behavioural Disturbance was developed and delivered during the 2010 July – December OTST training cycle.

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Recommendation #3:

Victoria Police review their policies, procedures and training underpinning cordon and containment practices.

Response:

This recommendation has been implemented.

Victoria Police rolled out an extensive program relating to Critical Incidents involving the mentally ill during the 2010 January to June OTST training cycle. In addition, during the January to June and the July to December 2012 OTST programs Victoria Police introduced the Incident Command and Control (ICCS) in a manner which embodied the principles of ICCS into all incidents where some form of incident management was necessary.

Recommendation #4:

Victoria police review their policy and procedures for the deployment of CIRT negotiators.

Response:

This recommendation has been implemented.

The policy for the development of the CIRT was reviewed and republished with amendments in the Victoria Police Manual – Procedures and Guidelines on 10 October 2011.

Recommendation #5:

Victoria Police give consideration to the immediate deployment of an appropriately trained police dog and trainer, at the time their communications centre is alerted to an event involving an assailant armed with a weapon.

Response:

This recommendation has been implemented.

Previous consideration has been given to the deployment of an appropriately trained police dog and trainer. The 2010 -2011 OTST packages focused on the use of additional specialist resources to safely resolve an incident.

Recommendation #6:

Victoria Police review their policy and procedure for delivery of a 'death message' to family.

Response:

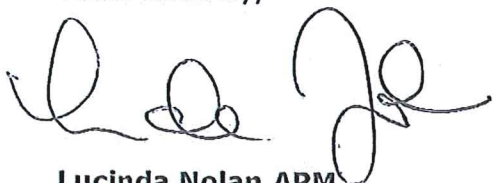
This recommendation has been implemented.

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The Victoria Police Policy regarding the notification of a death is was reviewed and published on the 22nd February 2010.

Should you have any further enquiries relating to the above responses, please contact Senior Sergeant Andrew Miles of the Operational Safety and Tactics Training Unit on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucinda Nolan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lucinda Nolan APM
Deputy Commissioner

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