

CITY OF MADISON  
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SUBJECT: **2015 First Quarter Traffic Enforcement Activity Report**

The information provided in this document represents the Madison Police Department's traffic enforcement and safety activity for the fourth quarter of 2014.

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

You will see in this report that there is an increase in the number of citations issued compared to the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2014.

**Traffic Citations**

The Madison Police Department issued **6,260** traffic citations (**3,830** citations were for hazardous violations and **2,430** citations were for non-hazardous violations) in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2015. These numbers reflect an increase over the total number of citations (**4040**) issued in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2014, but less than the **6990** citations that the Madison Police Department issued for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2013.

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

Of the **6,260** total citations issued in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, **3117** citations (**1,815** hazardous and **1,302** non-hazardous), were issued by the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team. These numbers represent an increase from the total number of citations (**1,494**) issued by TEST officers during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2014 and **2,751** citations in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2013.

**Speeding**

2015 1<sup>st</sup> quarter citations for speeding totaled **2164**. This is an increase compared with the **831** citations issued in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2014, but a slight decrease from the **2,468** issued in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2013.

**Red Signal Violations**

During 1st quarter 2015, **238** red signal violation citations were issued. **156** red signal violations were written during 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2014.

### **Traffic Complaint Hotline**

The Traffic Complaint Hotline (previously known as the Speeders Hotline) received **142** citizen calls during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2015. **104** warning letters were sent as a result of reported violations. This compares with **185** complaints and **80** letters during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2014.

### **School Zones**

School zones violation reports from Crossing Guards resulted in **40** warning letters being sent and **102** citations issued for observed violations in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2015.

### **Traffic Enforcement/Safety Grants**

**19** alcohol enforcement overtime grant initiatives were scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2015. These were coordinated through the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety. The grant initiatives focused on impaired driver (OMVWI).

### **Significant Crashes**

In the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2015, Traffic Specialists investigated **2** significant traffic crashes. These crashes resulted in **2** deaths. Also investigated and followed up on **14** crashes with injuries or great bodily harm. They also had **2** Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) call outs.

### **Total Crashes**

In the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2015, there were **1,558** reported crashes.