



Situation Back to Normal at Champlain Residences in the Borough of Lennoxville

Sherbrooke, August 6, 2013 – At around 11 a.m. this morning, officers from the Service de police de Sherbrooke were called to Winder Street (Borough of Lennoxville). “According to the initial information obtained, an armed man was in a house on Winder Street. Due to the proximity of residences housing Canada Games athletes, an evacuation order was called,” explained Martin Carrier, spokesperson for the Service de police de Sherbrooke. The Service de police de Sherbrooke’s intervention team and the Canada Games Security Services worked closely together during this operation. The 62-year-old suspect, who has no ties to the Canada Games, gave himself up at around 2:45 p.m. and was taken to hospital. The individual could face charges in the coming hours.

Measures taken by the Canada Summer Games–Sherbrooke 2013 organization

The Host Society of the Canada Summer Games–Sherbrooke 2013 wishes to reassure all participants in the event and their families. The situation at the Champlain residences is back to normal. The safety of participants was in no way threatened during this police intervention.

The Canada Games Security Service and the Service de police de Sherbrooke coordinated their efforts from the beginning of this operation. Close to 50 Games participants were evacuated from Champlain residences as a preventive measure. This lodging site is not part of the Games Village. These residences, located in the Borough of Lennoxville, house about 500 athletes from different missions.

“The priority was to ensure the safety of these athletes. Our organization acted quickly and effectively. We enabled participants to resume their activities by adapting transportation and food services, as well as competition schedules, to the situation,” stated Luc Fournier, CEO of the Canada Summer Games–Sherbrooke 2013.

After the police operation was concluded, the athletes were able to go back into the residences.

The situation led to a number of schedule changes, which are as follows:
Baseball game #24 IPE vs. NE moved to Parc de l'Est in Magog at 4 p.m. (venue change)
Baseball game #25 Alberta vs. CB moved to Stade Amédée-Roy at 4 p.m. (venue change)

Baseball game #26 NB vs. MB at Stade Amédée Roy at 7 p.m. (unchanged)

From August 2 to 17, 3400 athletes from the 13 provinces and territories are sharing the honours in the 20 sport disciplines of the Canada Summer Games–Sherbrooke 2013. This event brings together 12 000 participants, including 5 500 volunteers.

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