

May 11, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager

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Subject: Report on Pedestrian Safety and Speeding Citations

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The Council at its session on March 9, 2022, referred the following item for report:

MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys and Johnson, To get a better understanding of speeding violations in Cincinnati and how to utilize CPD resources to better address speeding in our communities, WE MOVE that, the Administration report back to Council withing forty-five days on:

- How many traffic citations for speeding violations have been issued annually for the past five years across the City with the data broken down by neighborhood
- In 2021, how much of CPD's time and resources are used responding to interstate crashes that are within Cincinnati's jurisdiction, (i.e. time spent on scene and filing reports). This should include an estimated total financial cost of resources devoted to responding to these incidents.
- Which other cities in Ohio utilize State Highway Patrol resources to respond to interstate crashes within their city's limits.
- In 2021, how often CPD has asked State Highway Patrol to enforce speeding on state routes within the jurisdiction of Cincinnati.
- How CPD would recommend working with communities to enforce speeding violations to meet specific safety needs

**Response:**

Between 2017 and 2021, Cincinnati Police Officers wrote 9,520 traffic citations for speeding. Annually, that breaks down as:

Year	Number of Citations
2021	1,090
2020	1,357
2019	2,599
2018	3,482
2017	992

The five neighborhoods in which the most citations were written were:

- Lower Price Hill - 1,568
- Mount Airy - 1,075
- Queensgate - 1,070
- Sedamsville - 514
- Northside - 429

Please note that enforcement on interstates which go through a neighborhood may have an inflationary impact on the data for those neighborhoods relative to neighborhoods containing only surface streets. A full listing of enforcement by neighborhood is attached to this report.

During 2021, officers responded to 17,653 total reports of vehicle crashes and spent over 177,131 hours on-scene at all crash sites. Officers spent 21,882 hours on crash scenes on interstate highways. CPD does not capture data in a manner permitting analysis of how many hours were spent on follow-up investigation of these crashes. A rough estimate is that a non-fatal crash that does not involve serious injuries takes approximately one hour for an average officer to investigate and document. Fatal, or otherwise complicated, crashes could take a highly trained Traffic Unit investigator dozens of hours each to investigate. Because of this, CPD is not able to calculate the total expense for crash investigation costs.

Per Lieutenant Nathan Dennis of Ohio State Highway Patrol's (OSP) Public Relations Office, their primary focus is rural enforcement and crash investigation. Their policy is to investigate a crash if they are the first law enforcement to encounter it or upon request from an urban municipality. Lieutenant Dennis stated some larger municipalities will occasionally request OSP assistance, but none have requested OSP consistently investigate crashes within their jurisdiction.

Historically, OSP has proven a valuable partner for CPD. The agencies often partner on dignitary visits, protest responses and Emergency Operations Center activations. However, CPD has not requested OSP respond to investigate crashes on interstates within City limits.

As district personnel attend community meetings in support of community partnerships, CPD recommends they continue to meet with neighborhoods and solicit input on what the communities want regarding types and locations of police services. An example is that the Northside Community Council requested visibility in the business district and speed enforcement on Colerain Avenue. The feedback district commanders receive assists the Traffic Unit in supplementing district efforts.

cc: Teresa Theetge, Interim Police Chief

Attachment: Traffic Citation Data

## Traffic Citation Data 2017-2021 by Neighborhood

Row Labels	Count of NHOOD
LOWER PRICE HILL	1568
MOUNT AIRY	1075
QUEENSGATE	1070
SEDAMSVILLE	514
NORTHSIDE	429
EAST PRICE HILL	359
WESTWOOD	349
WEST PRICE HILL	306
RIVERSIDE	260
BOND HILL	252
WEST END	236
WINTON HILLS	230
CBD/RIVERFRONT	221
SOUTH FAIRMOUNT	193
COLUMBIA TUSCULUM	187
MOUNT WASHINGTON	180
PLEASANT RIDGE	155
AVONDALE	154
EVANSTON	147
ROSELAWN	127
HYDE PARK	127
COLLEGE HILL	127
CLIFTON	121
SPRING GROVE VILLAGE	119
OVER-THE-RHINE	110
CAMP WASHINGTON	107
EAST END	100
LINWOOD	91
SAYLER PARK	86
MILLVALE	59
OAKLEY	49
PADDOCK HILLS	49
MOUNT LOOKOUT	47
MADISONVILLE	46
WALNUT HILLS	44
EAST WESTWOOD	42
NORTH AVONDALE	40
EAST WALNUT HILLS	27
CUF	19
SOUTH CUMMINSVILLE	19
CORRYVILLE	14
MOUNT ADAMS	14
MOUNT AUBURN	11
CARTHAGE	9
HARTWELL	8
PENDLETON	8
KENNEDY HEIGHTS	5
NORTH FAIRMOUNT	4
FAYE APARTMENTS	2
CALIFORNIA	2
ENGLISH WOODS	2
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9520</b>