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TO: Michael C. Koval, Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: **2016 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 2016.

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.

Of note during the 4th Quarter, a number of dignitary events related to the presidential election took officers, including the TEST team, away from their normal duties which had a significant impact on traffic enforcement. In addition, there were no traffic grant deployments in October and November.

Traffic Citations

The Madison Police Department issued **(4,023)** traffic citations (**2,488** citations were for hazardous violations and **1,535** citations were for non-hazardous violations) in the 4th quarter of 2016. These numbers reflect a decrease over the total number of citations **(5,139)** issued in the 4th quarter of 2015. For the year 2016, the Madison Police Department issued a total of **20,966** citations. These numbers reflect a decrease compared to the total number of citations **(22,246)** issued in 2015.

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

Of the **4,023** total citations issued in the 4th quarter of 2016, **1,692** citations (**859** hazardous and **(833)** non-hazardous, were issued by the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team. They also issued **(1,047)** written warnings. These numbers represent a decrease from the total number of citations **(2,343)** issued by TEST officers during the 4th quarter of 2015.

For the year 2016, the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team issued a total of **8,701** citations. These numbers reflect a decrease compared to the totals from 2015 **(10,496)** but still above the total of 2014 **(8,173)**

Speeding

2016 4th quarter citations for speeding totaled **1,020**. This is a decrease compared with the **1,412** citations issued in the 4th quarter of 2015.

For 2016, the total citations issued for speeding is **(6,190)**. This reflects a decrease in the numbers compared to 2015 **(7,574)**

Red Signal Violations

In the 2016 4th quarter, **107** red signal violation citations were issued. **239** red signal violations were written during 4th quarter of 2015.

For 2016, the total citations issued for Red Signal Violation was **620**.

Traffic Complaint Hotline (266-4822)

The Traffic Complaint Hotline received **46** citizen calls during the 4th quarter of 2016. **42** warning letters were sent as a result of reported violations. This compares with **98** complaints and **59** letters during the 4th quarter of 2015.

For the year 2016, there were a total of **363** calls to the Traffic Complaint Hotline. A total of **255** warning letters were sent out as a result of reported violations. These numbers represent a decrease compared to 2015 totals of **598** calls and **366** warning letters.

School Zones

School zones violation reports from Crossing Guards resulted in **47** warning letters being sent and **64** citations issued for observed violations in the 4th quarter of 2016.

For 2016, there were a total of **155** warning letters and **320** citations issued for school zone violations reports from Crossing Guards.

Traffic Enforcement/Safety Grants

(14) Alcohol Enforcement, **(7)** Seatbelt Enforcement overtime grant initiatives were scheduled for the 4th quarter of 2016. These were coordinated through the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety. The grant initiatives focused on Impaired Driving (OMVWI) and Seatbelt Enforcement. These **21** grant initiatives resulted in **461** citations and **80** warnings.

For the year 2016, there were **157** grant deployments. These included Alcohol Enforcement, Seatbelt Enforcement, Pedestrian Safety, Speed Enforcement, and Bicycle Safety. These deployments resulted in a total of **4,309** citations and **2,012** warnings being issued.

Significant Crashes Significant Crashes

In the 4th quarter of 2016, Traffic Specialists investigated **8** significant traffic crashes. These crashes resulted in **2** deaths. They also investigated and followed up on **2** crashes with injuries or great bodily harm.

Crashes

Total crashes	January - June 2015: 3061	July- September 2015: 1632	October-December 2015: 1471
Total crashes	January - June 2016: 3310	July- September 2016: 1801	October-December 2016: 1984
Total bicycle crashes	January – June 2015: 43	July-September 2015: 57	October-December 2015: 16
Total bicycle crashes	January – June 2016: 36	July- September 2016: 37	October-December 2016: 30
Total pedestrian crashes	January – June 2015: 57	July –September 2015: 29	October-December 2015: 33
Total pedestrian crashes	January – June 2016: 39	July- September 2016: 17	October-December 2016: 42
Total motor vehicle crashes	January- June 2015: 2935	July-September 2015: 1515	October-December 2015: 1431
Total Motor vehicle crashes	January- June 2016: 3235	July- September 2016: 1170	October-December 2016: 1912
Total fatal crashes	January – June 2015: 6	July- September 2015: 2	October-December 2015: 2
	January- June 2016: 5	July- September 2016: 2	October-December 2016: 2

2016 Fatal Crashes

1. 03/07/16
Odana Rd / S Whitney Way
MV/Ped – a pedestrian was crossing mid-block on Odana Rd in dark clothes at night. The motor vehicle driver did not see the pedestrian until it was too late. The pedestrian was intoxicated. The pedestrian died as a result of the injuries.
2. 03/09/16
4700 Ames St
MV/House – a motor vehicle driven by an elderly woman drove into a house. She died as a result of her injuries. It is believed she pushed the accelerator rather than the brake pedal.
3. 03/24/16
Hwy 30 at Hwy 51
MV/MV – a motor vehicle lost control on icy roadway and crossed median striking another vehicle head-on. Operator of vehicle died as a result of his injuries.
4. 04/22/16
Hwy 51 at Hwy 151
MC/FO – an impaired motorcyclist traveling south on 51 did not negotiate the curve at 151 and struck a traffic signal. He died as a result of his injuries.
5. 06/22/16
Hwy 30 at Hwy 51
MV/Ped – A driver stopped her vehicle on Hwy 30 to assist some ducks to cross the highway. Upon returning towards her vehicle, she was struck by another vehicle. She died as a result of her injuries.
6. 08/18/16
1800 S Park St
MV/Ped – a pedestrian was crossing mid-block and “dancing” in the roadway. A motor vehicle towing a trailer crested the hill and could not stop prior to striking the pedestrian. The pedestrian was intoxicated. The pedestrian died as a result of her injuries.
7. 09/15/16
600 Williamson St
MV/FO – an operator of a motor vehicle apparently had a medical event and struck a pole. He was deceased at the scene.
8. 11/17/16
3200 E Washington Av

MV/Ped – a pedestrian was crossing mid-block at night with dark clothing. The pedestrian was struck by a motor vehicle and died as a result of his injuries.

9. 11/21/16

Hwy 12 / Gammon Rd

MV/Ped- an intoxicated passenger from an Uber ride exited the vehicle on the beltline a started walking in traffic at night. Pedestrian was struck by a motor vehicle and died as a result of his injuries.