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Mr. Peter Cuthbert
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Dear Mr. Cuthbert,

I am pleased to submit the 2014 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 some significant changes in regards to the Chair position of the committee. Chief Superintendent Larry Beechey retired which vacated the Chair position. Larry was very dedicated to his role and will leave a big void in regards to his knowledge and experience. At our last meeting two Co-Chairs were chosen to represent the committee. This allowed for a sharing of the workload and more balanced geographic representation. One Co-Chair, Superintendent Denis Boucher (RCMP) was elected as the West representative (Manitoba Westward) and Chief Superintendent Don Bell (OPP) was elected to represent the East (Ontario Eastward).

In the area of membership, we have seen the addition of Superintendent Scott Nystedt of the Ottawa Police Service to 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 14 representatives.

In relation to the Co-Chair positions of the Traffic Committee, we attended and represented the committee at several meetings. We plan on replacing Larry as the CACP member on the IACP

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Highway Safety Committee. As Co-Chairs, one of us will be attending the annual IACP Conference. Chief Superintendent Don Bell attended the CCMTA annual meeting 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. 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 per se 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 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 also continue to support the Traffic Safety Programs Catalogue which is on the CACP website.

In working with representatives of the committee and Transport Canada, we have reworded the two traffic awards and selected the winners for the Lifetime Achievement Award and the National Police Award for Traffic Safety. The recipient of these awards will be honored at the annual CACP conference in Victoria. The challenge we have is in regards to funding for the recipients to travel to receive their awards.

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

Chief Superintendent Don Bell (OPP)
Co-Chair CACP Traffic Safety Committee

Attachments:
Updated Membership List