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TO: Michael C. Koval, Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: **2015 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 2015.

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.

You will see in this report that there is an increase in the number of citations issued compared to the 2nd quarter 2014.

Of note, the Madison Police Department was involved in a high profiled Officer Involved Shooting investigation and the pending District Attorney decision during the majority of the second quarter. There were several days when officers, including the TEST unit, were diverted away from their normal duties to assist with protests and other actions that resulted from the investigation.

Traffic Citations

The Madison Police Department issued **4,943** traffic citations (**3,035** citations were for hazardous violations and **1,908** citations were for non-hazardous violations) in the 2nd quarter of 2015. These numbers reflect an increase over the total number of citations (**3,856**) issued in the 2nd quarter of 2014, but less than the **6315** citations that the Madison Police Department issued for the 2nd quarter of 2013.

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

Of the **4,943** total citations issued in the 2nd quarter, **2,022** citations (**1,152** hazardous and **870** non-hazardous), were issued by the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team. These numbers represent an increase from the total number of citations (**1,485**) issued by TEST officers during the 2nd quarter of 2014 but slightly less than the **2,248** citations in the 2nd quarter of 2013.

In addition to their normal traffic enforcement duties, the TEST officers were also busy with several community events including WI LE Memorial Ceremony, Nations of Patriots Ride, Amigos En Azul Car Seat Safety Clinic, Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, Special Olympics Unified Relay Across America.

Speeding

2015 2nd quarter citations for speeding totaled **1,480**. This is an increase compared with the **762** citations issued in the 2nd quarter of 2014, but a decrease from the **2249** issued in the 2nd quarter of 2013.

Red Signal Violations

During 2nd quarter 2015, **159** red signal violation citations were issued. **155** red signal violations were written during 2nd quarter of 2014.

Traffic Complaint Hotline (266-4822)

The Traffic Complaint Hotline (previously known as the Speeders Hotline) received **220** citizen calls during the 2nd quarter of 2015. **121** warning letters were sent as a result of reported violations. This compares with **213** complaints and **91** letters during the 2nd quarter of 2014.

School Zones

School zones violation reports from Crossing Guards resulted in **97** warning letters being sent and **109** citations issued for observed violations in the 2nd quarter of 2015.

Traffic Enforcement/Safety Grants

(14) Alcohol Enforcement, **(6)** Speed Enforcement, **(9)** Pedestrian Safety and **(2)** Bicycle Safety overtime grant initiatives were scheduled for the 2nd quarter of 2015. These were coordinated through the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety. The grant initiatives focused on Impaired Driving (OMVWI), Speeding, Pedestrian Safety and Bicycle safety. These **31** grant initiatives resulted in **564** citations and **257** warnings. In addition, during the Click It or Ticket Mobilization period from May 18th-31st, there were **830** citations and **466** warnings for seat belt violations issued department wide.

The following are locations where traffic grants were deployed during the 2nd quarter:

Pedestrian Safety: Regent/Brooks, W. Dayton/E. Campus Mall, Williamson/S. Livingston, Doty/ S. Carroll, Doty/Pinckney, Gorham/Livingston, Fish Hatchery/Applegate Rd.

Bike Safety: Midvale/Odana Rd, University Av/N. Brooks St, Langdon/N. Lake St

Alcohol & Speed Enforcement: 200 N. Stoughton Rd , 200 S. Stoughton Rd, 600/1300 E. Johnson, Verona Rd, 600 John Nolen, 3200 WB Hwy 30, 800 Packers Av, 3300 Atwood Av, 1800/1700 Fish Hatchery Rd, MM 262.2 EB Hwy 12, 3200 Commercial

Significant Crashes

In the 2nd quarter of 2015, Traffic Specialists investigated **5** significant traffic crashes. These crashes resulted in **4** deaths. Also investigated and followed up on **10** crashes with injuries or great bodily harm

Crashes

Total crashes	January - June 2014: 2904
Total crashes	January - June 2015: 3057

Total bicycle crashes	January – June 2014: 42
Total bicycle crashes	January – June 2015: 43

Total pedestrian crashes	January – June 2014: 34
Total pedestrian crashes	January – June 2015: 57

Total fatal crashes	January – June 2015: 5
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