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Dear Chief Blair:

I am pleased to submit the 2009/10 annual report of the Traffic Committee of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police.

Over the past year we have worked with our key partners including Transport Canada, the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA), the Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF), the Canada Safety Council (CSC), the Canadian Global Road Safety Committee (CGRSC), the Coordinating Council of Senior Officials (CCSO) on Impaired Driving and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

During the past year we delivered our two national traffic safety initiatives, "Canada Road Safety Week" and "Operation Impact". Both initiatives focussed on those driving behaviours which are the leading causes of fatal collisions and collisions with serious injuries.

The Traffic Safety Sub-Committee continues to promote the "CACP Traffic Safety Programs Catalogue". This catalogue is an electronic data base of educational material developed by police services in support of the objectives of "Road Safety Vision 2010". The data base is housed on the RCMP Traffic Services external website and currently contains 26 road safety programs which are available to all Canadian police agencies. During the coming year efforts will be made to continue to increase the number of products available on this site.

In order to promote safe driving practices for the motoring public, the CACP Traffic Committee formed a partnership through the IACP Highway Safety Committee with the Missouri State Police to distribute the DVD "How to

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Save a Life". This DVD focuses on safe driving practices and is aimed at young drivers. In addition to this DVD project, the CACP also worked with TIRF to develop and promote a DVD for police agencies to address the problem of fatigue driving. Both of these DVD's will be distributed to all member Chiefs of the CACP and will be posted to the CACP Traffic Safety Program Catalogue.

From May 4<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the CACP Traffic Committee hosted the third "CACP Criminal Interdiction Symposium" in Edmonton, AB. This year's event attracted more than 170 delegates from across North America and for the first time, a number of sessions were available for representatives of the commercial vehicle industry and insurance industry to deal with issues specifically related to the commercial motor vehicle industry.

The Traffic Safety Sub-Committee continues to work closely with the CCMTA to promote the "CCMTA Police Partnership Award". This award recognizes either individual police officers or police services for successfully building community partnerships to promote road safety. This year's award will be presented at the CCMTA Annual General Meeting in Fredericton, NB.

We continue to promote the recognition of exceptional performance through our annual traffic awards. This year, the winners of the National Traffic Safety Award, the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Criminal Interdiction Awards will be presented on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the CACP/OACP Traffic Symposium in Niagara Falls, ON.

During the past year the CACP Traffic Committee has continued to promote the work of Canadian police agencies to update their breath test instruments. The province of Ontario is updating their instruments with the purchase of the Intoxilyzer 8000C; the province of Quebec is in the final stages of their procurement process for a new instrument; and the remaining Provinces/Territories can now update their breath test programs by purchasing the Intoximeter EC/IR II which will be supported by the RCMP Forensic Laboratories.

At the CACP AGM which was held in August 2009 in Charlottetown, PEI, the Traffic Committee put forth a resolution calling on the federal government to modernize the transportation provisions of the Criminal Code and to introduce random breath testing in Canada. This resolution was unanimously adopted and since that time CACP Traffic Committee representatives have been working through the CCSO to implement the recommendations in this resolution.

Key activities for the upcoming year will include:

- Provide a national coordinating role for traffic safety issues through the CACP/OACP Traffic Symposium which will be held in Niagara, ON from October 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. This event will focus on improving officer and

- public safety through effective management of police vehicle operations;
- Provide a national coordinating role on criminal interdiction issues through organizing a criminal interdiction symposium scheduled for May 2011 in Toronto, ON. This event will be open to both law enforcement and commercial motor vehicle industry representatives.
  - Provide an international coordinating role in the investigation of drug impaired driving offences by partnering with the International Association of Chiefs of Police to host the IACP DRE Section's 17th Annual Training Conference on Drugs, Alcohol and Impaired Driving which is scheduled to be held July 19-21, 2011 in Montreal, QC.
  - Promote cooperation, communication and coordination among the police community and national partners through the continued delivery of our two national enforcement initiatives "Operation Impact" and "Canada Road Safety Week";
  - Promote sharing among police in research, training and policy standards through the continuation our relationship with the IACP Highway Safety Committee and the activities of the Law Enforcement Safety and Stops subcommittee (LESSS). This will include providing Canadian content for the next LESSS DVD project promoting the use of seatbelts by police officers;
  - Develop, strengthen and maintain national partnerships through continued participation in the activities of the CCMTA, TIRF, CSSO on Impaired Driving, IACP and the CGRSC. This will include support for the "National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Road Crashes" and planning for the "National Year of Road Safety" in Canada during 2011;
  - Maximize the resources of police and partners towards safer roads through continued consultation to implement Canada's next generation road safety plan;
  - Support community based service delivery by providing timely risk management information and best practices warehousing through the "CACP Traffic Safety Programs Catalogue";
  - Continue to align our activities with the goals of Canada's Road Safety Vision 2010.

At the recent mid-year CACP Traffic committee meeting, two issues were identified that are of concern to the enforcement community and may best be addressed through collaboration with the CCMTA.

The first issue deals with impaired driving caused by fatigue. Research being conducted on fatigue suggests that this problem is wide spread and it is becoming clear that the only effective solution for this problem is that fatigued drivers have a period of rest before proceeding on their way. Presently, the only option available to police is to issue a traffic ticket for the driving behaviour/infracton observed and then suggest that the driver take a rest break, however the driver is under no obligation to do so. The CACP Traffic Committee wishes the CCMTA to conduct further research into this topic and assist in the

development of more effective strategies and tools to combat driver fatigue to enhance public safety.

The second issue deals with the lack of consistent nationwide regulations concerning the need for police escorts for special events, charity fund raisers and funeral processions. Most, if not all provincial/territorial jurisdictions have special permits available to manage the escort of "long & wide loads" and if a police escort is required, the permit holder must pay for the escort. The policing community wishes that the CCMTA will explore this issue further and develop a system similar to the current practice used for the escort of "long & wide" loads.

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,



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Co-Chair, CACP Traffic Committee

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Mission Visions Values**

**Updated Membership List**

**Information on the "CACP Traffic Safety Programs Catalogue"**

**Copy of 2010 Canada Road Safety Week Report**

**Copy of 2009 Operation Impact Report**

**Copy of 2009 Pipeline/Convoy/Jetway Annual Report**

**Copy of 2009 Drug Evaluation and Classification Program Annual Report**

**Copy of 2010 CACP Traffic Symposium Brochure**

**Copy of 2011 CACP Criminal Interdiction Symposium Brochure**