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

We are pleased to submit the 2015 annual report of the Traffic 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

This year has seen a minor change in regards to the Chair position of the committee. Chief Superintendent Don Bell (OPP) moved on to other duties. His replacement, as the Co-Chair, is Superintendent Gord Jones of the Toronto Police Service (TPS).

In the area of membership, we have seen the addition of Superintendent Grant Foster of the Saskatoon Police Service and Superintendent Darren Eastcott of the Edmonton Police Service our committee. We have also seen some changes in regards to representatives from various agencies due to retirement and change of duties. This brings our total membership to 17 representatives.

The committee met twice during the year, in Ottawa in March and Quebec City in August.

In relation to the Co-Chair positions of the Traffic Committee, we attended and represented the committee at several meetings. An invitation has been extended to the Co-Chairs of the committee to join the IACP Traffic committee. The Co-Chairs will seeking approval from their respective agencies to sit on the committee.

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Superintendent Boucher attended the CCMTA annual meeting and presented a report on our activities, while Superintendent Jones attended the CCMTA's annual National Day of Remembrance for Road Safety Crash Victims.

Additionally, Superintendent Jones presented the CACP's position on decriminalization of marijuana at the Canadian Association of Road Safety Professionals (CARSP) and committee member Superintendent Scott Nystedt of the Ottawa Police Service represented the committee at the Federal Government's June announcement relating to new legislation surrounding impaired driving.

At a previous CACP conference, the Traffic Committee presented a resolution in regards to the creation of an Oversight Body for the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program. In follow up conversations with the Minister's staff it was confirmed that the Drugs and Driving Committee of the Canadian Society of Forensic Science are currently conducting testing on oral fluid roadside drug screening devices, in addition to the examination of perse limits. Their work is to be completed in the fall of 2015. Government will then examine the report and make decisions based on the findings. It is at this point that we could see the appointment of this committee as the oversight body which would mirror the current role of the National Alcohol Test Committee. The committee also had the opportunity to have a presentation on the devices at our mid-year meeting. We are optimistic that these devices will be an additional tool for officers to use to reduce the rising rate of drug impaired driving.

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 and the CCSO Working Group on Impaired Driving. Further, the Co-Chairs worked very closely with Telus in promoting their TELUS WISE initiative.

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. This year's "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.

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 were honoured at the annual CACP conference in Quebec City.

Key activities for the upcoming year will include:

- continued delivery of Canada Road Safety Week and Operation Impact
- promote sharing and research, training and policy standards through both representation from all provinces, and representing the CACP Traffic Committee on the IACP Highway Safety Committee and maintaining and strengthening partnerships with CCMTA, CCSA, MADD, TIRF, CCSO Working Group, etc.
- continued maintenance and input into the Traffic Safety Programs Catalogue
- continued pressure on federal government for changes in regards to the DEC

- program and associated legislation
- 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. Denis Boucher (RCMP)
Co-Chair CACP Traffic Safety Committee

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

Attachments:
Updated Membership List