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STATEMENT

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BCAFN Regional Chief Terry Teegee Statement on Passing of Sergeant Michael Archibald Leo, Tayus

Lil'wat7úl (Lil'wat Nation) and Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish Nation) – Regional Chief Terry Teegee of the BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN) extends his deepest condolences to the family, friends and community of Sergeant Michael Leo, Tayus, who suddenly passed away on October 13, 2023.

Sergeant Leo's unwavering commitment and dedication were evident throughout his remarkable 34-year tenure as a member of the Stl'at'imx Tribal Police Service in Mount Currie, BC. As a respected protector and mentor, he played a pivotal role in his communities, breaking down barriers and paving the way for other First Nations individuals aspiring to pursue careers in policing and law enforcement.

Funeral arrangements are currently being made and updates regarding service details can be found on the GoFundMe page at the following link: <https://gofund.me/f4976678>

During this difficult time, Regional Chief Terry Teegee and the BCAFN stand in solidarity with Sergeant Michael Leo's loved ones and express their sincere support. Sergeant Leo's contributions and legacy will be cherished and remembered by all those whose lives he touched.

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