



CITY OF MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT



INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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SUBJECT: **2017 First Quarter Traffic Activity Report**

The information provided in this document represents the Madison Police Department's traffic enforcement and safety activity for the First Quarter of 2017.

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.

Traffic Citations

The Madison Police Department issued **3,897** traffic citations (**2,696** citations were for hazardous violations and **1,201** citations were for non-hazardous violations) in the 1st quarter of 2017. These numbers reflect a decrease over the total number of citations (**5,221**) issued in the 1st Quarter of 2016

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

Of the **3,897** total citations issued in the 1st Quarter of 2017, **1,525** citations (**1,120** hazardous and **405** non-hazardous), were issued by the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team. These numbers represent a decrease from the total number of citations (**2,619**) issued by TEST officers during the 1st Quarter of 2016.

Speeding

1st Quarter 2017 citations for speeding totaled **1,451**. This is a decrease compared with the **1,607** citations issued in the 1st Quarter of 2016.

The significant decrease in the number of traffic citations can be attributed to several factors which took place in the first quarter. These include the TEST unit being short two officers due to retirement, and one to injury in January. Four new officers were added to the team in February which required a period of training and familiarization for expectations and daily duties. Four of the five district CPT'S were staffed one officer down during the first quarter and patrol staffing numbers were also challenged due to retirements, restricted duty, etc.

Traffic Complaint Hotline

The Traffic Complaint Hotline received **122** citizen calls during the 1st Quarter of 2017. **61** warning letters were sent as a result of reported violations. This compares with **93** complaints and **69** warning letters during the 1st Quarter of 2016.

School Zones

School zones violation reports from Crossing Guards resulted in **62** warning letters being sent and **40** citations issued for observed violations in the 1st Quarter of 2017.

Traffic Enforcement/Safety Grants

16 Alcohol Enforcement and **10** Seat Belt Enforcement overtime grant initiatives were scheduled for the 1st Quarter of 2017. These were coordinated through the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety. The grant initiatives focused on impaired driver (OMVWI) and seat belt enforcement. These initiatives resulted in **500** citations and **381** warnings being issued.

Significant Crashes

In the 1st Quarter of 2017, MPD Traffic Specialists investigated **(6)** significant traffic crashes. These crashes resulted in **(3)** deaths. They also investigated and followed up on **12** additional crashes with injuries or great bodily harm and assisted patrol on **4** Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) call outs. Additionally they were involved in a successful prosecution of a vehicular homicide trial from 2015.

Total Crashes

In the 1st Quarter of 2017, there were **1,530** reported crashes which was a slight increase from the **1,493** reported crashes in the 1st Quarter 2016.

A breakdown of these crashes: **(1484)** motor vehicle related, **(33)** pedestrian related, **(11)** bicycle related.