



19 May 2006

The Regulation Review Committee for
Traffic Control Person Training – Part 18
WorkSafe BC
6951 Westminster Highway
Richmond, BC
V7C 1C6

Dear Sirs:

RE:TRAFFIC CONTROL PERSON TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

The following information is being offered by Mr. Jason Pratt, Superintendent, Occupational Health and Safety, Engineering Department, City of Vancouver on behalf of the Vancouver Police Department.

The Vancouver Police Department supports changes in part with the guidelines to the regulation and the need for the Board to recognize and allow an acceptable model to identify the different needs of the various organizations and thus different levels of training requirements.

It was determined that a more in-depth review was required in order to meet the needs of Municipal Policing as it applies to this subject.

In early 2005, the Vancouver Police Department began to take steps to determine how the new WorkSafe BC regulation dealing with Traffic Control Person Training would affect our organization.

During the Spring and Summer of 2005, nine Traffic Authority and Police members received the required Traffic Control Person Training. In addition, these nine members, plus an additional member, attended the Traffic Control Instructors Program in November 2005. The main purpose of sending our members for the abovementioned training was to allow us the opportunity to conduct an evaluation of this training for our unique working environment.

In February 2006, the Vancouver Police Department's Safety and Health Unit entered into a contract with Mr. Gary Bateman to conduct an in-depth audit of this Department's traffic control training and determine, using current WorkSafe BC Traffic Control Regulations, what areas could be improved and to offer recommendations for positive change.

Mr. Bateman is a retired Inspector of the Vancouver Police Department who attended the Canadian Police College and earned the designation of Auditor. He has conducted multiple audits while working within this Department and has continued to perform this function whenever issues require an in-depth review.

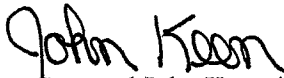
The Vancouver Police Department has full confidence in his abilities to perform this function in a fair and unbiased manner. Due to his extensive experience and recommendations, we have made many extraordinary and positive changes within the area of Safety and Health.

It is anticipated that Mr. Bateman will complete the interviews and the research portion of the Traffic Control Audit in June 2006, allowing 4 to 6 weeks to compose the report. The final report will be available August 2006.

The Vancouver Police Department requests the cooperation and indulgence of the Regulation Review Committee for Traffic Control while we complete this audit which will assist us in determining how to proceed on this important subject.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 604-717-3348.

Yours very truly,



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Safety and Health Coordinator