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POLICE SERVICE

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SUBJECT: Saskatoon Police Service Traffic Unit
and Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan (Saskatoon)
2025 Annual Reports

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ISSUE:

The Saskatoon Police Service (SPS) works to provide safer roads by utilizing officers whose efforts are specifically focused on traffic safety. These officers are deployed in two Units: SPS Traffic, who work exclusively within city boundaries, and Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan (CTSS), who work on provincial highways and within the boundaries of the City of Saskatoon. The goal of both Units is to reduce serious injuries and fatal collisions within Saskatoon and surrounding highways, through education and enforcement.

The attached annual reports demonstrate the dedication, commitment and enforcement initiatives by these teams, as well as the collaboration with outside agencies undertaken to achieve these aims.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this and the attached Traffic Unit and CTSS reports be received as information.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

The Traffic Unit and CTSS operated under the 2025 SPS Business Plan: Crime and Safety.

Goal: Maintain core policing operations and address community concerns.

The Traffic Unit and CTSS committed to the following:

Strategic Outcome: Safer Roads in our Community.

Activity: Enhance traffic enforcement efforts to reduce dangerous driving.

Activity: Implement a data-driven approach to traffic safety, combining education and enforcement to promote safer roads.

DISCUSSION:

Saskatoon Police Traffic Unit

The SPS Traffic Unit is comprised of:

- 1 Staff Sergeant;
 - The Staff Sergeant oversees Traffic Operations; which includes supervision of SPS- CTSS members;
- 2 Sergeants and 16 Enforcement Constables;
- 2 Collision Analyst Detail Members and 2 Hit and Run Investigators;
- 1 Automated Speed Enforcement Officer and 1 Red Light Camera Officer.

The Unit operates a fleet of four unmarked and three marked police cars as well as two marked motorcycles. Officers use various tools, including Mobile RADAR, Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR), and Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) to conduct their duties.

As a core services provided by the SPS, the Traffic Unit’s primary focus is road safety, achieved through education and enforcement of traffic laws. Specialized officers in this Unit are responsible for traffic enforcement and collision investigations, allowing patrol officers to concentrate on other public safety priorities. The Unit’s visible presence serves as a reminder to drivers to adhere to road rules and promoting safety for all road users.

The Traffic Unit implements a data-driven approach by implementing a monthly enforcement focus aligned with the nationally recognized primary causes of traffic collisions and fatalities. This approach, commonly referred to as “Big Four” includes, seatbelt violations, distracted driving, aggressive driving and impaired driving. These offences remain the primary focus of daily enforcement activities. Through this strategy, The SPS reinforces its commitment to enhancing roadway safety for all users and reassures the community of its dedication to safer roads.

Despite ongoing staffing constraints within the Traffic Unit, the team maintained its commitment in education through enforcement, ensuring safe traffic flow for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians. Visible traffic enforcement not only address dangerous driving behaviors but also reassures law-abiding motorists the SPS is actively working to improve traffic safety issue throughout the community.

Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan

The SPS CTSS contingent has 10 provincially funded positions comprised of:

- 1 Sergeant and 9 Constables.

The CTSS unit operates 2 marked and 3 unmarked police vehicles equipped with mobile RADAR, Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR), and Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) technology.

The Unit’s 10 members operate in collaboration with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Central District Traffic Unit. Established in 2014 following recommendations from the provincial government’s Special Committee on Traffic Safety, the CTSS program aims to provide enhanced traffic enforcement across Saskatchewan. The primary objective is to reduce serious injury and fatal collisions on provincial highways.

In 2025, CTSS members supported the Traffic Unit by spending approximately 25% of their time within the City of Saskatoon. Activities such as; speed enforcement, impaired driving blitzes, and Selective Traffic Enforcement Projects (STEP). The STEP initiative is a partnership between law enforcement agencies throughout the province and SGI, aimed at improving road safety and reducing fatalities and injuries on Saskatchewan roadways.

Participation in the CTSS does not affect staffing levels in other areas of SPS operations, as the program is funded by the Government of Saskatchewan. As a result, Saskatoon benefits from additional traffic enforcement at no added cost to the city.

CONCLUSION:

As outlined in the attached annual reports, the SPS Traffic Unit and CTSS remains an essential component of SPS’s commitment to road safety. While performance reflected challenges such as fluctuating staffing levels and the need for continued support to Patrol Units, overall outcomes remained positive. Despite ongoing road safety concerns, the collaboration between SPS and its partners continues to advance key traffic safety initiatives, contributing to safer roadways for the citizens of Saskatoon.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2025 SPS Unit Traffic Annual Report
2. 2025 CTSS Annual Report

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