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

Subject: BLOOMFIELD, James Kellock
Case Number: 4308/06
Date of Recommendations: 19 April 2012

Recommendation 7:


That Victoria Police arrange for copies of the Mental Disorder Transfer Forms (VP Form L42) to be forwarded to the Centre for Operational Effectiveness for analysis and consideration in developing the next six months curriculum for OSTT.

Response:

This recommendation has been implemented.

I can advise the Centre for Operational Safety has analysed data sourced from the VP Form L42 and, where pertinent, will be included in the biannual Incident Analysis Report which is published to help guide OSTT. Any further enquiries in relation to this recommendation should be referred to Inspector Jo Dolan (03) 9566 9554.

Yours sincerely,



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Recommendation 8:

That Victoria Police review the specifications for the labelling of Beacon O/C spray to ensure that its flammability is well-communicated and the label does not rub off.

Response:

This recommendation has been implemented.

I can advise that O/C spray currently used by Victoria Police is water based or utilises a CO2 propellant so are no longer flammable.

Yours sincerely,

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Recommendation 9:

That Victoria Police include examples of the flammability of O/C spray including the distance required to reduce the likelihood of igniting the solvent in all six monthly Operational Safety & Tactics Training Programmes.

Response:

This recommendation has been implemented.

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Recommendation 10:

That Victoria Police review the uptake of Operational Safety & Tactics Training to evaluate recall of safety information, including flammability relating to use of O/C spray, in operational circumstances.

Response:

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Recommendation 11:

That Victoria Police authorise an independent specialist review of the solvent and propellant systems for oleoresin capsicum to identify an appropriate non-flammable solvent that requires a less flammable propellant with characteristics that are consistent with operational requirements.

Response:

This recommendation has been implemented.

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