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Mr. Peter Cuthbert
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Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police
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Dear Mr. Cuthbert,

I am pleased to submit the 2017 annual report of the Traffic Safety Committee of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police.

Mandate:

- to provide a national coordinating role for traffic safety issues
- to promote cooperation, communication and coordination among the police community and national partners
- to promote sharing among police in research, training and policy standards
- to develop, strengthen and maintain national partnerships
- to maximize the resources of police and partners towards safer roads
- to support community based service delivery by providing timely risk management information and best practices warehousing

In September of 2016 Committee Co-Chair Superintendent Ian Lawson moved on to a new role in the RCMP, the Co-Chair position has been vacant since then pending new Committee members becoming more comfortable with their role on the Committee. The Co-Chair position will be revisited at our Montreal meeting in July 2017.

In the area of membership, we have had a significant change over the year due to promotion, retirements and change of duties. Presently we have representation from Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and from the CN Police. Although we have a good blend of representatives from the RCMP, large provincial/municipal services and non-policing road safety partners we continue to encourage involvement from other services/agencies from across the country. This brings our total membership to 18 representatives.

The committee met twice during the year, in Vaughan (Toronto) ON in March and will meet in Montreal in July.

As Chair of the Committee I attended and represented the Committee at several meetings/conferences during the past year including;

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- Participating in Anne McLellan's Consultations on the Legalization of Marijuana
- Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs – Consultation on Bill S-230 Use of Oral Fluid Devices
- CACP President Council on Strategic Direction
- Vulnerable Road Users Countermeasures Project
- Global Status Report on Road Safety
- Numerous Media Interviews focusing on the legalization of marijuana
- Numerous and ongoing conference calls on the legalization of marijuana
- Drugs and Driving Symposium at the Centre of Forensic Sciences in Toronto

Further I attended both the mid-year and annual meeting of the CCMTA and presented a report on our activities and supported the CCMTA's annual National Day of Remembrance for Road Safety Crash Victims.

A number of Services represented on the Committee participated in Public Safety Canada's Oral Fluid Testing Pilot.

Currently there are four main issues that the committee is focusing on and they are;

- 1) the pending legalization of marijuana
 - impacts on road safety
 - legislative impact
 - DRE/SFST training.
- 2) the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Program
 - the associated costs and availability of the training,
 - the approval of oral fluid devices, and
- 3) Autonomous Vehicles
 - impacts on road safety
 - interactions with non-autonomous vehicles
 - driver responsibilities
- 4) Vulnerable Road Users

The Traffic Committee has continued its strong relationships with the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA), Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF), The Canadian Centre for Substance Abuse (CCSA), MADD Canada, IACP Highway Safety Committee, the Canada Safety Council, Telus and the CCSO Working Group on Impaired Driving. Additionally the Committee has been fostering a relationship with the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA).

We have continued to organize, promote, deliver and capture all statistics for the National Traffic Safety Initiatives "Canada Road Safety Week" and "Operation Impact." Both initiatives continue to target the "Big Four" causes of fatalities: Speeding and Aggressive Driving, Impaired Driving, Distracted Driving and Failure to wear seat belts. Again this year, the "Canada Road Safety Week" also included a one day "National Impaired Enforcement Day". We also continue to support the Traffic Safety Programs Catalogue which is on the CACP website.

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Again this year we continued to encourage our membership to submit names of individuals and units for our two traffic awards. The winners for the Lifetime Achievement Award and the National Police Award for Traffic Safety will be honoured at the annual CACP conference in Montreal.

Key activities for the upcoming year will include:

- the 4 main issues identified this year will continue with active dialogue with all stakeholders to ensure road safety concerns are addressed
- continued delivery of Canada Road Safety Week and Operation Impact
- promote sharing and research, training and policy standards through representation from all provinces while maintaining and strengthening partnerships with CCMTA, CCSA, MADD, TIRF, CCSO Working Group, etc.
- continued maintenance and input into the Traffic Safety Programs Catalogue
- support and judge appropriate awards for contribution to traffic safety

The members of the Traffic Committee look forward to the upcoming year and the challenges that will be presented. We remain committed to providing leadership in policing to improve public safety on our highways.

Sincerely,



Supt. Gord Jones (TPS)
Chair CACP Traffic Safety Committee

Attachments:
Updated Membership List