



August 28th, 2012

Chief Constable Jim Chu  
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Dear Chief Constable Chu:

I am pleased to submit the 2011-2012 annual report of the Traffic Committee of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police.

This past year has met with many challenges and opportunities for our committee. Since our Annual Meeting in August 2011, the Traffic Committee membership has experienced significant change. Many of our senior members have moved on to new endeavours. I would like to personally thank all of them for their commitment and dedication to improving traffic safety on a national level. We wish them well in their future accomplishments. Their departures have provided the opportunity for several new members with fresh perspectives to join our committee. Currently we have 15 members and I look forward to working with all of them over the coming year.

Our committee continues to foster relationships with our partners in our commitment to traffic safety in Canada; the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA), the Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF), the Canada Safety Council (CSC), Transport Canada, the Coordinating Council of Senior Officials (CCSO) on Impaired Driving and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Unfortunately due to fiscal constraints one of our key partner agencies, Transport Canada, will no longer have a full-time representative on our committee or be providing financial support for our national policing awards or our annual traffic safety initiatives. Transport Canada will continue to provide a report for our meetings; their support and participation through Committee representation was a valued relationship and will be a loss to our committee.

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In May, 2012, the CACP Traffic Committee hosted the 2012 CACP Traffic Symposium "Innovation in Road Safety: Driven to Distraction" in Vancouver BC. This symposium was a two day event that included presentations on road safety initiatives from many jurisdictions across the country, injury prevention, technology and educational promotional material all directed towards distracted driving prevention.

The Traffic 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 at the CCMTA Annual General Meeting in Winnipeg Manitoba to Inspector Ted Emanuels of the RCMP Lower Mainland District Traffic Services for "Alexa's Team" Impaired Driving Reduction Partnership.

We continue to promote the recognition of exceptional performance through our annual traffic awards. This year, the winners of the National Traffic Safety Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award were presented at the CACP Traffic Symposium in Vancouver on May 14<sup>th</sup> 2012. Constable Michael Janes of the Burin RCMP Detachment was the well deserved recipient of the National Traffic Safety Award and Inspector Stan McNeil of the RCMP was honoured with the Lifetime achievement award for his dedication and commitment while a member of the RCMP National Traffic Services.

2011 marks the last year for the Life Time Achievement Award and the National Police Award as presented and financially supported by Transport Canada. We are working closely with our key partners Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA) and Accident Support Services International (ASSI) in hopes to continue with two National CACP Traffic awards for the coming years.

The Traffic Committee will continue to deliver our two national traffic safety initiatives, "Canada Road Safety Week" and "Operation Impact". This year, both these initiatives focussed on the "big 4" driving behaviours which are the leading causes of fatal collisions and collisions with serious injuries. These initiatives resulted in over 177,000 reported related charges across the country.

The cost associated with the promotion and reporting function of both of these initiatives will now rest with the CACP Traffic Committee. Represented agencies on our committee have graciously agreed to assist with the cost of producing the promotional items. Using OPP employees in the production and distribution of these promotional items has enabled us to significantly reduce the associated costs. Increasing the level of national participation in our CACP endorsed annual initiatives is a top priority for our committee over the coming year.

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Other priorities for the Traffic Committee for the upcoming year are:

- The Drug Recognition and Classification (DEC) Program currently under the stewardship of the RCMP has met with some challenges, resulting in limited training available in 2012 and the introduction of a plan to reduce funding for the program in the coming years. In August of this year, the CACP Traffic Committee proposed a resolution to the CACP for the creation of a National Oversight Committee. This committee would be responsible for:
  - New scientific technology
  - Canadian training
  - A system of Canadian Certification and Designation
  - Oversight of National data base for evaluations similar to the NHTSA data base in the United States of America
  - Issues identified that may impact the DEC program on a national level.

This resolution was accepted by the CACP at the annual meeting this August. As Chair I will follow up with meetings with the applicable Federal Ministers to assist and solicit support for both the proposed resolution #2012-006 as well as continued federal funding of the DRE certification.

- Updating, maintaining and promoting the use of 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 Strategy 2015” The data base is housed on the CACP external website and currently contains 26 road safety programs which are available to all Canadian police agencies.
- The CACP Traffic Committee Mid-Year Meeting scheduled for next spring in Toronto, Ontario.
- Hosting the IACP Highway Safety Committee Mid-Year Meeting in Niagara Falls Ontario June 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 2013.
- Support the promotion of NFPA Electric Hybrid Vehicle Safety Training for Police Officers in Canada.
- 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

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Committee and the activities of the Law Enforcement Safety and Stops Subcommittee (LESSS) and the Traffic Incident Management Subcommittee (TIMS).

- Develop, strengthen and maintain national partnerships through continued participation in the activities of the CCMTA, TIRF, CSSO on Impaired Driving, and the IACP. This will include support for the "National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Road Crashes" in November 2012.
- Support the development of jurisdictional Road Safety Plans as part of our commitment to Canada's Road Safety Strategy 2015.

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,



Deputy Commissioner Larry Beechey  
Ontario Provincial Police  
Chair, CACP Traffic Committee

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Mission Visions Values**

**Updated Membership List**

**Copy of 2011 Canada Road Safety Week Report**

**Copy of 2011 Operation Impact Report**

**Copy of 2011 Drug Evaluation and Classification Program Annual Report**

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# Traffic Committee



## 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.

## Mandat :

- Jouer un rôle de coordination à l'échelle nationale touchant les questions de sécurité routière;
- Promouvoir la collaboration, la communication et la coordination entre le milieu policier et les partenaires nationaux;
- Favoriser l'échange de la recherche, de la formation et des normes policières dans le milieu policier;
- Établir, renforcer et maintenir les partenariats nationaux;
- Maximiser les ressources de la police et des partenaires relatives à la sécurité routière;
- • Soutenir la prestation des services communautaires en diffusant une information opportune sur la gestion des risques et en archivant les pratiques exemplaires.

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## Vision:

Making Canada's Roads the Safest in the World

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Veiller à ce que les routes du Canada soient les plus sécuritaires au monde.

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## Strategic Mission:

- The CACP Traffic Committee accepts responsibility for providing leadership in policing to improve public safety on our highways

**Mission stratégique :** Il incombe au Comité de la sécurité routière de l'ACCP d'assurer un leadership dans les services de police afin d'améliorer la sécurité publique sur nos routes.

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