



MEMORANDUM

Austin Police Department *Office of the Chief*

TO: Health and Human Services Committee

FROM: Brian Manley, Chief of Police

DATE: June 12, 2019

SUBJECT: Update Regarding Resolution 20160519-049 Vision Zero Action Plan

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the Council [Resolution 20160519-049](#) adopted on May 19, 2016 related to Vision Zero's Action Plan. The resolution requires the City Manager to identify cases involving drivers with suspended or no driver licenses involved in crashes resulting in injury or loss of life, analyze existing and emerging enforcement and prosecution practices related to those identified suspended license cases, and present a report to both the Health and Human Services Committee and the Public Safety Committee (note: the Public Safety Committee is no longer in existence). This memorandum was not submitted sooner due to oversight attributed to a change in personnel.

The following information reflects information regarding unlicensed drivers or drivers with a suspended license (DWLI – driving while license invalid) and the enforcement actions by the Austin Police Department (APD) for 2017 and 2018:

2017 Crashes (16,444)

- 37% of all fatal crashes (71)
- 17% of all serious injury crashes with Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) (52)
- 18% of all serious injury crashes (456)
- 19% of all crashes with DWI (1,117)
- 18% of all crash reports (reportable CR-3 forms) (16,444)

2017 Enforcement

- Issued 11,932 No driver's license citations
- Issued 3,344 DWLI citations (Class C)
- Issued 1,048 DWLI citations (Class B Misdemeanor)
- Arrested (custodial) 1,247 for DWLI*

2018 Crashes (16,059)

- 26% of all fatal crashes (73)
- 27% of all serious injury crashes with Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) (30)
- 23% of all serious injury crashes (447)

- 18% of all crashes with DWI (1,052)
- 19% of all crash reports (reportable CR-3 forms) (16,059)

2018 Enforcement

- Issued 9,447 No driver's license citations
- Issued 2,241 DWLI citations (Class C)
- Issued 1,019 DWLI citations (Class B Misdemeanor)
- Arrested (custodial) 1,015 for DWLI*

The following information reflects information regarding unlicensed drivers or drivers with a suspended license (DWLI) and the enforcement actions by APD that occurred between January 1, 2019 and April 30, 2019:

2019 Crashes (January – April) (5,073)

- 17% of all fatal crashes (24)
- 7% of all serious injury crashes with DWI (14)
- 14% of all serious injury crashes (148)
- 23% of all crashes with DWI (346)
- 19% of all crash reports (reportable CR-3 forms) (5,073)

2019 Enforcement (January – April)

- Issued 3,213 No driver's license citations
- Issued 917 DWLI citations (Class C)
- Issued 186 DWLI citations (Class B Misdemeanor)
- Arrested (custodial) 127 for DWLI*

On June 14, 2018 City Council adopted resolution [20180614-073](#) related to APD's policies regarding the issuance of misdemeanor citations in lieu of arrest. APD established a community-based "Freedom City Working Group", and after several productive meeting APD made significant changes to General Orders concerning the rules officers are to follow when issuing a misdemeanor citation in lieu of an arrest, specifically regarding DWLIs. APD continues to meet with the Freedom City Working Group on this topic as well as other issues in an ongoing effort to address disparities within the criminal justice system.

The Vision Zero Task Force continues to meet in an effort to make recommendation to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries. APD and members of the Vision Zero Task Force are prepared to present the above information to the Health and Human Services Committee if requested.

Please contact Assistant Chief Troy Gay or me with any questions.

**The DWLI custody arrests include all DWLI offenses, not just those eligibility for cite and release.*

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