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TO: Honorable Members of the Finance and Personnel Committee  
City of Milwaukee Common Council

From: Joseph J. Czarnecki, Executive Director  
Joan Dimow, Research Analyst-Senior

Re: Analysis of Milwaukee Police Department Quality of Life Data

At your hearing on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, you asked some questions about the decrease in the number of Quality of Life traffic citations. Our responses follow.

*Did the number of citations decrease because officers were responding to more calls for service, or making arrests for serious crimes?*

Data provided by the Milwaukee Police Department show that while the number of Priority One dispatches increased slightly from 1999 to 2000, the number of dispatches in all other priority categories, and the total number, decreased.

DISPATCHES		
PRIORITY	1999	2000
ONE	37096	37357
TWO	221594	203523
THREE	195064	190648
<u>FOUR</u>	<u>96960</u>	<u>80240</u>
Total	550714	511768

The numbers of both adult and juvenile arrests for all crimes (including Index crimes) increased from 1996 to 1998, then decreased in both 1999 and 2000.

ARRESTS - ALL CRIMES					
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
JUVENILE	22777	22907	23716	23217	18303
<u>ADULTS</u>	<u>74465</u>	<u>81017</u>	<u>81123</u>	<u>65086</u>	<u>53684</u>
TOTAL	97242	103924	104839	88303	71987

Index crime arrests have decreased for adults since 1994 and for juveniles since 1995. Given dispatch and arrest data, it is unlikely that there was a decreased response to traffic offenses because officers were responding to more serious crimes.

INDEX CRIME ARRESTS					
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
JUVENILE	4747	4297	4264	4243	2921
<u>ADULT</u>	<u>11816</u>	<u>11155</u>	<u>11109</u>	<u>9189</u>	<u>7221</u>
TOTAL	16563	15452	15373	13432	10142

*Did the number of citations for lower volume violations, especially graffiti, decrease?*

Since littering, loitering, loud music, and public drinking are probably more prevalent in spring and summer, it is not surprising that the quarters ending in June and September have the most citations. The quarter ending December 2000 was unusually cold and snowy, which may account for low numbers of concealed weapon, curfew, and pedestrian violations. Graffiti, however, shows a sharp decrease in the number of citations after the quarter ending March 2000.

Miscellaneous QL Citations								
	CCW	Curfew	Graffiti	Littering	Loitering	Loud Music	PubDrink	Pedestrian
Dec-99	308	590	303	90	1250	374	453	239
Mar-00	295	433	248	61	938	292	350	158
Jun-00	280	485	30	116	1156	797	726	129
Sep-00	344	533	10	139	1477	946	1082	165
Dec-00	278	326	28	55	1107	284	516	95

Notes: CCW is Carrying Concealed Weapon. Curfew includes parents cited for a child out after curfew. Loitering includes loitering for prostitution.

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