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From: Pandachuck, Niki GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2014 1:35 PM
To: Bates Gibbs, Bonnie GCPE:EX
Cc: Bertrand, Stuart GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Distracted Driving Media Request for Sign Off

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Hi Bonnie – Signed off by OSMV. Thanks!

Date/Time: 6/Feb/10:10am

Deadline @ end of day

Media: Globe and Mail

Reporter: Justine Hunter, jhunter@globeandmail.com

Topic: Distracted Driving

Background: Justine obtained distracted driving stats from ICBC on Monday and is now interested in speaking with MSA to find out how the legislation is working.

Questions: Would you say the legislation is working as intended?

Suggested Response:

Statement from Superintendent Sam MacLeod/Attorney General and Minister of Justice Suzanne Anton:

“The average number of monthly distracted driving tickets tell us that police are targeting these drivers and enforcing the law. Fully licensed drivers caught talking on a hand-held phone or electronic device will face a \$167 fine, while those found texting or emailing will also net three penalty points. The introduction of distracted driving laws in 2010 brought B.C. into line with other provinces in Canada that have similar legislation and penalties. Just as it took time to change public attitudes about wearing seatbelts and driving sober, it will take time for people to realize the danger they pose to themselves and other road users when they drive distracted. People need to change their behaviour. Don’t drive and talk or text on your cell phone or other handheld device - it’s that simple. That said, we continue to monitor this legislation and will look at making changes if necessary.”

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From: Bertrand, Stuart GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2014 2:34 PM
To: Bates Gibbs, Bonnie GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request - distracted driving - Globe and Mail - 03Feb14

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Bonnie,

Okay to go to OSMV for review? Thank you.

Date/Time: 03/Feb/11:50 a.m.

Deadline @ **ASAP**

Media: Globe and Mail

Reporter: Justine Hunter, jhunter@globeandmail.com

Topic: Distracted driving

Background: It is "Distracted Driving Month" and the reporter is looking for distracted driving stats.

Questions: What does "contraventions processed" mean? Does that mean a fine? Are there dollar figures attached to this?

Suggested Response:

- "Contraventions processed" in the attached table indicates the number of fines issued under Section 214.21, 214.22 and 25.15 of the Motor Vehicle Act.
- Given the fact that fines issued can be disputed, changed due to court decisions and in some cases go unpaid, it is not possible to provide a dollar figure for the number of contraventions processed.

Previous Response:

- Reporter was provided distracted driving stats from ICBC on Friday, January 31.

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