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Collision damage reporting threshold to increase in the New Year

The new \$2,000 threshold will better reflect current vehicle repair costs

Edmonton... On January 1, 2011, the amount of total property damage requiring a motorist to report a vehicle collision to a peace officer in Alberta goes from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

Despite the increasing cost of vehicle repairs, the threshold had not changed in almost 20 years.

Collision reporting thresholds are set through the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators in co-operation with all Canadian jurisdictions. This ensures comparability of statistics across Canada and allows for a better analysis of trends affecting traffic safety. Other provinces will look at implementing the same change to the property damage collision reporting threshold. Alberta joins the province of Quebec which has already raised their limit to \$2,000.

Alberta is also responding to requests from enforcement agencies and the general public to raise the current dollar damage limit.

In Alberta, along with total property damage of \$2,000 or more (as of January 1, 2011), any collision that results in a fatality or personal injury must also be reported to police.

For more information, visit www.transportation.alberta.ca. If you have questions about what to do if you are involved in a collision, go to http://www.finance.alberta.ca/publications/insurance/info_consumer_auto_collision.html

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