

OPP ANNOUNCE CHANGES TO THE VEHICLE TOW AND IMPOUNDMENT PROGRAM

(ORILLIA, ON) - On July 1, 2011, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) will be acquiring the services of Ontario Impound Facility Operators (IFC) to provide towing services under a new Vehicle Impoundment Program (VIP) authority.

The OPP will be tendering these services out through a Request for Proposal (RFP) posting on MERX in May, the exact date of which will be confirmed in the near future. For the purpose of the RFP, the OPP have divided the province into service delivery areas.

Effective July 1, 2011 IFC's that are awarded the contract through the RFP process will be utilized for vehicle tows and impoundments in their respective area.

The OPP will also be hosting a Vendor Information Session by teleconference, with representatives from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and the Ministry of Transportation Ontario.

Details about this session are contained within the RFP and will also be posted to the following web link when they become available:

<http://www.opp.ca/ecms/index.php?id=540>

Changes to Vehicle Impoundment Program Authority

On July 1, 2011 the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) will be transferring vehicle impoundment authority for 45, 90 and 180-day Criminal Code licence suspensions to Ontario police services and will no longer provide the existing system of tow companies currently being used.

As a lead-up to this date, the OPP will be acquiring through the procurement process the services from impoundment facility operators (IFC) to provide towing services under this new authority. This service will become part of other legislated seizures and tows we currently conduct under legislated authority.

These seizures include:

- The seven-day impoundment program for street racing;
- The seven-day impoundment for drivers suspended under the HTA (excluding suspensions for defaulted fines and medical reasons);
- The seven-day impoundment for drivers with a BAC over 80 mg. or fail/refuse to comply with the demand of a police officer (e.g. for a breath sample);
- The seven-day impoundment for drivers caught driving without a required ignition interlock device;
- The towing of vehicles as it relates to 3, 7 and 30-day suspensions for "warn range"

We will be tendering these services out through a Request for Proposal (RFP) posting on MERX in May, the exact date of which will be confirmed in the near future. For the purposes of the RFP, we have divided the province into areas and IFC's will be instructed to identify which area(s) they want to bid on. Effective July 1, 2011 IFC's that were awarded contracts through the RFP process will be utilized for vehicle impoundments in their respective designated area.

A Vendor Information Session will be held by teleconference five days after the RFP has been posted to MERX. This teleconference will be led by Ministry of Community Services and Correctional Services and MTO representatives and will provide further information about the new Vehicle Impoundment Authority.

Details about the RFP process and the Information Session will be posted shortly, therefore you are reminded to check back with this website regularly for updates.

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