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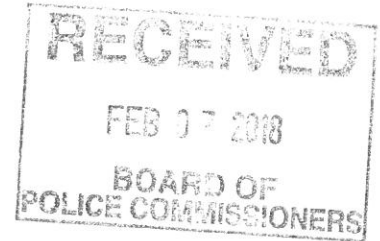
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SUBJECT: SPS – Combined Traffic Annual Report for 2017

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Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan (CTSS) is a targeted policing initiative in which Saskatoon Police Service members work in a combined service delivery model with members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The goal of this integrated unit is to reduce serious injuries and fatal collisions within Saskatoon and the surrounding highways.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the CTSS Annual Report for 2017 be received as information.

DISCUSSION:

2017 marked the fourth year that CTSS has been providing enforcement, education and safety initiatives to the public in and around Saskatoon. CTSS was created in 2014 from the recommendations of the Provincial Government’s Special Committee on Traffic Safety. It recommended a greater police presence on our highways in order to provide increased police presence and deterrence.

CTSS is made up of 10 provincially funded positions, 9 Constables and 1 Sergeant. The Unit’s 10 members operate in conjunction with 20 RCMP traffic members and operate within the province’s Central District. The SPS members conduct roughly one third of their enforcement activity within the boundaries of the city of Saskatoon.

In 2017 CTSS provided traffic enforcement in the City of Saskatoon 35% of the time. Members issued over 3500 summary offence tickets within Saskatoon with the purpose of deterring dangerous driving while promoting safe driving habits. Other public safety initiatives included offences for impaired driving, distracted driving, speed and seatbelt use. Members executed 144 outstanding warrants and impounded 242 vehicles.

CTSS was able to augment the staffing of the Saskatoon Police Services Traffic Unit when conducting back to school education and enforcement programs, impaired driving blitzes and provincial STEP programs (Selective Traffic Enforcement Projects) to name a few.

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CTSS has been a positive addition to our road safety strategy in and around Saskatoon. When members of the SPS CTSS team are able to leverage staffing and resources from our CTSS RCMP partners, there is a positive influence on driving habits.

The combination of collaboration, traffic strategy and results of this integrated enforcement team were recognized nationally in 2017 by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, Traffic Safety Committee. They were recognized *“for their outstanding contribution to road safety”*.

Part of the education and communication goals of the unit is the use of Social Media. In 2017 Saskatoon CTSS put out almost daily tweets that educated drivers on impaired driving spot checks, cell phone use and construction zones to name a few.

CONCLUSION:

The participation of the Saskatoon Police Service in the provincial CTSS model is a great example of collaboration between partner agencies including SGI, the Province, the RCMP and the SPS. The Saskatoon Police Service is part of the Provincial Steering Committee for CTSS. From all the feedback from our partners, the Central Region CTSS Team is exceeding all expectations.

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