



## *Tkemlúps te Secwépemc*

(Kamloops Indian Band)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

### **PRESS RELEASE – Tkemlúps te Secwépemc, April 22, 2020**

#### **“Harm or Threat to TteS Members was Minimal” Chief Casimir Reassures**

“In the evening of April 21<sup>st</sup>, the RCMP, and the RCMP Emergency Response Team, responded to a crisis situation on our reserve. The situation was contained by the RCMP and threat to members was minimal and the report of firearms at the residence was deemed to be false by police,” explains Chief Casimir.

“When something like this is happening in our community, it is important that we all have the facts and trust that the RCMP are going to uphold public safety. TteS Leadership is going to ensure that accurate and appropriate information will be shared with their membership, when it is safe to do so”.

Casimir is asking TteS members to reach out to their families, their relatives to let them know that there are resources available through Tkemlúps Community Services and First Nations Health Authority for membership that may have been impacted, stressed or traumatized by the situation.

“We are all in this together. We know that fears are heightened. We are all doing our best when it comes to the communication with membership and the community at large.”

“We would like to thank the RCMP for their immediate response to ensure that the situation was safely concluded, and our essential health resource members who are assisting to ensure that there are available resources for outreach.”

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