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Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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Supt. Vern Fraser, OIC Halifax Detachment, RCMP

DATE: February 09, 2004

SUBJECT: Highway Safety in HRM - Driving Practices of Heavy Trucks

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Update on the above safety concern as expressed by council on January 20, 2004, regarding item 9.5.1.

BACKGROUND

Deputy Mayor Streach expressed concerns regarding highway safety in HRM, in particular, with respect to the regulation and reputation of the trucking industry.

Staff requested the RCMP to step up efforts to curb dangerous behaviour of some large tractor trailers, throughout greater Halifax, with extra effort in the rural areas. Also, staff requested the Province to instruct the provincial compliance officers to step on their efforts as they relate to spot checks on those highways not served by scale houses.

DISCUSSION

For the past year, RCMP Halifax Metro Traffic Services Members has partnered with Provincial Services N.S. Heavy Truck Vehicle Compliance personnel to do “ Heavy Truck Tractor Trailer Enforcement”, on a weekly basis. RCMP Traffic Service members accompany the Compliance personnel and conduct enforcement practices throughout HRM on the 100 Series and Secondary highways. Also, Metro RCMP Traffic Services and Provincial Service N.S. Vehicle Compliance Inspectors conducted two (2) Major Vehicle Inspection Checkpoints; 101 Highway in April 2003 and 103 Highway in November 2003.

S/Sgt. Keith McGuire, Metro Traffic Supervisor, requested Cst. LaCroix, who coordinated both of the above noted Checkpoints, to advise of the Enforcement numbers and any resulting Charges related to the Heavy Trucks by compliance. It has also been requested that Halifax Metro Traffic Services members provide feedback on their weekly Enforcement numbers in the Joint Forces Compliance Patrols.

Updates, on the above noted statistics, will be forthcoming.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality’s Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

REGIONAL PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

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