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August 13th, 2013

Chief Constable Jim Chu
President
Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police
C/O Ontario Provincial Police
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Dear Chief Constable Chu:

I am pleased to submit the 2013 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

In the area of membership, three additional members have been brought on. Toronto Police have filled their historic spot and we have brought on a member from York Regional Police and one from the Alberta Sheriffs which are now under the direction of the RCMP.

In relation to my position as Chair of the Traffic Committee, I attended and represented both the committee and the CACP at several meetings. I sit as the CACP member on the IACP Highway Safety Committee. In this position I attended the annual IACP Conference and HSC meeting, the Agenda Screening Meeting in March in New Orleans and hosted the mid-year meeting in Niagara Falls Ontario. This is the first meeting of this committee outside the United States in its history. My staff at the OPP coordinated the event and there were no costs deferred to the CACP.

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I attended the Strategic Council Committee meetings in March and presented a report on our activities. At the past CACP conference, the Traffic Committee presented a resolution in regards to the creation of an Oversight Body for the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program. I met with Min. Nicholson in June and presented the resolution and background material to him and his staff. He was very supportive and has referred the matter to his people within the Department of Justice to prepare for legislation. I also met with my two contacts within the Department of Justice throughout the year to discuss this and the legislative changes in regards to the Impaired Driving provisions which have been confirmed through the CCSO Working Group on Impaired Driving.

As far as committee work goes, we are still working on getting a suitable product to support Electric Vehicle Training and we have assisted in approving the OPP Crash Testing Video which will be shown at the 2013 Conference.

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.

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. We have now implemented a new electronic survey style format for reporting which has simplified the reports. A copy of these is included in this submission. We also continue to support the Traffic Safety Programs Catalogue which is on the CACP website.

The Traffic Committee supports and assists in judging the CCMTA Police Partnership Award. This years’ winner was S/Sgt Jan Idzenga representing the Niagara Falls Detachment of the OPP. He received the award in Iqaluit in May. The CCMTA also presented me, as Chair of the Traffic Committee, with the Associates Award at their conference. This was presented during the Canada Road Safety Week Kickoff in May in Ottawa.

Due to Transport Canada cutbacks, they no longer can participate in person at our committee meetings and no longer fund any traffic awards. In the past they funded the travel and hotel expenses to bring the award winners to the annual conference. For this year we have cut back to one award for a Traffic Safety Program. This award was won by S/Sgt Chris Whaley of the OPP for his work on the Distracted Driving initiative and the

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production of a Distracted Driving Safety Video aimed at young drivers. This will be presented at the annual conference in Winnipeg. We are currently working on rewording the two awards so we can bring them back next year. Our only issue will be that the award itself will be funded but attendance to receive it will have to be picked up by the agency involved.

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 LESSS sub-committee
- 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,



L.G. Beechey
Deputy Commissioner
Ontario Provincial Police
Chair of the CACP Traffic Committee

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Attachments:

- Updated Membership List
- 2013 Canada Road Safety Week Report
- 2012 Operation Impact Report
- 2012 Drug Evaluation and Classification Program Annual Report

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