

CITY OF MADISON
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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TO: Noble Wray, Chief of Police

FROM: Richard Bach, Captain of Police

SUBJECT: **2009 Fourth Quarter and Year End Traffic Enforcement Activity Report**

The information provided in this document represents the Madison Police Department's traffic enforcement activity for the fourth quarter of 2009 and the year. It should be noted that for the fourth quarter, and for most of the year, a position remained vacant on the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team due to the retirement of an officer in March.

In the fourth quarter of 2009, the Madison Police Department issued 4,594 traffic citations (3,303 citations for hazardous violations and 1,291 citations for non-hazardous violations). Of this total, 1,203 citations (1,010 hazardous and 193 non-hazardous) were issued by the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team (T.E.S.T.). These numbers reflect a 7 % decrease in the total number of citations issued department wide and a 14 % increase in the issuance of overall citations by the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team, when compared to fourth quarter data from 2008. The total number of traffic citations issued by the Madison Police Department in 2009 was 24,845, as compared to 20,747 citations issued in 2008. This represents an increase of 19% over the total number of citations issued in 2008. The Traffic Enforcement Safety Team issued 6737 citations in 2009, as compared to 3620 in 2008. This represents an increase of 86 % in the total number of citations issued over last year. In addition, 812 traffic warnings were issued in the fourth quarter. A total of 3227 warnings were issued in 2009.

Included in the above data are 1,479 speeding citations issued department-wide during the fourth quarter of 2009, which reflects a 12% decrease when compared to 1684 citations issued in the fourth quarter of 2008. For the year, 9476 citations were issued for speeding, which represents a 40% increase compared to the 6724 speeding citations issued in 2008. Also represented in the yearly department-wide totals are citations issued to pedestrians and bicyclists for various violations, including 258 citations issued to motorists for failing to yield to pedestrians.

Factors to which some of the decreases seen in the 2009 fourth quarter citation totals might be attributed, when compared to those of the third quarter, include a decrease in the number of grant funded initiatives due to the close of the grant cycle, significant weather events, and several major incidents, including a multiple homicide and an attempted homicide, which required the application of significant police resources in areas apart from traffic enforcement. Despite some of these fourth quarter decreases, members of the Madison Police Department remain sensitive to the overwhelming support traffic enforcement receives from the citizens of Madison. Officers and supervisors are cognizant of the vital role traffic enforcement plays in the general safety of our community, and remain steadfast in their commitment to making traffic enforcement a priority in 2010.

The Traffic Complaint Hotline (previously known as the Speeders Hotline) received 152 citizen calls during the fourth quarter of 2009. While warning letters were sent in most cases as a result of these reported violations, the specific number of warning letters sent is not available due a problem with the data collection system. This issue is being examined and will be addressed. For the fourth quarter, Crossing Guard observations resulted in 529 warning letters being mailed and three citations issued. For the year, Crossing Guard observations resulted in 1,511 warning letters being mailed and 118 citations issued. Complaints involving the Boom Car Ordinance resulted in the issuance of 12 citations for the year, none for the quarter.

Four traffic enforcement overtime grant initiatives were scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2009. The relatively small number of initiatives was largely due to the close of the 2009 grant cycle, and to the delay in waiting for

approval for the funding of the 2010 grants. The four grant initiatives conducted were coordinated through the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety, and focused on impaired driver (OMVWI), excessive speed and pedestrian safety. These initiatives resulted in 44 citations being issued.

In the fourth quarter of 2009, Traffic Specialists investigated 3 significant traffic crashes resulting in serious injury to three individuals. The use of alcohol was determined to be a factor in one of these crashes. No fatalities resulted from traffic crashes in the fourth quarter of 2009. For the year, Traffic Specialists investigated 23 significant traffic crashes. Fourteen fatalities resulted from these crashes. Ten people suffered serious injuries as a result of these crashes. Alcohol or drugs were determined to play a role in eleven of these crashes.

Please refer to the attachments for further details.

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TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY -- QUARTERLY REPORT -- (2007--2009)
FOURTH 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	197	207	194	176	150	169	147	785	771	718
OMVWI (B)	143	161	158	187	152	146	166	142	134	114	123	104	610	578	542
RECKLESS	26	10	18	20	36	20	22	32	26	12	15	11	80	93	75
SPEEDING	1235	1223	2114	1270	1779	3085	1232	2038	2798	1003	1684	1479	4740	6724	9476
STOP & GO	340	349	397	326	312	355	367	370	336	284	356	261	1317	1387	1349
ARTERIAL	132	155	137	152	142	146	108	211	194	75	107	86	467	615	563
PASS/TURNING MVM	160	168	167	161	144	183	163	174	135	175	161	143	659	647	628
DEVIATING	62	50	84	63	59	78	67	83	69	55	63	59	247	255	290
WRONG WAY	84	49	81	112	86	232	94	93	96	55	72	47	345	300	456
ALL OTHERS	59	52	74	79	77	82	55	90	72	59	42	46	252	261	274
RIGHT OF WAY (M.V.)	341	274	299	293	238	306	284	242	220	276	324	278	1194	1078	1103
RIGHT OF WAY (PED.)	29	13	26	38	30	63	95	92	128	14	32	41	176	167	258
FAILURE TO CONTROL	207	252	194	73	53	79	96	101	78	100	168	138	476	574	489
FOLLOW TOO CLOSE	179	167	169	192	137	201	218	175	231	163	212	260	752	691	861
INATTENTIVE	171	139	152	206	155	184	215	231	200	158	170	157	750	695	693
UNSAFE BACKING	23	31	32	26	19	21	34	33	30	25	26	25	108	109	108
DR. SIGNAL	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	3	2	2
BIKE/PED	9	8	12	13	15	19	11	74	28	6	14	21	39	111	80
TOTAL HAZARDOUS	3,403	3,299	4,312	3,438	3,644	5,398	3,435	4,376	4,952	2,724	3,739	3303	13,000	15,058	17,965
NON-HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS															
DL/VEH REG	1127	1055	1424	1280	1248	1561	1079	1464	1517	911	1017	1053	4397	4784	5555
VEH EQUIP	135	97	206	201	141	281	150	142	297	133	126	181	619	506	965
HIT AND RUN	93	64	81	79	79	84	81	80	75	77	67	48	330	290	288
ALL OTHERS	14	19	23	27	34	25	26	48	15	11	8	9	78	109	72
TOTAL NON-HAZ	1,369	1,235	1,734	1,587	1,502	1,951	1,336	1,734	1,904	1,132	1,218	1,291	5,424	5,689	6,880
TOTAL VIOLATIONS	4,772	4,534	6,046	5,025	5,146	7,349	4,771	6,110	6,856	3,856	4,957	4,594	18,424	20,747	24,845

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TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY -- TEST -- QUARTERLY REPORT -- (2007--2009)
FOURTH 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	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	3
OMVWI (B)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2
RECKLESS	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SPEEDING	387	545	1193	467	705	1582	336	681	1293	229	786	905	1419	2717	4973
STOP & GO	12	18	39	19	19	30	44	29	61	16	32	33	91	98	163
ARTERIAL	8	23	20	1	3	10	0	3	25	1	6	8	10	35	63
PASS/TURNING MVMT	6	10	18	2	6	20	6	11	14	11	9	4	25	36	56
DEVIATING	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	5
WRONG WAY	9	12	31	1	9	84	10	13	28	8	25	12	28	59	155
ALL OTHERS	5	0	5	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	6	0	9
RIGHT OF WAY (M.V.)	43	28	23	34	33	53	29	23	33	14	42	31	120	126	140
RIGHT OF WAY (PED.)	3	0	9	9	7	6	27	18	50	0	5	6	39	30	71
FAILURE TO CONTROL	4	6	1	1	3	1	3	2	2	1	3	2	9	14	6
FOLLOW TOO CLOSE	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	3	1	0	2	3	0	7
INATTENTIVE	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	3
UNSAFE BACKING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
DR. SIGNAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIKE/PED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL HAZARDOUS	477	642	1,342	535	790	1,791	460	781	1,516	281	908	1010	1,753	3,121	5,659
NON-HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS															
DL/VEH REG	50	83	144	58	70	178	35	87	147	39	89	97	182	329	566
VEH EQUIP	29	28	118	45	35	141	26	49	139	42	52	92	142	164	490
HIT AND RUN	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
ALL OTHERS	1	3	13	2	0	4	0	2	0	1	1	4	4	6	21
TOTAL NON-HAZ	80	114	275	105	105	324	61	138	286	83	142	193	329	499	1,078
TOTAL VIOLATIONS	557	756	1,617	640	895	2,115	521	919	1,802	364	1,050	1,203	2,082	3,620	6,737

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2010 Alcohol (OWI) Enforcement Grant

	*Citations Issued	Warnings Issued	Total
Oct to Dec 2009	15	2	17

2010 Speed Enforcement Grant

	*Citations Issued	Warnings Issued	Total
Oct to Dec 2009	14	0	14

2010 Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Grant

	*Citations Issued	Warnings Issued	Total
Oct to Dec 2009	15	0	15

***Various offenses which are reflected in the Department quarterly totals.**

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2009 Fourth Quarter - Warning Totals (Stop Card and Written)

	Central	East	North	South	West
Oct to Dec 2009	166	162	157	140	187

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2009 Traffic Complaint Hotline Quarterly Totals - Fourth Quarter

	Citywide calls	Letters Sent	Recorded	Total Calls by District				
Oct to Dec 2009	152	Not Available	Not Available	West	East	South	North	Central
				71	15	27	4	23

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 Boom Car Ordinance Totals - Fourth Quarter

	Citations	Warnings	Total
Oct to Dec 2009	0	0	0

Warning letters/Violation letters sent: 10/1/9 - 12/31/9	West	East	South	North	Central
Failure to Stop for Crossing Guard – warning	41	2	14	3	1
Failure to Stop for Crossing Guard – citation	11	0	17	1	0
Failure to stop for school bus w/red lights-warning	0	1	1	0	1
Failure to stop for school bus w/red lights-citation	0	0	0	0	1
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	20	0	0
Drop off in “No Stopping, Standing, Parking” zone	6			2	1
Excessive speed in school zone	14	6	22	94	2
Excessive speed in school zone w/children present	15	3	7	1	0
Failure to observe posted “STOP” sign	54	1	42	24	0
Failure to stop for clearly marked red stop light	5	0	22	0	0
Failure to yield to pedestrian in a crosswalk	0	0	1	0	0
Mid-block U-turn in a school zone	18	42	1	1	0
Parking in a “No Parking” zone	3	4	0	0	2
Parking too close to a crosswalk, less than 15 feet	1	0	9	0	4
Stopping on/blocking marked crosswalk	6	4	0	0	6
Unsafe drop off of a child in the middle of the street	2	3	17	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	1
Total Warnings / Violations by district*	176	66	173	126	19
Total Warning letters/Violation letters sent*	153	65	167	125	19
# of Adult School Xing Guard locations in the district	17	8	10	11	2
# of Schools served by Xing guards in the district	18	7	7	8	2

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

* Total warnings/violations may be higher than total letters sent if two or more violations are reported for the same driver/vehicle but one letter is sent showing both violations.

**SCHOOLS SERVED BY CROSSING GUARDS
WITHIN EACH DISTRICT:**

WEST	EAST	SOUTH	NORTH	CENTRAL
Crestwood	Allis	Wingra	Emerson	Marquette
Falk	Elvehjm	Blssd Sacr	Gompers	OKeefe MS
Huegel	Glendale	Edgewood	BlckhwkMS	
Olson	Hawthorn	Randall	Lakeview	
Midvale	Kennedy	Lincoln	Lindberg	
Queen of P	Schenk	Franklin	Lowell	
Van Hise	Whitehors	Leopold	Mendota	
Hamilton			Sandburg	
John Muir				
Jefferson				
Memorial				
Orchard				
Toki M.S.				
St. Maria				
GlenStephe				
Thoreau				
Chavez				