

CITY OF MADISON
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CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: December 6, 2018

TO: James Wheeler, Captain of Police

FROM: Trevor Knight, Lieutenant of Police

SUBJECT: **2018 Third Quarter Traffic Enforcement Activity Report**

The information provided in this document represents the Madison Police Department's traffic enforcement and safety activity for the third quarter of 2018.

It is the goal of the Madison Police Department to make our streets safer for all users; we feel that motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians should safely share our streets.

Of note, for a portion of the third quarter the TEST unit was shorthanded due to an officer on medical leave and also several officers taking vacation at various times.

Traffic Citations

The Madison Police Department issued **3,811** traffic citations (**2,453**) citations were for hazardous violations and (**1,358**) citations were for non-hazardous violations, in the 3rd Quarter of 2018. These numbers reflect a decrease over the total number of citations (**5,277**) issued in the 3rd quarter of 2017.

T.E.S.T. (Traffic Enforcement Safety Team)

Of the **3,811** total citations issued in the 3rd Quarter of 2018, **849** citations (**534**) hazardous and (**315**) non-hazardous, were issued by the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team. These numbers represent a decrease from the total number of citations (**2,035**) issued by TEST officers during the 3rd quarter of 2017.

Speeding

2018 3rd Quarter citations for speeding totaled **1,083**. This is a decrease compared to the (**2,127**) citations issued in the 3rd Quarter of 2017.

Red Signal Violations

During the 3rd Quarter 2018, there were (**52**) red signal violation citations issued. This is a decrease from the (**123**) red signal violations that were written during 3rd quarter of 2017.

Warning Totals

During the 3rd Quarter 2018, **2,232** warnings issued for traffic violations department wide. (**455**) of these warnings were issued by the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team. These numbers were a slight decrease over the total warnings (**2434**) issued in the 3rd Quarter of 2017.

Traffic Complaint Hotline (266-4822)

The Traffic Complaint Hotline received **(283)** citizen calls during the 3rd quarter of 2018. **134** warning letters were sent out based on reported violations. This is an increase compared with **190** complaints and **106** letters sent during the 3rd quarter of 2017.

School Zones

School zones violation reports from Crossing Guards resulted in **(15)** warning letters being sent and **(3)** citations issued for observed violations in the 3rd quarter of 2018.

Traffic Enforcement/Safety Grants

(15) Alcohol Enforcement, **(26)** Speed Enforcement, **(8)** Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety and **(11)** Seat Belt Enforcement overtime grant initiatives were scheduled for the 3rd Quarter of 2018. These were coordinated through the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety. The grant initiatives focused on Impaired Driving (OMVWI), Speeding, Pedestrian Safety, Bicycle safety and Seat Belt Enforcement. These **(60)** grant initiatives resulted in **(998)** citations and **(704)** warnings.

The following are corridors where the Alcohol, Speed and Seatbelt traffic grants were deployed during the 3rd quarter: **Hwy 30, Hwy 151, Hwy 51, Hwy 113, John Nolen Dr, Hwy 12, University Av, and Midvale Blvd**

Pedestrian/Bike Safety: **Thornton/Williamson St/Bike Path, Midvale Blvd, Whitney Way, and Raymond Rd**

Significant Crashes

In the 3rd Quarter of 2018, Traffic Specialists investigated **seven** significant traffic crashes. These crashes resulted in **1** death. Also investigated and followed up on **18** crashes with injuries or great bodily harm. There was also one call-out for assistance with a drug influence evaluation (DRE).

Crashes- 3rd Quarter 2018

Total crashes	January - June 2017: 3097	July- September 2017: 1259
Total crashes	January - June 2018: 2653	July- September 2018: 1302
Total bicycle crashes	January – June 2017: 42	July- September 2017: 34
Total bicycle crashes	January – June 2018: 35	July- September 2018: 44
Total pedestrian crashes	January – June 2017: 57	July-September 2017: 19
Total pedestrian crashes	<i>January – June 2018:48</i>	July- September2018: 27
Total vehicle crashes	January- June 2017: 2998	July-September 2017: 1206
Total vehicle crashes	January-June 2018: 2568	July-September 2018: 1231
Total fatal crashes	January -June 2017: 9	July- September 2017: 2
	January-June 2018: 6	July-September 2018: 1

