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Ottawa Police Service Fatal Collision Review Committee

The Fatal Collision Review Committee (FCRC) is a multi-agency initiative comprised of the Ottawa Police Service, the City of Ottawa and the Eastern Regional Supervising Coroner's Office. The committee's purpose is to facilitate the sharing of information and to create a shared vision and strategy following fatal collisions within the municipality. This committee, comprised of various essential stakeholders in traffic safety, is believed to be a first of its kind in Canada.

The FCRC provided some recommendations to the Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario (OCC) to aid in their implementation of *Standardized Investigative Templates* into investigations involving death in order to improve the collection of relevant, accurate data and therefore, a better understanding of road fatalities.

The FCRC met as a group after each fatal collision (24) to review the incidents and discuss the probable causes, contributing factors, as well as possible solutions. An annual report is produced which provides valuable data collected from every fatal collision, including; time of day, day of week, month, age, gender, contributing factors and other notable details.

As a result, the group has provided relevant information and recommendations concerning education campaigns, engineering modifications and/or enforcement initiatives. The recommendations were meant to be acted upon without delay to promote road safety, plan safer roads, and reduce future fatal collisions occurring with similar trends and factors.

The committee also proposed several traffic studies (e.g. pedestrian traffic count, speed readings, intersection re-engineering) to ensure that roads are engineered and designed in the safest way possible and to address problematic factors in order to prevent future incidents.