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Fri, Feb 11, 2:39 PM

Hello Mike, can you give me a quick shout before 3 pm - trying to help our Chief of Police get through his board meeting at 3:00... this is Serge Arpin, COS to Jim Watson

Thanks Serge— just hopping off a secure brief in a moment and will call with zita

RCMP confirms they have committed approx. 250 members per day. As of right now, this is the breakdown for the weekend:

Day shift – 47 deployed; 71 on standby (i.e., have not be assigned a post/shift)  
Night shift – 59 deployed; 116 on standby (i.e., have not be assigned a post/shift)

The OPS has line of sight. The RCMP's lead is in direct contact with the Chief's 2iC.

This cover off or do you need more detail?



So what the Minister told the Mayor - that we would be getting an additional 250 on top of the 150, is not factual then. That is roughly the same number than at the start of the insurrection. Will try to connect with OPS to clarify - there appears to be no line of sight an increase unless you know more about tomorrow, Sunday and Monday.

Checking with Commissioner now

Not looking to jam you. Just need to know if a progressive build-up is under way per Minister's last exchange with Mayor. The numbers suggest no increase. Thanks!

Understood! Sorry I've been difficult to get a hold of

Perfectly understandable.

There are 187 on operational readiness but haven't been given a shift

We will have to find out if they have been sworn in.

They have to be sworn in before they take a shift.



Apparently there's a back up in getting them sworn in

But that's not done by us I'm told

Did you want to chat now?

Call when you have a window— I should be able to jump off anything else I have today

Ok I will call you shortly.

I'm not sure how he fits into your structure there, but Matt Luloff has reached out asking for the same info (we've been texting as I know him from his previous life). Are you ok with me sharing the info with him or does that complicate things for you?

I will share it with him and call you shortly

Sounds thanks

Sounds Good \*



Fri, Feb 11, 5:35 PM

It's worse than what you and in the thought. It's 40 officers available to the OPS as of today. It's 20/shift. The 187 you referred to are committed to protect federal properties and assets.

We might get more over the weekend.

Let me go back again.

Are there any people waiting to be sworn in?

I assume that you must understand how spectacularly ridiculous the contention is that we could be meeting with them when your level of government trots out a number of ministers to denigrate the demonstrators and let them know that dialogue is imposable with the Government of Canada in the context of a demonstration targeting the government of Canada but somehow we should divine that we should be meeting with them to make them feel heard. That's nauseating to say the least. But thanks for sharing frankly.

I mean thanks for sharing these remarks in a frank way.



Sat, Feb 12, 9:20 AM

40 RCMP serving City of Ottawa today. No increase in sight. We should do a walk-around together. I doubt you will find in or around the huge perimeter and various locations we are trying to police. If you know where they are, please send me a txt.

Sat, Feb 12, 1:12 PM

Rcmp says we've sent over 3 shifts of 70 each. Commissioner meeting with Sloly and OPP this aft

They are lying to you flat out. I will call you.

Can you take a call with the City manager, because the facts are not in dispute. The 210 are not under the command of the City of Ottawa. They are not accessible to us. They are protecting federal assets.

Just on with my boss but will call when I'm clear

You can tell him he is being lied to by the RCMP. Those boots are not under OPS command.



Latest Yesterday day shift: 47 deployed (71 on stand by) Night shift: 59 deployed (116 on stand by). These were the numbers (total: 293) presented to rcmp as of yesterday morning. The 293 were all deployable...it was OPS who deployed them as stated above. OPS command makes requests and RCMP fills them.

They seem pretty specific to be picked out of thin air, but my hope is that in connecting today they can get some clarity with each other.

Did you get any answers on questions around swearing in?

No that is not factual. There were never those numbers available to OPS.

Well I don't know how we reconcile our numbers Serge as I'm getting pretty specific numbers and I don't know why your line of sight into joint Operations would be different than mine. Not sure if you've heard from Sloly that they're meeting today but I've asked the commissioner for a readout and explanation from her conversation and would be good if you could do the same. The discrepancy is very frustrating



Also hearing Chief Sloly has not yet signed off on plan from the Integrated Planning Cell it you can get a status update on that

Sat, Feb 12, 4:53 PM

On a call with all Mins— can I call you after?

It took 10 Days for us to be told that you could not get agreement on a command structure that would have your officers serve under the OPS command structure... Brutal.

I'm not sure what you mean but No one on the political side is engaged in conversations about the command structure. My understanding was 1) currently those rcmp officers deployed are under command of OPS, and 2) the joint cell has worked together on a plan and that plan is awaiting Chief Sloly's approval and he was being rebriefed on it currently.

Are you saying Sloly has rejected the plan?



No, I'm saying we just going out today that the bodies you and I were told multiple times has been provided we're NOT being provided pending these ducking operational details. You were mislead all along - the bodies were not provided while bickering was happening on the admin arrangements.

I don't know if they are resolved to date or still outstanding. We're not supposed to be involved in any of these command decisions, but knowing that these command decisions are holding up giving bodies to Ottawa is kinda more than a minor detail, non?

Oh I very much agree— it's quite frustrating

Sun, Feb 13, 12:46 PM

I need an urgent call. Preferably before 1:00.

[Mike.Jones@ps-sp.gc.ca](mailto:Mike.Jones@ps-sp.gc.ca)

Got it thanks. We expect to issue our statement before 3:00 pm today.



Grateful for whatever operational details and language you can share

Got it - can you please send me Minister Blair's negative put down of the City's response and the KMs he is using to support that criticism - your docs for mine.

I thought you were trying to get our support. I'm happy to socialize it within government, but to do that I'd need details. You'd have to talk to Zita about Blair's message track — this morning was the first time I'd seen it, but to my knowledge my boss has only suggested that there were some lessons to be learned from how this has unfolded, which doesn't seem unreasonable to me

Was glad to hear Sloly was able to confirm the resources we've been sending though

Yes very positive. Yes I'm trying to get your support but can you guarantee that it won't be shared beyond you and Zita?

So to get it done we'd also want to share with my contact in the centre



People will have concerns around talking to some of the fringe elements, but knowing the details will help

On the understanding that you would never, nor would the centre, engage publicly on this issue before the mayor issued his challenge. There is zero engagement with radical elements.

I can give you that— no one would speak to it before 3

Or whenever you go live

For example there can be no dialogue with the criminal elements from Quebec at Sussex and Rideau.

Ok

Blair said the lack of enforcement in Ottawa was "somewhat inexplicable." Blair, who previously served as public safety minister, was also the chief of the Toronto Police Service between 2005 and 2015. "We need the police to do their jobs, the laws are there." he said.



That doesn't sound like an endorsement, does it?

As I said, my advice to everyone in the system has been to refrain from finger pointing. It's not helpful to any of us, people don't want to hear it, and I think we're better off in close collaboration. That's why every time you raised concerns I've gone back to push RCMP for confirmation of deployment. I don't think it's a lack of leadership from the political side—we can't direct police operations—and I expect we share frustrations in that.

I think a lot of people are questioning the strength and speed of the response, and I don't think that's on the Mayor. Would he give a full throated support of the response to date?

Did you get the letters under embargo. I only have your word.

Yes, I've relayed

We can debate the other stuff later. Because we would not be able to give any response to the federal non contribution of meaningful resources to date. You and I were lied to for days.



So I'm sorry, I promise to not raise that again until we are on the other side of the occupation. But it is friendly fire from you guys - don't kid yourself.

If I were to generalize I think on our side the frustrations are felt with OPS, not the city, and I think that's where Blair is seeking to direct his criticism. But again, I didn't have a window into his comments until I saw them in the news

All good, let's focus on your next response to our attempts to provide relief to the residential districts. Expect you to voice support. I have no time to engage with Zita. Can you please loop her in?

She's aware

I'm hearing that your bosses are supportive. Tell me where you stand please.

Can you provide your feedback yet?

He's been on briefings so we haven't been able to discuss

Is this set to happen later?



Is what?

A briefing of your minister(s) on Ottawa's engagement with the truck convoy.

He's aware that it's happening— I think there's still questions about who you're meeting with, and about where the trucks will be directed, as there isn't a lot of space around the hill non ?

We are not meeting with anyone at this stage. We will cross that bridge when we get there. But why don't you tell me who you thought we should be meeting with when you made that suggestion when we spoke on Friday?

Well that's our concern. It's being discussed, and no concessions on health mandates could be on the table, but the group is cobbled together from disparate factions (as I know you're aware), and each of those have different agendas for end goals and how they may be willing to get there. It's hard to know what sway or control any individual may have in getting people to move



Thanks for that. Did you major in poli sci like me? Btw when you raised with me the « federal disappointment about the city not meeting with the more moderate elements of the trucker movement, what is it you had in mind that we would be talking about »?

I did. I don't recall putting it on the city to meet with more moderate elements?

Oh my, I must be in need of dementia medication. You said that the suggestion had been made that the City could be meeting with some of the more moderate elements.

There may have been a miscommunication but I don't recall suggesting you should take that on. I thought your position was that this is a federal problem

I will have to remember to tape our conversations. We have never said this is a federal problem, only that it is a demonstration aimed at the Government of Canada broadly of which Ottawa residents are the unfortunate collateral damage...

Yeah that's what I meant



Tue, Feb 15, 1:24 PM

We have been advised by Ontario of who their lead commander who will be on the ground here in Ottawa for the OPP. Can you provide this information ahead of the call between the Mayor and the Minister ?

Yes I heard from Zita on this

Have asked that rcmp deputy commissioner reach out to you direct to brief on resourcing

Also asked for the name of their counterpart for you

Who is OPP lead?

That will give them a better sense of who the best contact is

Sorry it would be best for head of RCMP to brief his contact City Manager Steve Kanellakos.

Ok

Do you have the OPP contact?

And do you have a contact for Steve?



Kanellakos and Brenda serve together on the interdepartmental/ intergovernmental task force.

I don't really understand why I would provide you with the OPP lead when you can't share the RCMP lead. Am I missing something? Help me understand how this makes sense.

There's a lot of people working on the file. They want to find the right counterpart.

Sun, Feb 20, 7:21 PM

Finally our combined forces have worked together to end the occupation - although threats remain. We should probably compare notes this week if at all possible as our people need thanks for their amazing work together - OPP, OPS, RCMP.

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