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RCMP Released More Information

About Victims In Tumbler Ridge Tragedy

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Brian Teepell/USPA 24 News - The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) have released the names of the victims of the mass sh**ting at Tumbler Ridge Secondary School on February 10th, 2026, a tragedy that has shaken the small British Columbia community and drawn national attention.

Having confirmed that the next of kin had been notified, authorities made the announcement. In a statement, officials indicated that the victims included students and staff members, though detailed information about each individual was withheld out of respect for the bereaved families.

“They were far too young,” a community member remarked during a vigil held shortly after the names were publicly disclosed. The sentiment resonated across social media and at public gatherings, where residents characterized the loss as devastating and difficult to comprehend.

Earlier this week, the shooting took place during regular school hours. According to police, 18-year-old Jesse Strang entered the school and opened fire, killing eight people and injuring more than two dozen others before taking his own life. Emergency responders quickly arrived at the scene, securing the area and transporting victims to nearby medical facilities. Investigators have confirmed that the suspect acted alone.

Detailed information about a motive has not been publicly released by authorities, who have stated that the investigation remains ongoing. As part of a comprehensive effort to understand the sequence of events leading up to the attack, officials are reviewing digital communications, school records, and witness statements.

The release of the victims' names represents a poignant milestone for families and friends. What had previously been quantified now carries personal identities, stories, and futures tragically cut short. Grief counselors and crisis support teams have been deployed throughout the region to support students, staff, and community members struggling to cope with the loss.

A candlelight vigil was held near the school grounds, where hundreds gathered in silence. The perimeter fence was lined with flowers, handwritten notes, and photographs. Parents held their children close as speakers shared memories of the victims. Many remembered them as kind, ambitious, and deeply connected to their peers. School district officials announced that classes will remain suspended for the remainder of the week.

As news of the shooting spread nationwide, leaders rallied together, offering words of comfort and solidarity, while flags were lowered to half-mast at public buildings, symbolizing a collective commitment to healing and unity.

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