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Legislation Reference:	Peace Officer Ministerial Regulations Act Traffic Safety Act
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Purpose:	To submit a Traffic Safety Plan to the Alberta Solicitor General as part of the Peace Officer Program. A mandatory requirement for all Authorized Employers who conduct moving traffic enforcement.
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Policy Statement and Guidelines:

1. PREAMBLE

- 1.1 The intent of the Traffic Safety Plan is to bring awareness to the authorized employer of the frequency and locations of motor vehicle collisions that involve serious injury or death and to then direct enforcement activities to target causal factors.
- 1.2 It is anticipated that targeted use of Peace Officers resources focused on statistical areas of concern will enhance Peace Officer ability to have a positive effect in traffic safety in their community.

2. STRATEGIC GOALS

The Traffic Safety Plan addresses six main goals:

- 2.1 Overview to identify the communities and/or main arterial roadways within agency jurisdiction – numbered highways and busy County roads by name. Provide an indication of what portion of Peace Officer duties are dedicated to traffic enforcement.
- 2.2 Obtain a synopsis of the local police service’s traffic safety plan from the local police. The synopsis will identify areas of concern that are the major contributors to death and serious injury in the jurisdictional area. The plan may, in some cases, identify locations, which are prone to fatal and serious injury collisions.
- 2.3 Based on information provided, identifies what educational programs can be delivered addressing issues within the scope of Peace Officer’s authority. Identifies opportunities to work within schools or the community in delivery these programs.
- 2.4 Utilize the synopsis will identify those aspects of traffic enforcement, which fall within agency mandate. Identifies peak periods and, if identified, locations to be targeted. This may also include school zones, playground zones or other high profile locations that the employer has identified as a priority.

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2.5	Determines and identifies what enforcement and educational efforts will be contributed towards reducing the fatal and serious injury collisions by the agency.
2.6	Keeping statistical records of enforcement and educational efforts in the areas identified as the major causes of death and serious injury (i.e., adult seat belt charges, child passenger charges, stop sign infractions, traffic light infractions, intersection infractions, speeding infractions and others).
3.	PROCESS
3.1	In order to ensure fair and consistent enforcement that improves traffic safety, Authorized Employers are required to file an updated Traffic Safety Plan with Public Security Division every three years .
3.2	The plan must incorporate the most recent collision data available from the police service of jurisdiction and based on information shared between parties.
3.3	The following format Schedule "A": <u>Traffic Safety Plan</u> will be completed and submitted to the Director of Public Security Peace Officer Program.
3.4	Once Smoky Lake County has prepared the Traffic Safety Plan, a copy will be presented to the local police service for forwarding to their respective traffic unit. Upon review and acceptance, the police agency will forward the plan to the Public Security Division and the Peace Officer Agency will receive written confirmation to that effect.

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SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

PEACE OFFICER PROGRAM

TRAFFIC SAFETY PLAN
ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

AS OF
January 1, 2010

Submit to:
Public Security Peace Officer Program

TRAFFIC SAFETY PLAN

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

At the present time, Smoky Lake County employs one Peace Officer. His purpose is to enforce all County Bylaws, as well as the following Alberta Legislation and all regulations there under, within the Smoky Lake County in the Province of Alberta and has authority throughout the Province of Alberta to execute a duty when the matter under investigation occurred within the Smoky Lake County in the Province of Alberta relating to:

- The Animal Protection Act.
- The Dangerous Dogs Act.
- The Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, Part 9 Division 2.
- The Fuel Tax Act.
- The Gaming and Liquor Act.
- The Petty Trespass Act
- The Provincial Offences Procedures Act.
- The Stray Animals Act.
- The Traffic Safety Act.

It is estimated that at least 20% of working hours are dedicated to moving traffic enforcement within the County boundaries.

Smoky Lake County has two 2 – digit highways and six 3 digit highways.

Highway 28: runs east and west for 77 km in the centre of the County.

Highway 36: runs north and south for 22 km in the east side.

Highway 652: runs east and west for 23 km in the east/south area.

Highway 656: runs east and west for 3 km in the west/central area.

Highway 831: runs north and south for 16 km near Waskatenau.

Highway 855: runs north and south for 48 km through Smoky Lake Town.

Highway 857: runs north and south for 16 km near Bellis.

Highway 859: runs north and south for 15 km near Vilna.

Smoky Lake County has 1600 kilometers of gravel and oiled roads within its boundaries. The County also has four Hamlets and 15 multi-lot country residential sub-divisions. There is a 70 kilometer long multi-use recreation trail running east and west through the entire County.

There is also one town and two villages within the Smoky Lake County boundaries, that are responsible for its own enforcement issues.

TRAFFIC SAFETY PLAN

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

RCMP Occurrence Statistics

Fatal/Serious Injury Crashes

2006	31
2007	44
2008	36
2009	31

Property Damage Collisions

2006	240
2007	210
2008	223
2009	172

Based on visual observation, there is a very high use of All Terrain Vehicles throughout the area. Areas of concern are the multi-lot country residential sub-divisions. From May until September, these areas experience a high volume of pedestrian, motor vehicle, and all terrain vehicle traffic.

To address safety concerns, Smoky Lake County has reduced the speed limit in these areas to between 20km/hr and 50km/hr. The Peace Officer has been certified in the operation and use of typical mobile and stationary radar and will continue to monitor traffic patterns and behavior in the above noted areas.

The RCMP statistics indicated traffic infractions and collisions occur primarily on the Provincial Highways. The RCMP, therefore have limited manpower to address concerns on rural County roads with respect to passenger vehicles and/or all terrain vehicles. The Smoky Lake County Peace Officer, therefore, will focus efforts on dealing with these concerns on the rural roads within Smoky Lake County's hamlets, subdivisions, and on the multi-use trail trails.

As education and awareness are recognized as important components of traffic safety enforcement, local media and educational pamphlets are being used throughout the County.

Enforcement efforts will be recorded by offence for violations of the *Traffic Safety Act* for year-end statistical data to determine overall effectiveness. Recorded efforts to also include public awareness and educational situations.