

CITY OF MADISON
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL
CORRESPONDENCE

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TO: Noble Wray, Chief of Police

FROM: Richard Bach, Captain of Police

SUBJECT: **2012 Second Quarter Traffic Enforcement Activity Report**

The information provided in this document represents the Madison Police Department's traffic enforcement activity for April- June, 2012.

The Madison Police Department issued 7,025 traffic citations (4,565 citations for hazardous violations and 2,460 citations for non-hazardous violations) in the second quarter of 2012. These numbers reflect a significant increase over the total number of citations issued in the second quarter of 2011(5,864), and are in line with the 7108 citations that the Madison Police Department issued for the second quarter of 2010. Of the 7,025 total citations issued, 2,456 citations (1,724 hazardous and 732 non-hazardous) were issued by the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team in the second quarter. These numbers represent a large increase in the total number of citations issued by TEST officers over the same time frame last year (1,540 citations) and are comparable with the 2,312 citations issued by the TEST unit in the second quarter of 2010.

With regard to second quarter citation numbers for several specific offenses, citations for speeding totaled 2,465. This is significantly more than the 1,835 citations issued in 2011, but fewer than the 2,862 issued in the second quarter of 2010. Citations issued for OMVWI in the second quarter of 2012 totaled 148, comparable to the 153 citations issued in 2011, but less than the 174 citations issued in the second quarter of 2010. Citations issued in the second quarter for failure to yield right of way to pedestrians totaled 138 in the second quarter of 2012, significantly more than the 66 issued to motorists in 2011, but significantly fewer than the 193 issued in the second quarter of 2010. Significant increases were seen in the second quarter in 2012 in the number of citations issued for vehicle equipment violations and in the category represented by "all others". Safety belt violations, for which grant funding was newly made available this year, and vehicle insurance violations, respectively, comprised the greatest share of the increases observed.

As noted in prior quarterly reports, it is believed that a significant portion of the discrepancy in citation totals observed between 2011 and 2012, particularly in the first and second quarters, is likely the result of the staffing demands placed on the Madison Police Department in response to events at the State Capitol arising from the introduction of the State Budget Repair Bill legislation last spring, and subsequent demonstrations. These events had significant impact on police resources and impacted officer availability for traffic enforcement and other officer initiated activities. Regardless of the causes for observed variations in citation totals during this time period, Madison Police Department officers and supervisors are cognizant of the vital role that traffic enforcement plays in the safety of our community and are committed to making traffic enforcement a priority in 2012.

The Traffic Complaint Hotline (previously known as the Speeders Hotline) received 386 citizen calls during the second quarter of 2012. 179 warning letters were sent as a result of reported violations. In Madison's school zones, reports from Crossing Guards resulted in 361 warning letters being sent and 54 citations issued for observed violations in the second quarter of 2012.

Sixty nine traffic enforcement overtime grant initiatives were scheduled for the second quarter of 2012. These were coordinated through the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety. The grant initiatives focused on impaired driver (OMVWI), excessive speed, seat belt, bicycle violations and pedestrian safety enforcement. In addition, the Madison Police Department participated in a multijurisdictional grant sponsored by

the State of Wisconsin and administered by the Dane County Sheriff's Department which focused on enforcement of traffic violations in and along the beltline corridor. These grant initiatives resulted in 1501 citations, and 258 warnings being issued.

In the second quarter of 2012, Traffic Specialists investigated eight significant traffic crashes. These crashes resulted in three deaths and in significant injury to five people. The use of drugs/alcohol is being examined as a possible factor in four of these crashes. Three of the eight crashes involved pedestrians.

Please see attachments for all citation/warning data.

**MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY QUARTERLY REPORT (2010 - 2012)
SECOND QUARTER 2012**

DEPARTMENT WIDE

HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS	1st QUARTER			2nd QUARTER			3rd QUARTER			4th QUARTER			TOTALS		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
OMVWI (A)	202	143	151	174	153	148	174	176		149	144		699	616	299
OMVWI (B)	138	115	91	121	104	96	125	114		110	94		494	427	187
RECKLESS	13	10	19	17	14	15	17	15		18	18		65	57	34
SPEEDING	2517	1266	2500	2862	1835	2465	2225	2035		1435	1506		9039	6642	4965
STOP & GO	332	233	211	325	280	222	281	273		258	242		1196	1028	433
ARTERIAL	140	81	89	199	137	106	160	121		78	53		577	392	195
PASS/TURNING MVMT	160	127	123	172	137	148	173	172		141	134		646	570	271
DEVIATING	70	80	74	80	95	98	87	87		67	88		304	350	172
WRONG WAY	103	128	112	190	175	170	224	155		143	97		660	555	282
ALL OTHERS	51	29	92	77	120	106	63	143		32	83		223	375	198
RIGHT OF WAY (M.V.)	292	254	231	244	190	260	259	242		240	242		1035	928	491
RIGHT OF WAY (PED.)	79	78	50	193	66	138	236	66		90	45		598	255	188
FAILURE TO CONTROL	133	196	94	95	94	69	103	92		174	82		505	464	163
FOLLOW TOO CLOSE	177	176	184	214	205	232	252	227		220	223		863	831	416
INATTENTIVE	173	159	146	195	174	208	229	196		184	191		781	720	354
UNSAFE BACKING	35	39	24	32	29	36	25	30		22	20		114	118	60
DR. SIGNAL	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	2		2	2	0
BIKE/PED	47	10	27	81	83	48	51	50		24	31		203	174	75
TOTAL HAZARDOUS	4,664	3,124	4,218	5,271	3,891	4,565	4,684	4,194	0	3,385	3,295	0	18,004	14,504	8,783

NON-HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS	1st QUARTER			2nd QUARTER			3rd QUARTER			4th QUARTER			TOTALS		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
DL/VEH REG	1440	1078	1292	1307	1237	1151	1383	1178		1090	943		5220	4436	2443
VEH EQUIP	317	172	530	351	218	644	224	234		157	225		1049	849	1174
HIT AND RUN	87	71	98	84	70	98	93	64		76	68		340	273	196
ALL OTHERS	25	410	613	95	448	567	491	522		400	402		1011	1782	1180
TOTAL NON-HAZ	1,869	1,731	2,533	1,837	1,973	2,460	2,191	1,998	0	1,723	1,638	0	7,620	7,340	4,993

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	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
	6,533	4,855	6,751	7,108	5,864	7,025	6,875	6,192	0	5,108	4,933	0	25,624	21,844	13,776

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T.E.S.T UNIT

HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS	1st QUARTER			2nd QUARTER			3rd QUARTER			4th QUARTER			TOTALS		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
OMVWI (A)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		1	0		2	0	0
OMVWI (B)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		1	0		2	0	0
RECKLESS	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1		0	1		1	3	0
SPEEDING	1813	885	1743	1572	881	1372	1087	1205		909	984		5381	3955	3115
STOP & GO	24	16	14	35	22	20	41	37		22	15		122	90	34
ARTERIAL	18	1	18	38	22	17	25	35		11	2		92	60	35
PASS/TURNING MVMT	14	7	9	9	5	3	6	8		5	5		34	25	12
DEVIATING	3	0	0	2	1	1	1	4		0	0		6	5	1
WRONG WAY	38	86	43	143	98	122	88	61		69	51		338	296	165
ALL OTHERS	0	3	8	2	45	55	0	67		1	18		3	133	63
RIGHT OF WAY (M.V.)	58	29	11	39	10	44	47	17		19	23		163	79	55
RIGHT OF WAY (PED.)	42	34	21	108	16	65	120	21		43	6		313	77	86
FAILURE TO CONTROL	3	3	1	2	0	0	2	1		2	4		9	8	1
FOLLOW TOO CLOSE	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	0		1	1		3	4	1
INATTENTIVE	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	3		0	0		2	5	0
UNSAFE BACKING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		0	0	0
DR. SIGNAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		0	0	0
BIKE/PED	0	0	0	13	19	25	6	9		0	0		19	28	25
TOTAL HAZARDOUS	2,015	1,067	1,869	1,967	1,122	1,724	1,424	1,469	0	1,084	1,110	0	6,490	4768	3593

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	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
DL/VEH REG	216	124	233	158	111	185	148	149		143	141		665	525	418
VEH EQUIP	196	86	169	181	77	184	102	114		81	95		560	372	353
HIT AND RUN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		0	0	0
ALL OTHERS	17	218	384	6	230	363	256	273		198	229		477	950	747
TOTAL NON-HAZ	429	428	786	345	418	732	506	536	0	422	465	0	1,702	1847	1518

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	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
	2,444	1,495	2,655	2,312	1,540	2,456	1,930	2,005	0	1,506	1,575	0	8,192	6,615	5,111

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