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SUBJECT: **2017 Second Quarter Traffic Enforcement Activity Report**

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

It is the goal of the Madison Police Department to make our streets safer for all users, including motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians.

Traffic Citations

The Madison Police Department issued **4,931** traffic citations, (**3,269** citations were for hazardous violations and **1,662** citations were for non-hazardous violations), in the 2nd quarter of 2017. These numbers reflect a decrease over the total number of citations (**6,019**) issued in the 2nd quarter of 2016.

Although there was a decrease in the total number of citations issued compared to 2016, the reduction is most significant for citations issued for non-hazardous violations related to driver's license, vehicle registrations and vehicle equipment infractions. (**2582** citations in the 2nd quarter of 2016 compared to **1662** in 2017).

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

Of the 4,931 total citations issued in the 2nd quarter of 2017, **1,882** citations, (**1,281** hazardous and **601** non-hazardous), were issued by the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team. This is a decrease from the total number of citations (**2,401**) issued by TEST officers during the 2nd quarter of 2016. TEST was short staffed for a significant portion of the second quarter due to an injury.

Speeding

2017 2nd quarter citations for speeding totaled **1,916**. This is an increase compared with the **1,833** citations issued in the 2nd Quarter of 2016.

Red Signal Violations

During the 2nd Quarter 2017, **92** red signal violation citations were issued. This is down slightly from **122** red signal violations that were written during 2nd quarter of 2016.

Warning Totals

During the 2nd Quarter 2017, **2041** warnings were issued for traffic violations department wide, (**1,092** of these warnings were issued by the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team). **105** of the warnings were for non-hazardous violations such as driver's license and vehicle equipment/registration infractions.

Traffic Complaint Hotline (266-4822)

The Traffic Complaint Hotline received **213** citizen calls during the 2nd quarter of 2017. **122** warning letters were sent as a result of reported violations. This compares with **124** complaints and **77** letters sent during the 2nd quarter of 2016.

School Zones

School zones violation reports from Crossing Guards and School Bus Drivers resulted in **50** warning letters being sent and **58** citations issued for observed violations in the 2nd quarter of 2017.

Traffic Enforcement/Safety Grants

(18) Alcohol Enforcement, **(12)** Speed Enforcement, **(1)** Pedestrian Safety and **(15)** Seat Belt Enforcement overtime grant initiatives were scheduled for the 2nd quarter of 2017. These were coordinated through the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety. The grant initiatives focused on Impaired Driving (OMVWI), Speeding, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety and Seat Belt Enforcement. These **46** grant initiatives resulted in **1,168** citations and **503** warnings.

The following are the corridors that the Alcohol, Seatbelt and Speed Enforcement traffic grants were deployed during the 2nd quarter:

Hwy 113, Hwy 12, Hwy 151, Hwy 51, University Ave, John Nolen Dr, Hwy 30

Significant Crashes

In the 2nd quarter of 2017, Traffic Specialists investigated **5** significant traffic crashes, **4** of which were fatalities. They also investigated and followed up on **15** crashes with injuries or great bodily harm.

Crashes

Total crashes	January - June 2016: 3313
Total crashes	January - June 2017: 3097
Total bicycle crashes	January - June 2016: 36
Total bicycle crashes	January - June 2017: 42
Total pedestrian crashes	January - June 2016: 39
Total pedestrian crashes	January - June 2017: 57
Total vehicle crashes	January- June 2016: 3238
Total vehicle crashes	January- June 2017: 2998
Total fatal crashes	January - June 2016: 5
	January - June 2017: 9