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**From:** Marianne RYAN <marianne.ryan@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
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**To:** Bill Sweeney  
**Subject:** Re: Questions

Hello Bill. I am following up on your question with respect to our presence on the FN's (Morley and Siksika) but to my knowledge, there haven't been any specific complaints made to us about the level of security we're providing in those areas. But I have made a call to get some specifics and numbers of our resource deployments for those areas for your reference to confirm.

With respect to your second question, we are operating under common law authority to preserve human life. We are checking residences to make sure there are no shut-ins, people with special needs, the elderly who may have been overcome by gas etc. We use as little force as is necessary to gain entry and once the residences are checked, we secure them again when we leave. With respect to the seizure of unsecured firearms, that would be under the "plain view" doctrine.

You do raise a good point on communicating what legal authorities we are using and on that point, we will get something on paper from Crown counsel tomorrow morning to give to our folks speaking to media for their reference and confidence in speaking to this issue to the public.

I should be able to get back to you tonight to confirm what we're doing for the FN's. Marianne

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**Subject:** Questions

Marianne:

I just received a call from Tim Grant. Our Minister apparently had two questions for him.

(1) The First Nations Chiefs in Morley and Siksika have apparently made comments that they need more police presence in securing and assisting with flood related problems in their communities. The question was: are we providing this support now and is it adequate and effective?

(2) What legal authority do the police rely upon to forcibly enter private property in the flood stricken area? This was in relation to High River and breaking into homes to look for casualties. The Minister was aware that firearms that have not been properly stored were seized during these searches and also anticipates that some residents will ask this question later.

I believe that Tim will be sending these same questions to Dale but thought you should know they are coming.

I have my thoughts on both questions but the response should come from you.

Thanks Marianne.

Bill