



Brantford Police Service

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Dear Directors:

Thank you for your letter of August 17, 2020, addressed to Mark Littell, Chair of the Brantford Police Services Board. Due to the items mentioned in your letter being specific to operational matters within the Service, I am, as Chief of the Brantford Police Service, more than happy to provide a response.

The COVID-19 database was a tool provided for use by the province under the Emergency Measures and Civil Protections Act to allow officers the ability to assess the potential risk of COVID-19 exposure when responding to a call for service during the pandemic. This tool was utilized by communicators when an officer was dispatched to a scene solely to advise if an individual(s) present had tested positive for COVID-19. In an effort to ensure the health and well-being of members and the public during this unprecedented time, the Brantford Police Service, along with many other police services, utilized the portal as a means to determine risk of exposure to the highly contagious COVID-19 virus.

The Brantford Police Service is committed to the safety and well-being of our members and the community we serve, and we take great pride in maintaining high-quality policing services during the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, we have developed our policies based on direction from the Ministry of the Attorney General. Every measure

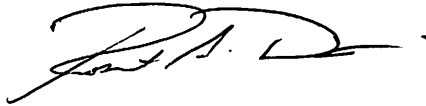
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was taken to ensure our strict privacy policies were adhered to. This database was accessed sparingly and with discretion.

I trust this information is to your satisfaction. Thank you for your interest in the Brantford Police Service and for your dedication to the protection of individuals' rights and freedoms.

Take Care & Be Safe,



Robert A. Davis
Chief of Police



Mark Littell
Chair of Brantford Police Services Board

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