



Traffic Services

To: Valerie Todd Projects Manager
From: Sgt. R. Hallett
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Re: CCMTA Police Partnership Award 2008

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I, Sergeant Rhen Hallett of the Delta Police Department Traffic Services Section am putting forward the names of **Constable Jim Chaffey** and **Constable Bruce Copp** as co-nominees for the CCMTA Police partnership award for 2008.

The Municipality of Delta is unique in that we house one of the largest port facilities in the province, Delta Superport, which is managed by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority under Federal jurisdiction.

The Superport has approximately 900 transactions a day resulting in over 1800 trips through Delta by heavy trucks hauling containers. This port is undergoing an expansion in a couple of years which will increase the volume of trucks on the roads of Delta by approximately 20 percent.

Today we have an estimated 1500 trucks on Delta roads on any given day, container trucks and others.

Over the course of April 16, 17, 18, 2007 Cst. Copp and Cst. Chaffey planned, organized and coordinated the 2007 2nd annual commercial vehicle truck inspection project. This year's initiative was supplemented by numerous outside agencies with a common goal: highway safety. Commercial vehicle safety as it directly relates to our roadways and the motoring public has been identified as an important issue with the public and police agencies. Approximately eighty personnel from the various agencies attended the 2007 blitz.

The major focus was the container hauling industry. Mechanical defects continue to be an area of concern with the chassis trailers they utilize. Drivers tow many of these trailers in a day, and often the number of trips determines their pay. As such, drivers will not always perform the mechanical pre-trip on the trailer required by law as it is deemed time consuming and time is money. During the course of the project inspections resulted in a 41% out of service rate.

This year's check also concentrated on one ton trades vehicles. Many of these vehicles have lower licensed gross vehicle weights and are more likely to travel through residential areas. They are not governed by truck route bylaws, nor are they generally

subject to annual government inspections. This year's result was an astonishing 53% out of service rate.

The provincial violation tickets served totaled \$39,048 and the Delta bylaw tickets totaled \$12,936.

This initiative was instrumental in taking the potentially dangerous trucks off of our roads. Defects from safety lights not working to cracked frames and trucks with defective brakes were removed from the road, preventing any potential serious accidents.

Through Cst. Copp and Cst. Chaffey's efforts, over eighty personnel participated in this initiative: fifty of those participants being inspectors. This venue established a positive working environment fostering lasting relationships. These interagency partnerships are essential to establish common ground and produce a positive team approach to highway safety.

It is the overall goal of Constable Chaffey and Copp to reduce the incidents of failure rates for commercial trucks thereby enhancing road safety in B.C., in particular the Municipality of Delta.

This visionary approach to this highly public issue of heavy trucks in Delta will set the standard for all agencies to follow and they should be recognized for their hard work and diligence.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sgt. R. Hallett