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Your File

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Our File

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Dear Ms. Todd:

**Canadian Council of Motor Transportation Administrators  
CCMTA - Police Partnership Award**

I respectfully submit for consideration of your prestigious award, the Roving Traffic Unit from "K" Division Traffic Services, Alberta.

Our Roving Traffic Unit is comprised of some eight RCMP members whose regular duties entail providing highway patrol services as part of our 21 Integrated Traffic Units within the Province of Alberta. Our Integrated Units are composed of members of the RCMP and the Alberta Sheriffs Service.

The Roving Traffic Units are comprised of RCMP Traffic members who have received special enhanced training in the detection of contraband material. During traffic stops these members utilize their training skills and experience to detect and apprehend persons engaged in criminal activity on our provincial highways.

It should be noted that the Roving Traffic Units (RTU) are the most successful drug interdiction unit operating in Alberta, seizing well in excess of five million dollars annually in illicit drugs, money and other forms of contraband. The RTU plays a significant roll in reducing the ground transportation of illegal drugs throughout the province.

Additionally, RTU members during routine traffic checks this past autumn, saved five lives; two persons suffering from poisoning after having ingested wild mushrooms, another suffering a stroke and two separate incidents where individuals had been kidnapped and threatened by their captors with death.

The Roving Traffic Units are comprised of two small teams of investigators and members accompanied by four labrador retriever "single profile" police service dogs. In a unique form of partnership with community, these dogs are selected from animal shelters, in some cases, dogs who were saved from destruction. These specialty handlers and their canine "partners" provide a significant public service detecting contraband and in numerous cases, hand guns and other weapons from drug couriers.

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The Roving Traffic Units make a significant contribution to "K" Division Traffic Services overall goal of saving lives on Alberta's highways. As part of this province's unique Integrated Traffic Services model, they are closely entwined with the Government of Alberta's traffic safety program and share in the larger vision of multiple provincial and national agencies committed to reducing the loss of life and injuries on our roadways.

Should the Roving Traffic Unit receive this honor, either Superintendent Howard Eaton, the Officer in Charge of "K" Division Traffic Services or Program Coordinator, Sergeant David WILKINSON would be pleased to receive this award on their unit's behalf.

Respectfully;



Inspector Stephen Grant  
Operations Officer,  
"K" Division Traffic Services



Superintendent Howard Eaton  
Officer in Charge,  
"K" Division Traffic Services