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Committee reports on progress in implementing 2009 Braidwood report recommendations and processing police complaints

VICTORIA – The report of the Special Committee to Inquire into the Use of Conducted Energy Weapons and to Audit Selected Police Complaints was presented today in the Legislative Assembly.

“We are pleased to report that satisfactory progress has been made in implementing the 19 recommendations of the June 2009 Braidwood report on restricting the use of conducted energy weapons in British Columbia,” said committee chair Murray Coell.

“The findings of the police complaint audit undertaken by the Office of the Auditor General are also reassuring for the public,” added the committee’s deputy chair Kathy Corrigan.

The report contains recommendations calling for:

- Governmental action to advocate for the establishment of national electrical safety standards for new conducted energy weapons.
- Police officers to provide more information on the communication techniques they use to de-escalate a crisis.
- An ongoing evaluation of crisis intervention and de-escalation training.

Regarding the police complaint audit, the committee endorsed the recommendations of the Office of the Auditor General that address measures to ensure timely processing of public complaints and the level of police detachment training on the receipt and handling of complaints.

To access the Committee’s report, as well as other information on its work, please visit the committee’s website at: <http://www.leg.bc.ca/cew>

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