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**NATIONAL DEFENCE HQ, CANADIAN FORCES BASE EDMONTON, AND
CANADIAN JOINT OPERATIONS COMMAND**

Details regarding the information being sought:

Reference is being made to the attached copies of the following letters, each one, documenting clear orders to the Canadian Armed Forces personnel being deployed in High River during the 2013 flood, **NOT TO ENGAGE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**. <http://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/DND-High-River-Orders-Soldiers-Not-to-Engage-in-Law-Enforcement-June-21-2013.pdf>

- (1) Letter to Minister of National Defence dated June 21, 2013 signed by Chief of Defence Staff, General T.J. Lawson and Deputy Minister Richard B. Fadden stating in Item #3: **"Canadian Armed Forces Personnel will not engage in law enforcement activities."**
- (2) Letter to the Minister of Public Safety dated June 21, 2013 signed by the Minister of National Defence stating in the bottom paragraph on page one: **"Canadian Armed Forces personnel will not engage in law enforcement activities."**
- (3) Letter to the Chief of Defence Staff dated June 21, 2013 signed by the Minister of National Defence, Peter MacKay stating in the last paragraph on page two: **"Canadian Armed Forces will not engage in law enforcement activities."**
- (4) Letter to the Minister of National Defence Peter MacKay dated June 21, 2013 signed by the Minister of Public Safety Vic Toews stating on page two: **"No assistance to law enforcement by the CF under subsection 272.6(2) of the National Defence Act is anticipated at this time."**
- (5) Letter to the Minister of Public Safety dated June 21, 2013 signed by Douglas Griffiths, Alberta Minister of Municipal Affairs and Minister Responsible for Emergency Response stating in the second paragraph: **"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."**

Reference is also being made to the attached picture showing soldiers clearing engaging in a law enforcement activity.

<http://dennisryoung.ca/2016/11/05/national-defence-atip-response-not-one-meeting-held-on-high-river-really/>

For the period between June 20, 2013 to present, please provide copies (drafts and final versions) of all documents, records, reports, presentations, briefing notes, advice, analyses, pictures, videos, investigations, hearings, inquiries, reprimands, e-mails, correspondence resulting from their deployment in High River during the 2013 flood documenting (1) why soldiers participated in law enforcement activities in High River contrary to their direct orders, and (2) what corrective actions were taken against the soldiers and their commanders who failed to follow these direct orders.

Method of access preferred: ☐ Receive copies of originals ☐ Examine originals in government offices

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This request for access to information under the Access to Information Act is being made by:

- ☐ a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or another individual present in Canada, or
☐ a corporation present in Canada

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Signature: _____
Dennis R. Young

Date: **February 5, 2017**



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