SUBMISSION – DAVID GRANT

ITEM 5 OF THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED JUNE 15, 2022
REGARDING 2021 COUNCIL REPORT – WORKPLACE SAFETY

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Committee: Council
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Service inquiry: Register as a Delegation, Submit Comments in writing
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Comments in writing: Workplace safety: Our police officers and Cadets spend a lot of time in vehicles in traffic. Often, they do so without the benefit of seat belts. Airbags only mitigate this risk of injury somewhat.
More importantly, we should look at the way the PE system has evolved in 20 years. Initially, an ambulance or WPS vehicle on an emergency call would still get a ticket. A supervisor would see a list of offense notices and compare it to a list of bona-fide emergency runs. Those who were on routine patrol or non-urgent travel had incentive to obey the law, and to stop for amber lights, and to keep their speed down. In those days, marked WPS vehicles would brake for ISCs, thus not getting a ticket. Last year's WPS ticket-gate brought to our attention the fact that once your plate is on the PE-immune list, you and your boss will never get a PE ticket. We also know that plates can be added to that list, after-the-fact.
While this list may save a little office-time, the knowledge that a private or city vehicle is immune will inevitably result in bad driving decisions, akin to those of operators of stolen vehicles. For the sake of employee safety, I ask, with respect, that you work with city staff to end the use of this IMMUNE VEHICLES LIST.
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