

CITY OF MADISON  
**INTER-DEPARTMENTAL**  
CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: April 30, 2009

TO: Noble Wray, Chief of Police

FROM: Richard Bach, Captain of Police

SUBJECT: **2009 First Quarter Traffic Enforcement Activity Report**  
(January - March)

The information provided herein represents the Madison Police Department's traffic enforcement activity for the first quarter of 2009. Of note, is the addition of two (2) police officers to a newly established 10am-6pm shift of the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team. It should also be noted that during this period, one (1) officer retired from the 6am-2pm shift of the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team and this position has remained vacant to date.

In summary, all traffic citations issued for the first quarter of 2009 totaled 6,046. (4,312 citations for hazardous violations and 1,734 citations for non-hazardous violations). Additionally, 623 traffic warnings were issued. Of these totals, the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team (T.E.S.T.) issued 1,617 citations. (1,342 hazardous citations and 275 non-hazardous citations). This reflects a **33% increase** in the issuance of overall citations department wide and a **113% increase** in the issuance of overall citations by the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team, when compared to first quarter data from 2008.

Included in the above data is the issuance of speeding citations department wide during the first quarter of 2009, which reflect a **73% increase** when compared to the first quarter of 2008.

The significant increase in citation activity may be attributed to several factors including: increased staffing department wide, which has allowed officers more time to do pro-active enforcement, a more structured approach involving TEST and CPT officers to address District traffic issues, as well as officers and supervisors continuing to recognize this as a department and community priority.

The Traffic Complaint Hotline (previously known as the Speeders Hotline) received 257 citizen calls during the first quarter of 2009, resulting in the mailing of a total of 164 warning letters. Crossing Guard observations resulted in 321 warning letters being mailed and 22 citations issued during this period.

Within the first quarter of 2009, traffic enforcement overtime grant initiatives were scheduled. These grants were coordinated through the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety. Impaired driver (OMVWI) and excessive speed enforcement initiatives were conducted during this time period. As a result of these enforcement initiatives, 125 citations and 21 warnings were issued, including four (4) physical arrests for OMVWI (impaired driving). This activity is reflected in the Department citation totals.

In the first quarter of 2009, Traffic Specialists investigated four (4) significant traffic crashes, of which two (2) involved serious injuries and two (2) resulted in fatalities. Alcohol was a factor in one (1) of the fatal injury crashes.

Please refer to the attachments for further details.

**MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY -- QUARTERLY REPORT -- (2007--2009)**  
**FIRST QUARTER**

HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS	1st QUARTER			2nd QUARTER			3rd QUARTER			4th QUARTER			END OF YEAR		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	TOTALS		
													2007	2008	2009
OMVWI (A)	203	198	198	225	210		207	194		150	169		785	771	
OMVWI (B)	143	161	158	187	152		166	142		114	123		610	578	
RECKLESS	26	10	18	20	36		22	32		12	15		80	93	
SPEEDING	1235	1223	2114	1270	1779		1232	2038		1003	1684		4740	6724	
STOP & GO	340	349	397	326	312		367	370		284	356		1317	1387	
ARTERIAL	132	155	137	152	142		108	211		75	107		467	615	
PASS/TURNING MVMT	160	168	167	161	144		163	174		175	161		659	647	
DEVIATING	62	50	84	63	59		67	83		55	63		247	255	
WRONG WAY	84	49	81	112	86		94	93		55	72		345	300	
ALL OTHERS	59	52	74	79	77		55	90		59	42		252	261	
RIGHT OF WAY (M.V.)	341	274	299	293	238		284	242		276	324		1194	1078	
RIGHT OF WAY (PED.)	29	13	26	38	30		95	92		14	32		176	167	
FAILURE TO CONTROL	207	252	194	73	53		96	101		100	168		476	574	
FOLLOW TOO CLOSE	179	167	169	192	137		218	175		163	212		752	691	
INATTENTIVE	171	139	152	206	155		215	231		158	170		750	695	
UNSAFE BACKING	23	31	32	26	19		34	33		25	26		108	109	
DR. SIGNAL	0	0	0	2	0		1	1		0	1		3	2	
BIKE/PED	9	8	12	13	15		11	74		6	14		39	111	
<b>TOTAL HAZARDOUS</b>	<b>3,403</b>	<b>3,299</b>	<b>4,312</b>	<b>3,438</b>	<b>3,644</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,435</b>	<b>4,376</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,724</b>	<b>3,739</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,000</b>	<b>15,058</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NON-HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS</b>															
DL/VEH REG	1127	1055	1424	1280	1248		1079	1464		911	1017		4397	4784	
VEH EQUIP	135	97	206	201	141		150	142		133	126		619	506	
HIT AND RUN	93	64	81	79	79		81	80		77	67		330	290	
ALL OTHERS	14	19	23	27	34		26	48		11	8		78	109	
<b>TOTAL NON-HAZ</b>	<b>1,369</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>1,734</b>	<b>1,587</b>	<b>1,502</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>1,734</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,424</b>	<b>5,689</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>4,772</b>	<b>4,534</b>	<b>6,046</b>	<b>5,025</b>	<b>5,146</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,771</b>	<b>6,110</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,856</b>	<b>4,957</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,424</b>	<b>20,747</b>	<b>0</b>

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**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY -- TEST -- QUARTERLY REPORT -- (2007--2009)**  
**FIRST QUARTER**

HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS	1st QUARTER			2nd QUARTER			3rd QUARTER			4th QUARTER			END OF YEAR		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	TOTALS		
													2007	2008	2009
OMVWI (A)	0	0	1	0	1		2	0		0	0		2	1	
OMVWI (B)	0	0	0	0	1		0	0		0	0		0	1	
RECKLESS	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
SPEEDING	387	545	1193	467	705		336	681		229	786		1419	2717	
STOP & GO	12	18	39	19	19		44	29		16	32		91	98	
ARTERIAL	8	23	20	1	3		0	3		1	6		10	35	
PASS/TURNING MVMT	6	10	18	2	6		6	11		11	9		25	36	
DEVIATING	0	0	1	0	0		0	1		0	0		0	1	
WRONG WAY	9	12	31	1	9		10	13		8	25		28	59	
ALL OTHERS	5	0	5	0	0		1	0		0	0		6	0	
RIGHT OF WAY (M.V.)	43	28	23	34	33		29	23		14	42		120	126	
RIGHT OF WAY (PED.)	3	0	9	9	7		27	18		0	5		39	30	
FAILURE TO CONTROL	4	6	1	1	3		3	2		1	3		9	14	
FOLLOW TOO CLOSE	0	0	1	0	0		2	0		1	0		3	0	
INATTENTIVE	0	0	0	1	3		0	0		0	0		1	3	
UNSAFE BACKING	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
DR. SIGNAL	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
BIKE/PED	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
<b>TOTAL HAZARDOUS</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>1,342</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,753</b>	<b>3,121</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NON-HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS</b>															
DL/VEH REG	50	83	144	58	70		35	87		39	89		182	329	
VEH EQUIP	29	28	118	45	35		26	49		42	52		142	164	
HIT AND RUN	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		1	0		1	0	
ALL OTHERS	1	3	13	2	0		0	2		1	1		4	6	
<b>TOTAL NON-HAZ</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,082</b>	<b>3,620</b>	<b>0</b>

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**2009 Alcohol (OWI) Enforcement Grant**

	<b>*Citations Issued</b>	<b>Warnings Issued</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Jan-March 2009</b>	37	18	55

**2009 Speed Enforcement Grant**

	<b>*Citations Issued</b>	<b>Warnings Issued</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Jan-March 2009</b>	88	3	91

\*Various offenses which are reflected in the Department quarterly totals.  
Included are four (4) physical arrests for OMVWI.

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**2009 First Quarter - Warning Totals (Stop Card and Written)**

**1/1/09 to 3/31/09**

<b>Central</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
167	135	100	92	129	<b>623</b>

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**2009 Speeders Hotline Quarterly Totals - First Quarter**

	Citywide calls	Letters Sent	Recorded	Total Calls by District				
				West	East	South	North	Central
Jan 2009	134	111	23	55	8	40	17	14
Feb 2009	233	199	34	109	29	56	21	18
Mar 2009	233	197	36	116	23	58	27	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>41</b>

Calls under "Recorded" are kept in a database for each district to view complaint areas. These calls are either general speeding complaints for certain streets or calls where there was not enough information available to send out a letter. General complaints are also forwarded to each district as they come in.

2009 School Zone Warning and Violation Letters Sent--First Quarter					
	West	East	South	North	Central
Failure to Stop for Crossing Guard – warning	21	7	7	1	0
Failure to Stop for Crossing Guard – citation	6	1	15	0	0
Failure to stop for school bus w/red lights-warning	0	0	0	0	0
Failure to stop for school bus w/red lights-citation	0	0	0	0	0
Failure to stop for emer vehicle at Fire Station-warning	0	0	0	0	0
Failure to stop for emer vehicle at Fire Station-citation	0	0	0	0	0
Driving against traffic	0	0	31	0	0
Drop off in “No Stopping, Standing, Parking” zone	13	3	3	2	0
Excessive speed in school zone	13	3	3	2	0
Excessive speed in school zone w/children present	5	2	0	2	0
Failure to observe posted “STOP” sign	84	0	43	16	0
Failure to stop for clearly marked red stop light	3	0	3	0	0
Failure to yield to pedestrian in a crosswalk	0	0	0	0	0
U-turn in a school zone	17	7	3	2	0
Parking in a “No Parking” zone	14	0	0	8	0
Parking too close to a crosswalk, less than 15 feet	1	0	0	0	0
Stopping on/blocking marked crosswalk	3	11	0	1	0
Unsafe drop off of a child in the middle of the street	2	0	1	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	2	0	0
<b>Total number of Observed Violations</b>	182	34	111	34	0
<b>Total Warning Letters/Violation Letters Sent</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>
Number of Adult School Crossing Guard Locations in the District	17	8	10	11	1

All letters sent are "warnings" as reported by Adult Crossing Guards and/or ASCG Supervisors unless specifically listed as "citation," in which case a ticket was issued and a violation letter mailed for the listed traffic violation.