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Today the sentencing was brought forward, but is it enough?

There is a larger issue at play within the RCMP and now is the time for systemic change.

There is no monetary value that can be associated to the loss felt by the families of our fallen officers and with the current system in place we are sadly no better off than we were before the shooting massacre that occurred on June 4th, 2014.

There have been no fundamental changes made to the system that we can see! Codiac RCMP Superintendent Tom Critchlow promised answers once the trial has drawn to a close. Now that the sentencing has been brought down, we ask for those answers.

Senior RCMP management is still not truly being held accountable for the results of their continued inaction and our government sees the force simply as a line item on a budget. The time is long overdue for fundamental change. MPPAC has always supported the need for a representative voice. Senior management needs to be held accountable daily as their actions have continued to pollute our once great institution.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police was always a beacon of the high standards Canadian's live by. But today, sadly, our National icon is a constant disappointment. We believe RCMP senior management will continue with the status quo as long as the system continues to protect them.

Though the penalty was significant, we must acknowledge that this is simply a redistribution of taxpayer money and has no direct consequences on the individuals personally responsible for the inadequate training, equipment and support that led to this devastating event. In Justice Jackson's reasons for judgement points 90-93; the procurement process moved at a glacial pace, "Deputy Commissioner Brenda Butterworth-Carr, who in August 2012 was the Director General of National Criminal Operations, testified that she was not in a position to direct how Divisions managed the Patrol Carbine rollout and was unaware of who would be in a position to order Divisions to undertake a mitigation strategy such as the one suggested in Pratt's e-mail. Commissioner Paulson allowed that he could have given such a directive, however none was ever given." (p. 47, section 90-93, The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, 2017 NBPC06)

It is our hope that criminal charges will be brought forward as the negligent actions of a select few that have affected the lives and families of the fallen as well as the colleagues and communities that **Constable Doug Larche, Dave Ross and Fabrice Gévaudan** supported throughout their careers.

MPPAC will continue to advocate in support of change and in the hope that no other officers will have to be lost. Hopefully now the RCMP will accept the sentencing and leave the families of the fallen in peace.

*Additional information on research supporting the need for improved equipment and training was provided to Senior Management at RCMP HQ Ottawa (including Bob Paulson) in January of 2011. This member was disciplined at the time. The complete report can be found [HERE](#).

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