

Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA) Cannabis Legalization

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Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators



- Incorporated legal not for profit entity
- Members: 14 P/T/F governments
- Three program committees:
 - Compliance and Regulatory Affairs (CRA)
 - Drivers and Vehicles (D&V)
 - Road Safety Research & Policies (RSRP)
- 140 Associates

Canada's Road Safety Strategies

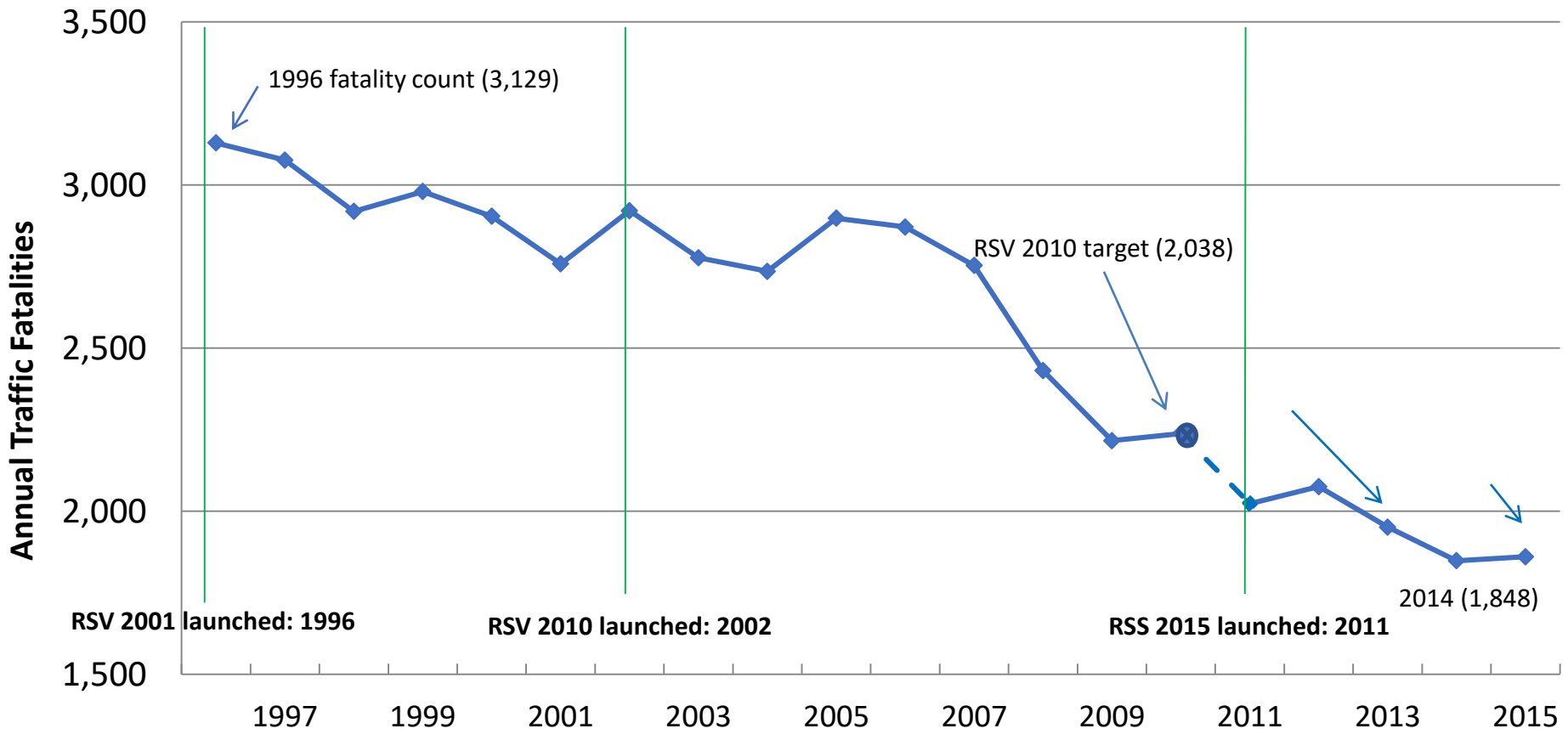
Road Safety
Vision
2001

Road Safety
Vision
2010

Road Safety
Strategy
2015

CANADA'S
ROAD SAFETY
STRATEGY 2025
TOWARDS ZERO:
THE SAFEST ROADS IN THE WORLD

Traffic fatalities 1996-2015



Drug-impaired driving & road safety



Cannabis legalization in Canada

- **2015:** Major campaign platform
- **June 2016:** Task Force on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation convened
- **June 2016:** Discussion paper: “Toward the Legalization, Regulation and Restriction of Access to Marijuana”
- **June-Nov 2016:** Study of issue
- **November 2016:** Final Report of the Task Force
- **April 2017:** Introduction of two Bills:
 - Bill C-45 (*cannabis act*)
 - Bill C-46 (*An Act to amend the Criminal Code (offences relating to conveyances) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts*)

Bill C-45 (*Act to legalize cannabis*)

Effective date: October 17, 2018.



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Part 1 (Effective: At Royal Assent)

- Amend the Criminal Code of Canada (CCC) to create new offences
- Authorize police to use new investigative tools

Part 2 (Effective 180 days later)

- Repeal and replace the entire transportation regime
- Modernize, simplify, strengthen impaired driving offences

Interdependencies

- Federal government
 - Public Safety
 - Justice
 - Health Canada
 - Transport Canada
- Provinces and territories

CCMTA: Engagement on the issue

- Submitted concerns to the Federal Task Force on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation
 - Timing / timelines
 - F/P/T interdependencies
 - Enforcement
 - Oral fluid screening device approvals
 - Zero tolerance administrative laws
 - Public education and awareness
 - Research
 - Medical cannabis

CCMTA: Engagement on the issue

- Cannabis Impaired Driving Working Group
- White Paper: Cannabis impaired driving
- Review of jurisdictional activities related to impaired driving:
 - Administrative impaired driving laws
 - Public education and awareness
 - Research

Zero tolerance administrative laws

- Novice drivers
- Age-based drivers
- Commercial drivers



Public education and awareness



Research: Oral fluid screening devices pilot project



Research: Roadside surveys of drug and alcohol use



More research needed



Current state

- Stakeholder engagement
- CCMTA supports and facilitates alignment across jurisdictions in order to address road safety challenges that cannabis legalization presents.
- F/P/Ts continue to collaborate to assess the impacts on road safety.



Questions?

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