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SUBJECT: **2016 Third Quarter Traffic Activity Report**

The information provided in this document represents the Madison Police Department's traffic enforcement and safety activity for the third quarter of 2016. 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.

Of note during the 3rd Quarter, there were a number of events (dignitary visits, protests, etc.) that took officers, including the TEST team, away from their normal duties which had a significant impact on traffic enforcement.

Traffic Citations

The Madison Police Department issued **5,703** traffic citations (**3,193**) citations were for hazardous violations and (**2,510**) citations were for non-hazardous violations, in the 3rd quarter of 2016. These numbers reflect a decrease over the total number of citations (**6,966**) issued in the 3rd quarter of 2015

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

Of the **5,703** total citations issued in the 3rd quarter of 2016, **1,989** citations (**978**) hazardous and (**1,011**) non-hazardous, were issued by the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team. These numbers represent a decrease from the total number of citations (**3,014**) issued by TEST officers during the 3rd quarter of 2015.

The reduction in citations can be attributed to several contributing factors. These are the months where most members of the traffic unit take their vacations and during which time we were two officers short for over a month due to health reasons. Officers also were assigned to work staffing contingency days in patrol.

During the 3rd quarter officers also were assigned to assist in special events, escorts and other assignments. This year, we did have an increase in dignitary visits due to it being an election year. Listed below are events TEST assisted with:

07/11/16	Protests
07/18/16	War memorial escort
07/21/16	Protest
07/23/16	Safe Harbor Ride
07/25/16	Cops Kids Escort
8/3/16	Amigos day of flight
8/4-6/16	Police motor training

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08/10/16	Vietnam Wall Memorial
08/16/16	VP Visit
8/22/16	VP Visit
8/23-25/16	Gov. Conf
9/15/16	Ride the Train
9/27-28/16	VP Visit

Speeding

2016 3rd Quarter citations for speeding totaled **900**. This is a decrease compared with the **1,533** citations issued in the 3rd Quarter of 2015.

Red Signal Violations

During the 3rd Quarter 2016, **105** red signal violation citations were issued. This is down slightly from **(194)** red signal violations that were written during 3rd quarter of 2015.

Warning Totals

During the 3rd Quarter 2016, **2,838** warnings were issued for traffic violations department wide. **(1,416)** of these warnings were issued by the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team.

Traffic Complaint Hotline (266-4822)

The Traffic Complaint Hotline received **100** citizen calls during the 3rd quarter of 2016. **67** warning letters were sent as a result of reported violations. This compares with **138** complaints and **82** letters sent during the 3rd quarter of 2015.

School Zones

School zones violation reports from Crossing Guards resulted in **116** warning letters being sent and **32** citations issued for observed violations in the 3rd quarter of 2016.

Traffic Enforcement/Safety Grants

(15) Alcohol Enforcement, **(19)** Speed Enforcement, **(9)** Pedestrian Safety, **(4)** Bicycle Safety and **(23)** Seat Belt Enforcement overtime grant initiatives were scheduled for the 3rd quarter of 2016. 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 **(70)** grant initiatives resulted in **1,928** citations and **863** warnings.

The following are locations where traffic grants were deployed during the 3rd quarter:

Pedestrian Safety: N. Sherman Av/Roth St, Monroe/Harrison St, Regent St/ Brooks St., Regent St/ Campus Mall, E. Gorham St/N. Livingston St/ W. Dayton St/ N. Orchard St, N. Sherman Av/Aberg Av, Monroe St/ Prospect

Bike Safety: Freeport Rd (Southwest Commuter Trail), Midvale/Yuma, N. Lake St/State St, University Av/ Mills St.

Alcohol & Speed Enforcement: 200 N. Stoughton Rd, 100 S. Stoughton Rd, 100 John Nolen, 3200 WB Hwy 30, Pennsylvania Av, MM 262.2 EB Hwy 12, 3200 Commercial, 10 John Nolen Dr, 3300 E.

Washington Av, Hwy 151/I90, 5400 University Av, MM 98.2 SB HWY 151, MM254.8 WB HWY 12, Hwy 151/American Pkwy, Verona Rd, Hwy 12/ Rimrock Rd, 400 W. Johnson St, Hwy 12/ Mineral Point Rd, Packers Av/Aberg Av, Hwy 30/ Fair Oaks

Seatbelt: E. Washington/Webster Av, Aberg Av/Packers Av, 1600 N. Stoughton, Mineral Point/ Glenway St, Park St/Erin St, N. Thompson/Hwy 30, John Nolen Dr/ North Shore, University Av/ Midvale, S. Park St/ Fish Hatchery Rd, 600 N. Fair Oaks Av, Park St/ Badger Rd, E. Johnson St, Monroe/N. Randall St, Midvale Blvd/ Regent St, Mineral Point/S. Midvale Blvd, Mineral Point Rd/Pleasant View, Midvale Blvd/Odana Rd, Gammon Rd/Hwy 12, Midvale Blvd/ Hwy 12

Significant Crashes

In the 3rd quarter of 2016, Traffic Specialists investigated **5** significant traffic crashes. These crashes resulted in **2** deaths. Also investigated and followed up on **10** crashes with injuries or great bodily harm. There was also a call-out for assistance with a drug influence evaluation (DRE).

Crashes- 3rd Quarter

Total crashes	January - June 2015: 3057	July- September 2015: 1632
Total crashes	January - June 2016: 2988	July- September 2016: 1776
Total bicycle crashes	January – June 2015: 43	July- September 2015: 57
Total bicycle crashes	January – June 2016: 37	July- September 2016: 37
Total pedestrian crashes	January – June 2015: 57	July-September 2015: 28
Total pedestrian crashes	January – June 2016: 42	July- September2016: 17
Total fatal crashes	January – June 2015: 5	July- September 2016: 2