

BULLETIN

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To all Authorized Employers of Community Peace Officers Level 1:

Re: Expansion of Community Peace Officers Level 1 Authority on Primary Highways

Currently, Section 24.15 of the Peace Officer Program Policy and Procedures Manual (Manual) limits Community Peace Officer's authority to enforce the *Traffic Safety Act* to one and two digit primary highways to "within their urban boundaries of their municipality and the speed limit is 90 KM/H or less".

In accordance with direction from the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, the Director of Law Enforcement has directed the Peace Officer Program to implement the following changes:

- Authorized employers of Community Peace Officers Level 1 (CPO 1) may request an exemption of section 24.15 of the Manual in order to authorize their CPO 1's to conduct traffic enforcement on:
 - one and two digit highways, within their jurisdiction, regardless of the speed limit; and
 - one, two and three digit highways, within their jurisdiction, in active construction zones on request from the construction crew to address safety issues arising from speeding.

All authorized employers must submit the following in order to request an exemption from section 24.15 of the Manual:

- A formal letter to the Peace Officer Program requesting an exemption of section 24.15 of the Manual;
- A Request to Amendment to Authorization or Appointment Form. Form can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/peace-officers.aspx#toc-5>; and
- Policy that outlines their CPO 1s authority and restrictions.

Please note that all CPO 1s must continue to adhere to section 24.7 of the Manual as well as Alberta's Motor Vehicle Pursuit Guidelines.

In addition, due to increased speeds being monitored, only those CPO 1s that have successfully complete a 40 hour Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (based on a police curriculum) in accordance with section 24.13 of the Manual will be granted this exemption.

Therefore, those CPO 1s who do not have section 24.13 – Emergency Response on their appointments will not be granted this authority.

Those authorized employers whose CPO 1s do not have section 24.13 on their appointments, but completed the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course must submit their CPO 1s certificate, along with the abovementioned submissions, in order for them to receive this exemption.

Lastly, authorized employers are requested to consider, when drafting their appropriate enforcement policy, that the increase speeds being detected may increase the speeds required to “close the distance” with the offending vehicle. A limit on the speed required to “close the distance” by their CPO 1s is suggested as safety for both the CPO 1s and the public must be paramount.

If you have any questions with regards to this Bulletin, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Tammy Spink, Manager, Peace Officer Program at tammy.spink@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,

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