

Re: R.C.M.P. PERSONNEL ON TRAFFIC DUTY

Council on November 22, 1976 requested information on how many members of the Police Department are assigned to traffic duty on each shift, and also the division's priorities relative to the carrying out of assignments.

The Superintendent, Burnaby Detachment, R.C.M.P. advises that there are currently 33 members directly assigned to the Traffic Division. At this time, there are as many as 8 members on duty during the day shift (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), 9 members on the evening shift, (4:00 p.m. to midnight) and as few as one but usually 2 on the midnight shift (midnight to 8:00 a.m.). The number of members on shifts fluctuates continually, however, due to vacations, sickness, days off in lieu of overtime or statutory holidays worked, special assignments, attendance at courses, etc.

In addition to 33 members, there are three traffic by-law enforcement officers. Two work a shift from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and one works 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. All three have Saturdays and Sundays off.

On occasion, when all members of the Traffic Division are involved with various incidents requiring attention, other members of the Force may be called to attend to emergency traffic situations. Conversely, traffic personnel occasionally respond to non-traffic calls when required.

The priorities of the Division are as follows:

- (a) First: Moving violations and accident investigations
- (b) Second: School patrols, oversize and overweight trucks, enforcement of the street and traffic by-law, talks with children in schools

Roadblocks are also carried out during the month of December.

Following are the types and number of charges that were laid by the Traffic Division in 1976 as of October 30th:

- (a) Radar 12,555
- (b) Other Traffic Offences 20,510
- (c) Impaired Drivers 817
- (d) By-Law Infractions 8,771, of which 7,420 were issued by by-law enforcement officers

This is for the information of Council.