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D/Comm. Brenda Butterworth-Carr
Commanding Officer, 'E' Division RCMP
14200 Green Timbers Way
Surrey, BC

Re: Wildfires in BC and continued requests for members to work VOT

Deputy Commissioner Butterworth-Carr,

As you are no doubt aware, the Province of British Columbia has declared a state of emergency due to the very serious wildfire situation. Our members are responding to these fires with courage and conviction, doing more than expected or required, as usual. NPF joins RCMP members, government and the public in the hope that the 2017 fire season calms quickly with no more loss of homes, or worse.

The NPF anticipates your continued support and assurance that all members who are deployed will be provided adequate rest, proper health and safety equipment (breathing apparatus and adequate water as only two examples) as well as your commitment to expediting any hazardous occurrence reports through Occupational Health Services.

We are also troubled by reports we have received from our members that in addition to being deployed to help with the fires, they are receiving continued requests to "volunteer" their personal time for community events in red serge. Various B.C. Day and other summer events and attractions add to the burden on our already overwhelmed membership.

We are confident you will agree that these wildfires will only add to the membership's exhaustion and as you may recall, recently retired Commissioner Paulson stated numerous times that volunteer overtime no longer exists in the RCMP. As such, there should no longer be *any* requests for *any* volunteer, unpaid duty. We would appreciate your support in these matters and should any members "volunteer" or have already "volunteered, we would expect that appropriate compensation be provided for their time and service to any of these optional community events.

Sincerely,

Three handwritten signatures in blue ink are shown. The first signature is 'Brian Sauve', the second is 'Eddie MacDonald', and the third is 'Pete Merrifield'. They are arranged horizontally from left to right.

Brian Sauve Eddie MacDonald Pete Merrifield

Co-Chairs of the National Police Federation