



CORNWALL POLICE SERVICE

BOARD REPORT

TO: Board Members

FROM: Chief of Police

UNIT/BUREAU: Cornwall Police Services Board

UNIT/BUREAU: Executive Services

DATE: June 10, 2025

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE – SMITH FALLS POLICE SERVICE INSTITUTIONAL CONFLICT

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this report is to formally advise the Board of a request for assistance made to the Cornwall Police Service by the Smith Falls Police Service in reference to a Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA) Code of Conduct investigation in which they have deemed themselves to be in an institutional conflict of interest.

DISCUSSION

On June 9, 2025, Chief Empey of the Smith Falls Police Service made a formal written request to assist them to investigate the alleged conduct of two Smith Falls police officers who may have committed code of conduct offences pursuant to the CSPA. Upon issuing a Chief's Complaint, Chief Empey deemed her Service to be in an institutional conflict of interest.

At present, there is no way to determine the length of time required to conduct this investigation. Smith Falls has made the required notification to the Inspectorate of Policing.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

There is no anticipated cost recovery as a result of this investigation

COMMUNICATION ISSUES

This matter was reported to the Inspectorate of Policing by Smith Falls

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board receive this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shawna Spowart
Chief of Police