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TO: Michael C. Koval, Chief of Police
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SUBJECT: **2017 Fourth 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 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 **(3,738)** traffic citations **(2,483)** citations were for hazardous violations and **(1,255)** citations were for non-hazardous violations in the 4th quarter of 2017. These numbers reflect a slight decrease over the total number of citations **(4,023)** issued in the 4th quarter of 2016.

For the year 2017, the Madison Police Department issued a total of **(17,843)** citations. These numbers reflect a decrease compared to the total number of citations **(20,966)** issued in 2016.

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

Of the **3,738** total citations issued in the 4th quarter of 2017, **1,251** citations **(757)** hazardous and **(494)** non-hazardous, were issued by the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team. They also issued **(1,164)** written warnings. These numbers represent a decrease from the total number of citations **(1692)** issued by TEST officers during the 4th quarter of 2017.

For the year 2017, the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team issued a total of **6,693** citations. This reflects a decrease in the numbers compared to the totals from 2016.

Speeding

2017 4thquarter citations for speeding totaled **1,128**. This is a slight increase compared with the **1,020** citations issued in the 4th quarter of 2016.

For 2017, the total citations issued for speeding is **(6,622)**. This reflects an increase in the numbers compared to 2016 **(6190)**

Red Signal Violations

2017 4thquarter citations for red signal violations totaled **112**, compared with **107** red signal violations that were written during the 4th quarter of 2016.

For 2017, the total citations issued for Red Signal Violations was **426**. This is a decrease compared to 2016 total of **620**

Traffic Complaint Hotline (266-4822)

The Traffic Complaint Hotline received **177** citizen calls during the 4th quarter of 2017. **93** warning letters were sent as a result of reported violations. This compares with **46** complaints and **42** letters during the 4th quarter of 2016.

For the year 2017, there were a total of **702** calls to the Traffic Complaint Hotline. A total of **382** warning letters were sent out as a result of reported violations. These numbers represent a decrease compared to 2016 totals of **363** calls and **255** warning letters.

School Zones

School zones violation reports from Crossing Guards resulted in **130** warning letters being sent and **48** citations issued for observed violations in the 4th quarter of 2017.

For 2017, there were a total of **272** warning letters and **150** citations issued for school zone violations reports from Crossing Guards.

Traffic Enforcement/Safety Grants

(15) Alcohol Enforcement, **(9)** Seatbelt Enforcement overtime grant initiatives were scheduled for the 4th quarter of 2017. These were coordinated through the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety. The grant initiatives focused on Impaired Driving (OMVWI) and Seatbelt Enforcement. These **24** grant initiatives resulted in **471** citations and **350** warnings.

For the year 2017, there were **156** grant deployments. These included Alcohol Enforcement, Seatbelt Enforcement, Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety, Speed Enforcement. These deployments resulted in a total of **(3,525)** citations and **(1,814)** warnings being issued.

Significant Crashes

In the 4th quarter of 2017, Traffic Specialists investigated **9** significant traffic crashes. These crashes resulted in **1** death. They also investigated and followed up on **4** crashes with injuries. They also were called out as a function of assisting patrol with drug influence evaluations six times.

In 2017, the Traffic Specialists investigated 10 fatal crashes with a total of 11 deaths.

Crashes

Total crashes	January - June 2016: 3313	July- September 2016: 1776	October-December 2016: 1845
Total crashes	January - June 2017: 3097	July- September 2017: 1259	October- December 2017: 1269
Total bicycle crashes	January – June 2016: 37	July- September 2016: 37	October- December 2016: 31
Total bicycle crashes	January – June 2017: 42	July- September 2017: 34	October-December 2017: 15
Total pedestrian crashes	January – June 2016: 39	July-September 2016: 17	October-December 2016: 42
Total pedestrian crashes	January – June 2017: 57	July- September2017: 19	October-December 2017: 27
Total vehicle crashes	January- June 2016: 3238	July-September 2016: 1539	October-December 2016: 1772
Total vehicle crashes	January-June 2017: 2998	July-September 2017: 1206	October-December 2017: 1227
Total fatal crashes	January -June 2016: 5	July- September 2016: 2	October-December 2016: 2
	January-June 2017: 7	July-September 2017: 2	October-December 2017: 1

2017 Fatal Crashes

1. January 15, 2017 (17-015888)
Regent St at Randall St
Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian H&R
The pedestrian was struck as she ran eastbound across N Randall St. on the north side of Regent St. The driver of the vehicle drove through a flashing red signal northbound on N Randall St, striking the pedestrian. The pedestrian was treated for non-life threatening injuries the night of the incident. The driver was stopped and arrested for OWI by Middleton PD. Approximately six weeks later, the pedestrian died and it was determined it was as a result of being struck by a motor vehicle. The driver has been charged with OWI Homicide. This case is scheduled for a jury trial in June 2018.
2. January 24, 2017 (17-027185)
Buckeye Rd at Blossom La
Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian
The pedestrian was walking across Buckeye Rd in a darkened portion of the roadway. The motor vehicle struck the pedestrian who was transported to the hospital and subsequently pronounced deceased. The driver of the motor vehicle was accessed on scene and submitted to a consensual blood draw. No charges filed and a fatal review was completed by the Dane County District Attorney's office.
3. February 12, 2017 (17-049201)
Hwy 30 near Fair Oaks Ave
Four-vehicle crash with **two fatalities**
The driver was traveling eastbound on Hwy 30 at a high rate of speed. The driver lost control of his vehicle and crossed over into the westbound lanes of travel, striking a SUV. This caused a total of a four-car crash. Two who were fatally injured occupied the initially struck vehicle. The second car operator was injured with great bodily harm. The third vehicle occupants were not injured. The driver was charged and convicted of two counts of 2nd degree reckless homicide, and three counts of reckless driving causing injury and OWI. The driver was sentenced to 15 years in prison and 5 years extended supervision.
4. April 15, 2017 (17-124588)
400 S Park St
Motor Vehicle vs Pedestrians
The driver of a vehicle was traveling outbound on W Washington Av and attempting to turn southbound on S Park St. The driver was unable to negotiate the curve and drove up onto the sidewalk fatally striking a pedestrian and injuring another. The driver was intoxicated and arrested for OWI Homicide and three counts of 2nd degree recklessly endangering safety as well as possession of methamphetamine. The driver pled to OWI Homicide, 2nd degree recklessly endangering safety and possession of methamphetamine. The sentencing for this case will be this coming week.

5. May 3, 2017 (17-146611)
7105 Mineral Point Rd
Motor Vehicle vs. Building
A motor vehicle driven by an age M/W had an apparent medical condition. The driver lost consciousness and drove over six lanes of traffic on Mineral Point Rd., coming to a rest at the Tire Center. The driver was pronounced deceased at the hospital.
6. May 7, 2017 (17-151885)
Acewood Blvd at Cottage Grove Rd
Motor Vehicle vs. Motor Cycle
A motorcyclist was operating at a high rate of speed outbound on Cottage Grove Rd. Another vehicle was turning left at the intersection on Acewood Blvd where the two vehicles collided. The motorcyclist suffered fatal injuries. The driver of the motor vehicle was not cited.
7. June 4, 2017 (17-189065)
615 Pine St.
Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian
A M/W was working on his motor vehicle in his driveway. The vehicle slips out of gear and proceeds to run over the driver/pedestrian causing a fatal injury.
8. July 14, 2017 (17-243826)
1800 Prairie Rd
Motor Vehicle vs. Pole
A 26-year-old M/B was driving at a high rate of speed on Birch Hill Rd. The driver lost control of the vehicle and struck a power pole, causing a fatal injury. The driver's alcohol concentration was 0.227.
9. September 26, 2017 (17-349021)
266.8 USH 12 EB
Motor Vehicle off roadway
A 26-year-old F/W driver of this vehicle lost consciousness, drove off roadway, and was fatally injured. The driver's toxicology show the presence of cocaine, heroin and fentanyl.
10. October 10, 2017 (17-366330)
6202 Schroeder Rd
Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian
The driver of a motor vehicle was conducting a parking maneuver at the BP Amoco when his foot slipped off the brake pedal and onto the gas pedal. The motor vehicle crushed a pedestrian as she was attempting to exit the store, fatally injuring her. The driver consented to a blood draw and came back with a restricted controlled substance. The driver is charged with OWI Homicide w/ RCS. The case is scheduled for trial at this time.