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CCMTA - Police Partnership Award

The following is an application for the CCMTA Police Partnership Award.

Nominee: Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "D" Division Headingley Traffic Services

Representative to accept the Award: Cpl. Larry Dalman, RCMP Headingley Traffic Services

Partnership Activity: 2007 Mock Collision 10th Anniversary

The "Mock Collision" was originally started in 1998 by Headingley RCMP Traffic Services, the Rural Municipality of MacDonald Fire Department, and Emergency Measures Organization, as a training tool to enhance emergency response systems. A fake, or "mock", collision was set up on the side of the highway, and students from local schools as well as media personnel were invited to come out and watch, in order to incorporate an educational component to the activity. The 2007 "Mock Collision" marked the tenth anniversary of this initiative.

From 1998 to 2000, the Mock Collision was organized and ran as described above. In 2001, the Mock Collision expanded to include many other partner organizations, and was relocated to improve safety. The committee for the 2007 Mock Collision was made up of representatives from the following agencies: Headingley RCMP Traffic Services, Manitoba Brain Injury Association, Manitoba Public Insurance, RCMP Communications Centre, Red River Exhibition Park, Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Service, Winnipeg Police Service (Traffic Division), Manitoba Safety Council, Canadian Red Cross, Paramedic Association of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg, Manitoba Transportation and Government Services, and

Chapel Lawn Funeral Home.

The Mock Collision is staged before an audience of approximately 250 grade 12 students. Each year, three Mock Collisions are held - one in Winnipeg and two in rural communities. With actors portraying accident victims and special effects adding to the realism of the scene, the Mock Collision is often a real eye-opener for everyone involved.

Headingley RCMP Traffic Services has played a key role as one of the main organizers of this initiative from the beginning. For 10 years, Cpl. Larry Dalman has represented the RCMP on this committee in various capacities. Every year, Cpl. Dalman is responsible for selecting the “scene” for the crash, basing it on a real life collision to which the members have had to respond. The collision is carefully chosen for its potential visual effectiveness, and its ability to incorporate several of the key target areas of Road Safety Vision 2010. The Headingley Traffic Collision Reconstructionist is involved in order to ensure accuracy of the scene. The 2007 Mock Collision was based on a crash that resulted from high speeds on a rural road. The resulting death occurred because the occupant was not wearing their seatbelt.

The day begins with a presentation by one of the Traffic Services members. He covers topics such as the physics involved in a crash, and how alcohol, speed, and seatbelt use can affect the outcome of a crash. The member also describes the scene that the students are about to see and how it occurred. The event is chaired by the Officer in Charge of Traffic Services, and several Traffic Services members participate as “responders” to the collision. Volunteers from the other organizations portray victims and other emergency response personnel.

In addition to the “collision”, students are also exposed to survivors of car crashes and/or family members of victims of car crashes. In 2007, Steven Fletcher, a local Member of Parliament, spoke to students on how an automobile collision changed his life. Prior to being elected to parliament, Mr. Fletcher worked as an engineer in the Mining Industry until an automobile collision with a moose left him a quadriplegic, paralyzed from the neck down.

The Mock Collision is a full-day event, with the partnership agencies putting on additional presentations and setting up displays. The event is sponsored by Manitoba Public Insurance, which covers the costs of equipment and other rentals, and lunch for students and volunteers.

The Benefits

“D” Division Traffic Services is guided by the principles set forth in Road Safety Vision 2010. Two of the main goals of Road Safety Vision 2010 are to: 1) raise public awareness of road safety issues; and 2) improve communication, cooperation and collaboration among road safety agencies.

The mock collision provides road safety partners the opportunity to make a powerful statement to approximately 750 students per year - that's approximately 7500 students over the past 10 years! As well, scenes from the mock collision are broadcast on local news stations each year, further raising public awareness of road safety issues. The event is held during National Road Safety Week in May, to help draw attention to this national initiative.

The mock collision is an exemplary demonstration of improved communication, cooperation and collaboration between the police and emergency response community and local provincial road safety partners. This initiative helps to achieve the goals of all road safety organizations involved. Important networks of contacts have been formed, resulting in partners becoming involved in other road safety initiatives. This has been an on-going and effective partnership for 10 years, and will continue in 2008.

Road Safety Vision 2010 also focuses attention on: Speeding, Occupant Restraints, Intersections, Impaired Driving, Youth and High Risk Drivers. As stated earlier, the scene for the mock collision is specifically chosen for it's ability to address the focus areas of RSV2010. Young drivers and riders account for approximately 15-20% of collision fatalities each year in Manitoba. This event is an excellent forum to get the message out to young people about the risks associated with driving.



crews respond to the 2007 "Mock Collision"

Above: Emergency

The mock collision is a unique initiative that focuses on reducing injuries and saving lives. It has gone far beyond its original goal of training enforcement and emergency personnel, by helping to significantly raise awareness among youth on road safety issues. Headingley RCMP Traffic Services has demonstrated sustained and continuous partnership development with all road safety partners involved. The CCMTA Police Partnership Award would be most appropriate to recognize this achievement.

For any further information or clarification, please feel free to contact me at: (204) 983-7812.

Sincerely,

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