

# Delta Police Department



## CCMTA POLICE PARTNERSHIP AWARD

### **Honoring Achievements in Police Partnerships that Raise Awareness in Making Canadian's Roads the Safest in the World**

The CCMTA Police Partnership Award honors the achievements of active individual police officers, units or their overall service in delivering key relationships with those private or government sector agencies involved in Highway transportation safety at the local, regional, provincial/territorial or national level.

The purpose of this award is to identify and to recognize police involvement in building significant partnerships. These partnership activities should result in the development and/or implementation of unique strategies and/or programs that focus on reducing injuries and saving lives, while raising awareness within the police community and the public to make Canada's roads the safest in the world by the end of 2010.

### CRITERIA AND QUALIFICATIONS

**SUBMISSION:** Special Constable Sean Kelly  
Special Constable Gord Bell, Constable Byron Ritchie

**AGENCY:** Municipal Police Department

**DEPARTMENT:** Delta Police Department

**SUBMITTED BY:** Constable Lisa Coupar

**ENDORSED BY:** Inspector Jamie Ewatski

### **ACCEPTING REPRESENTATIVE:**

Chief Constable Jim Cessford  
Delta Police Department

Special Constable Sean Kelly  
Commercial Vehicle Inspection Unit  
Delta Police Department

## **ACTION**

In 2007, the Delta Police Department Commercial Vehicle Inspection Unit identified the need to join together with multiple agencies, encompassing various specialties in the transport industry, to target commercial vehicle traffic. Through their alliance with the Special Constables, connections were accessible into the transport industry and a solid joint force operation was developed.

Since this time the Delta Police Department Commercial Vehicle Inspection Unit has hosted a joint force operation in partnership with CVSE, VPD Commercial Vehicle Unit, New Westminster Police Service Traffic Unit, the RCMP Integrated Road Safety Unit, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, CN Police, Surrey Bylaws, Intelligent Imaging Systems by targeting all commercial vehicles and enforcing Municipal Bylaws, Motor Vehicle Act and Regulations and the Commercial Transport Act.

This event is the largest in Canada and draws participants from all over the lower mainland and the interior of BC.

Recognizing the fact the municipality of Delta has experienced an increase in commercial truck transport due to the growth of the Delta Port and the new South Fraser Perimeter Road the need for targeted enforcement also had to be increased. By creating a multi agency, joint force operation, Delta is able to produce exceptional results and long term associates.

The Community of Delta has felt the consequences of the increased truck traffic such as traffic interruptions on Hwy 17 during specific loading days at the Delta Port, an increase in road damage due to a high volume of heavy trucks utilizing the roads and an increase of fatalities and serious motor vehicle collisions involving commercial vehicles since 2008.

The object of the project is to determine the compliance of commercial vehicles in relation to maintenance of vehicles as required.

- There is particular focus on container haulers and dump trucks, since they are often found in disrepair, and when trucker drivers are often not conducting *proper* trip inspections to identify such defects, the owners may not know their vehicles require repairs.
- There is a secondary focus on light vocational trade vehicles to determine if there has been any improvement since the previous years Initiative in regards to maintenance of these vehicles which freely travel on all Delta roadways, not being restricted to truck routes.

A further objective is to direct all vehicles found to have violations, or that receive a "Fail Out of Service" (FOOS) rating, to be properly repaired or be permanently removed from the roads to improve vehicle safety on Delta roadways.

Since Delta's initiative other agencies from the lower mainland have begun this same annual operation and the Delta Commercial Vehicle Unit participates in each of them.

## **RESULTS, BENEFITS AND OUTCOMES**

The focus of the large scale vehicle inspection check was to inspect and identify deficiencies in commercial trucks. There were multiple inspection locations along every truck route in and out of Delta during the initiative. During this week the statistics showed an average of 40% out of service rate. This is reflective of the number of vehicles that were taken off the roadway and rendered out of service until they fixed and had the deficiency inspected.

This project has grown in participation and is an annual event which has been adopted by other agencies throughout the lower mainland.

## **SUSTAINED PARTNERSHIPS**

In identifying the need for a targeted, unified, enforcement approach to commercial transport vehicles, the members of the Delta Police Department Commercial Vehicle Inspection Unit have established an annual Joint Forces Operation that directly contributes to traffic safety .These operations have led to the increase of out of service rates by reducing the non-fit vehicles traveling on the roadways of not only Delta but the lower mainland of B.C.

In addition, this Operation has also fostered long term, mutually beneficial partnerships with the following groups:

- CVSE,
- VPD Commercial Vehicle unit,
- New Westminister Police Service Traffic Unit
- RCMP Integrated Road Safety Unit,
- Ministry of Finance,
- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure,
- CN Police,
- Surrey Bylaw Enforcement
- Intelligent Imaging Systems

The overall result of these partnerships has been an effective and continuous commitment by all involved to making Delta's roads safer, with the greater impact of helping to achieve Canada's Road Safety Vision of having the safest roads in the world.

Please accept this nomination for the CCMTA- Police Partnership Award-  
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Respectfully Submitted,

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On behalf of the Delta Police Department, I endorse this submission for nomination for the  
CCMTA- Police Partnerships Award.

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