

February 22, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager **202400521**
Subject: Traffic Enforcement and Pedestrian Safety

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On November 15, 2023, the Council referred the following item for a report:

- MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, WE MOVE that the City Administration issue a report within sixty (60) days that:
- Outlines traffic citations overall and by neighborhood for 2023, and update the same for the previous four years;
 - Shares how many ‘traffic blitzes’ there were in 2023 and the number of citations and stops for each traffic blitz;
 - Outlines plans for ‘traffic blitzes’ and other plans for traffic enforcement in 2024.

Traffic Citation Information:

Outlined below are the overall and by neighborhood traffic citations from 2019 through 2023.



Overall traffic citations:

Traffic Citation Counts by District						
District	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total
Central Business Section	817	454	481	409	549	2,710
District 1	3,717	1,894	2,070	1,770	2,287	11,738
District 2	3,059	1,393	1,749	2,112	2,065	10,378
District 3	10,361	6,665	6,975	8,855	9,581	42,437
District 4	7,804	4,842	4,407	4,175	4,082	25,310
District 5	6,231	4,311	3,783	3,764	4,557	22,646
Interstates	3,695	1,690	2,170	1,949	3,240	12,744
N/A or OUT OF CITY	126	87	94	94	112	513
Grand Total	35,810	21,336	21,729	23,128	26,473	128,476

Traffic Citations by Neighborhood:

Traffic Citation Counts by Neighborhood						
Neighborhood	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total
AVONDALE	2,023	1,136	1,041	1,083	959	6,242
BOND HILL	1,080	650	582	523	792	3,627
CALIFORNIA	31	12	23	34	26	126
CAMP WASHINGTON	711	377	358	444	530	2,420
CARTHAGE	346	269	291	233	279	1,418
CBD/RIVERFRONT	817	454	481	409	549	2,710
CLIFTON	601	410	421	455	370	2,257
COLLEGE HILL	658	442	498	454	458	2,510
COLUMBIA TUSCULUM	250	92	114	199	356	1,011
CORRYVILLE	576	424	410	336	307	2,053
CUF	748	554	614	475	533	2,924
EAST END	189	77	94	151	86	597
EAST PRICE HILL	2,078	1,192	1,114	1,505	1,518	7,407
EAST WALNUT HILLS	209	78	73	82	79	521
EAST WESTWOOD	469	298	272	356	265	1,660
ENGLISH WOODS	61	64	47	70	74	316
EVANSTON	616	244	229	329	311	1,729
FAYE APARTMENTS	186	102	74	113	101	576
HARTWELL	154	123	125	109	133	644
HYDE PARK	275	150	184	193	183	985
INTERSTATES	3,695	1,690	2,170	1,949	3,240	12,744
KENNEDY HEIGHTS	71	30	69	58	39	267
LINWOOD	70	22	55	36	86	269
LOWER PRICE HILL	1,005	457	450	543	1,252	3,707
MADISONVILLE	345	223	245	288	210	1,311
MILLVALE	487	299	313	304	277	1,680
MOUNT ADAMS	128	73	65	173	207	646
MOUNT AIRY	1,371	1,173	613	588	884	4,629
MOUNT AUBURN	448	280	215	264	194	1,401
MOUNT LOOKOUT	177	58	71	83	75	464
MOUNT WASHINGTON	256	93	115	103	125	692
N/A or OUT OF CITY	126	87	94	94	112	513
NORTH AVONDALE	650	502	367	423	352	2,294
NORTH FAIRMOUNT	273	146	186	165	139	909
NORTHSIDE	950	531	547	661	988	3,677
OAKLEY	294	189	313	366	319	1,481
O'BRYONVILLE	7	7	9	14	13	50
OVER-THE-RHINE	1,295	647	693	647	707	3,989
PADDOCK HILLS	417	219	255	198	216	1,305
PENDLETON	73	40	46	43	27	229
PLEASANT RIDGE	269	118	155	176	157	875
QUEENSGATE	812	448	395	342	691	2,688
RIVERSIDE	266	138	187	212	299	1,102
ROSELAWN	599	268	374	275	295	1,811
SAYLER PARK	125	92	103	110	254	684
SEDAMSVILLE	416	289	194	329	417	1,645
SOUTH CUMMINSVILLE	136	79	127	137	119	598
SOUTH FAIRMOUNT	924	642	970	1,083	1,208	4,827
SPRING GROVE VILLAGE	706	427	420	442	497	2,492
WALNUT HILLS	1,511	971	747	731	555	4,515
WEST END	1,409	686	871	565	655	4,186
WEST PRICE HILL	1,594	1,143	1,127	1,513	1,371	6,748
WESTWOOD	2,341	1,724	1,811	2,415	2,287	10,578
WINTON HILLS	486	397	312	245	297	1,737
Grand Total	35,810	21,336	21,729	23,128	26,473	128,476

*Counts reflect total citations issued. Each stop/encounter has the potential to result in several citations.

The “Out of City” neighborhood classification are citations where the addresses listed were outside City boundaries, e.g., a vehicle did not stop right away, or the officer stopped at a safer location after observing the violation within the City, etc. The “N/A” neighborhood classification represents times where a location did not pull in with the data possibly due to data entry issues, or the address itself was not able to be located/deciphered.

2023 Traffic “Blitz” Information:

Outlined below are the date ranges for the 2023 Traffic Blitzes, the citation count and traffic stop count.

2023 Blitz Citation Counts	
Date Range	Citation Count
01/30/2023-02/10/2023	1,573
05/22/2023-06/02/2023	998
09/18/2023-09/29/2023	649
Grand Total	3,220

*Counts reflect total citations issued. Each stop/encounter has the potential to result in several citations.

2023 Blitz Stop Counts	
Date Range	Stop Count
01/30/2023-02/10/2023	1,393
05/22/2023-06/02/2023	713
09/18/2023-09/29/2023	589
Grand Total	2,695

*Counts reflect total unique TSTOP incidents initiated by officers identified on Blitz lineups corresponding with the time frames listed.

Future plans for Traffic Blitzes and OVI (operating vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs) checkpoints in 2024:

The Cincinnati Police Department’s Traffic Unit was approved to conduct a Traffic Blitz from January 22 through February 2, 2024. CPD anticipates three to four more Traffic Blitzes throughout 2024 which are in the planning phase.

The Cincinnati Police Department is a member of the Ohio Traffic Safety Office County OVI Task Force. The goal of the task force is to reduce the number of fatal traffic crashes and alcohol-related fatal crashes by utilizing, where feasible, the low-manpower OVI checkpoint model to conduct low-cost, highly effective OVI checkpoints throughout Hamilton County, and by enforcing zero tolerance of safety belt and child safety seat law violations. Two to three OVI checkpoints are being planned for 2024. The dates are to be determined.

Other plans for traffic enforcement in 2024:

Districts will participate in the 2024 Traffic Blitz events and use both data and complaints from the community and community councils to proactively address traffic concerns. Data driven approaches to crime and traffic safety, e.g., crash data, provided by the Crime Analysis and Problem Solving (CAPS) unit will assist districts to conduct enforcement efforts where needed. Traffic enforcement plans are driven through data analysis and initiatives may be spontaneous in response at the district level.

For example, 2023's data for District Three showed the highest density of accidents occurring on Glenway Avenue between Crookshank and Werk, on Harrison Avenue in the area of McHenry Avenue, and toward the bottom of Queen City Avenue where it intersects the Western Hills viaduct. Those areas were saturated with traffic PVOs (Police Visibility Overtime) and district traffic cars to conduct traffic enforcement.

Districts will also continue to assist and give recommendations to the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTe) in support of their traffic calming efforts, such as the one on Glenway Avenue from Crookshank to Beech, or the installation of speed bumps on Warsaw Avenue. The districts will continue to conduct periodic enforcement in the short term, repeatedly looking for longer term solutions, such as a change in traffic patterns, etc.

Grants/Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 2023-176 of the City of Cincinnati authorizes the City to apply for, accept, and appropriate a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program grant from the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety, for the purpose of funding a program to reduce deaths and injuries resulting from vehicular accidents due to speeding, loss of control, restraint violations, operating a vehicle under the influence, and high visibility enforcement efforts to reduce fatal accidents.

Ordinance No. 2023-177 of the City of Cincinnati authorizes the City to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, the Ohio Traffic Safety Office's FY24 Impaired Driving Enforcement Program, to aid in reducing death and injuries resulting from vehicular accidents.

Ordinance No. 2023-178 of the City of Cincinnati authorizes the City to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Traffic Safety Office, to fund a Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) position to provide training, education, and technical support to traffic crimes prosecutors and law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Ohio, and to develop a coordinated statewide, multidisciplinary planned approach to the prosecution of impaired driving and other traffic crimes in Ohio.

Conclusion:

The Cincinnati Police Department will continue to conduct periodic short term traffic enforcement while repeatedly looking for longer term solutions in addition to the continued collaboration with their partners on traffic enforcement and traffic calming measures.

CPD will utilize the listed grant funding to collaborate with the Traffic Unit, who has staff supervision over the Department's selective enforcement program and other specialized traffic-related programs. The Traffic Unit acts as a liaison and an implementation site for state programs - such as the seat belt and holiday drunk driving programs - to reduce deaths and injuries resulting from vehicular accidents due to speeding, loss of control, restraint violations, operating a vehicle under the influence, and high visibility enforcement efforts to reduce fatal accidents.

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