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INTRODUCTION

The inquest into the deaths of five people in an Oak Bay murder-suicide has renewed debate about the pros and cons of maintaining separate municipal police services versus amalgamated or regionalized forces in metropolitan areas. Three separate police forces responded to the emergency call the morning of September 4, 2007 when Peter Lee allegedly killed his wife, child and parents-in-law. Witnesses at the inquiry described confusion and delay in the response. The idea of amalgamating various municipal police forces in the Vancouver and Victoria area dates back at least three decades. Police forces in other provinces as well as in communities in the United States and the Great Britain have moved to amalgamation in recent years.

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