

Kelowna to receive three new deputy sheriffs

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Back logs in the provincial court system have prompted the BC government to hire more auxiliary sheriffs. Three spaces will open up in Kelowna with another two positions going to Kamloops.

Dean Purdy, chair of the BC Government and Service Employee's Union, says it's a move in the right direction.

"We've seen on many occasions when judges around the province have refused to run their court rooms without the proper amount of deputy sheriffs to provide security. I think the government realized that operating the courts in an unsafe manner wasn't sustainable. And they were rolling the dice on safety in our court rooms."

A total of 36 new auxiliary sheriffs will be hired throughout the province.