



## *Tkemlúps te Secwépemc*

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

### Key Facts

- In the evening of April 21<sup>st</sup> there was an emergency in our community. There was a large police presence, including the RCMP Emergency Response Team, in the block of 1200 Kootenay way. The situation was contained by the RCMP and threat to other members was minimal.
- There was a lot of misinformation circulating within the community. The report of firearms at the situation was deemed to be false by police
- Unless the information comes from Chief and Council or their designate, please do not consider the information accurate.
- For all future incidents, Chief and Council will be responding to these situations in a timely fashion, as soon as the situation has de-escalated, and it is safe to do so.
- If an incident occurs and you get an order to shelter in place (stay indoors, close blinds, shut door) please do so until notified otherwise.
- Once RCMP have contained the immediate situation, if it is deemed a threat to other residents, the RCMP will assist evacuating members to a safe place.
- We would like to thank the RCMP for their immediate response to the situation to ensure that it was safely concluded.

### Supports


- These types of situations are very stressful in our community, especially since we are already dealing with the impacts of the COVID crisis. Make sure you are checking on your family members regardless of where they live.
- Mental health supports are in place. Please see website and Facebook for more information or contact Community Services.

### What you can do to help

- To assist in overall community safety, in times of emergency please do not take pictures or videos of the RCMP or post locations of the RCMP or yourselves. By doing so, you could be jeopardizing the safety of the RCMP and our membership.
- Please remain calm and do not spread the panic.

Chief and Council is first and foremost concerned with the safety and wellbeing of our membership and ensuring that our members have accurate information. We have ensured that there are supports in place if needed. Please refer to the website for the detailed contact information.

Yours truly,  
**Tkemlúps te Secwépemc**

  
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On behalf of Council