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Re: Tweet posted by Surrey Connect January 25, 2022

To the members of Surrey Connect,

On January 25, 2022 Surrey Connect posted a video of members of the Surrey Police Service returning to the Surrey RCMP detachment following lunch at a local restaurant. The members, currently being onboarded by the Surrey RCMP, were simply in the vicinity of the Surrey Provincial Courthouse and were in no way connected to any events occurring within it or outside of it. To imply otherwise is incorrect.

In Canada, police officers are independent of government, political parties and elected officials. It is important that the Board clarify for you that SPS officers have never and will never be asked to perform duties that are politically motivated. To disagree with the Surrey Police Service as an entity is your right, but to disparage sworn police officers without cause is a disservice to policing in Surrey and this country.

The Board believes that an apology is owed to the officers ridiculed in your tweet, which remained up for twelve hours.

On behalf of the Surrey Police Board,



Melissa Granum
Executive Director, Surrey Police Board

Cc: Chief Constable Norm Lipinski
Staff Sergeant Rick Stewart, Surrey Police Union