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Dear Deputy Director Chabot:

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

Over the past twelve months we worked closely 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) and the Canadian Association of Road Safety Professionals (CARSP).

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 five DVD's which are available to all Canadian police agencies. During the past year there have been more than 3,300 visits to this site. 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 with private industry to distribute the road safety DVD "Drive To Survive" nationally. This DVD highlights the importance of wearing seatbelts and the role that employers can play to enforce safe driving habits.

In recognition of the hazards faced by police officers at roadside during traffic stops we also partnered with the IACP Highway Safety Committee to nationally distribute the DVD "Your vest Won't Stop this Bullet". This DVD focuses on the importance for police

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officers to employ safe techniques when stopping vehicles on the roadway in order to minimize the risk of injury.

We also partnered with the IACP Highway Safety Committee to nationally distribute the DVD "P.U.R.S.U.E.". This DVD highlights the importance for police agencies to have policy and training for pursuit activities as a means to effectively manage this activity.

The CACP Traffic Committee will be hosting the second annual "CACP Traffic Symposium" at the Delta Hotel in Ottawa, ON from September 28th to October 1st. This year's event includes a consultation workshop with the CCMTA on the development of Canada's next road safety plan "Road Safety Vision 2020". More than 100 road safety professionals and police officers from across Canada are expected to attend this event.

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 was presented to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police "E" Division Traffic Services Section at the Annual CCMTA General Meeting in St. John's, NL during the month of May.

We continue to promote the recognition of exceptional performance through our annual traffic awards. This year the winner of the National Traffic Safety Award is The SPVM for their initiative "Renforcement de la sécurité routière et de la circulation". The winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award is Staff Sergeant Rick Lavigne who was recognized for the positive impact that he has made in the road safety and policing fields. The winners of these two awards will be publicly announced at the opening ceremonies of the CACP Annual Conference on August 24th.

This year the CACP Traffic Committee has worked nationally on the need for Canadian police agencies to obtain new breath testing instruments. A consultation group has been formed and a draft statement of work has been shared with all members of the committee.

In recognition of the passing of Bill C-2 on drug impaired driving, the CACP Traffic Committee has put forth a resolution that the Drug Evaluation & Classification (DEC) Program currently under the stewardship of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) be recognized as the sole approved training provider for standard field sobriety tests (SFST), Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) and DRE Trainers courses for Canadian police personnel. Canada currently has more than 2,642 certified SFST officers, 322 DRE officers and 59 certified DRE Instructors all which I have been trained under this program.

Key activities for the upcoming year will include:

- To provide a national coordinating role for traffic safety issues through the 3rd Annual Traffic Symposium which will be held in Edmonton AB in May, 2009 with a focus on the role of criminal interdiction in community safety;
- To 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";

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- To promote sharing among police in research, training and policy standards through the continuation of the renewal of the breath test instruments and the national roll out of an IACP Highway Safety Committee DVD promoting police agencies participation in traffic safety activities;
- To develop, strengthen and maintain national partnerships through continued participation in the activities of the CCMTA, CARSP, TIRF, CSC, IACP and the Global Safety Network. This will include support for the “National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Road Crashes” starting in November 2008 and planning for the “National Year of Road Safety” which will be launched in December 2010;
- To maximize the resources of police and partners towards safer roads through continued consultation to develop Canada’s next comprehensive road safety plan “Road Safety Vision 2020”;
- To support community based service delivery by providing timely risk management information and best practices warehousing through the “CACP Traffic Safety Programs Catalogue”;
- To continue to align our activities with the goals of Canada's Road Safety Vision 2010.

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,

Acting Deputy Commissioner Larry Beechey
Ontario Provincial Police

Vice Chair, CACP Traffic Committee

ATTACHMENTS:

Mission Visions Values from our Website complete with graphics
Updated Membership List
Information on the “CACP Traffic Safety Programs Catalogue”
Information on the CCMTA Police Partnership Award
Copy of 2008 Canada Road Safety Week Report
Copy of the 2008 CACP Traffic Symposium Agenda

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