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Chief Arthur Jones
Milwaukee Police Department

Dear Chief Jones:

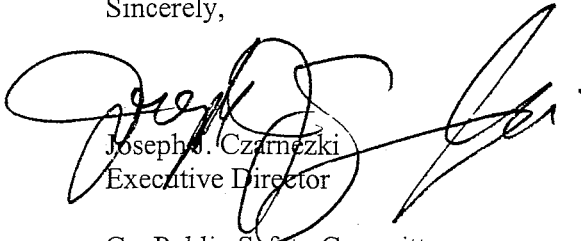
As you know, the Common Council has directed Fire and Police Commission staff to prepare an analysis of the Milwaukee Police Department's quarterly report of Quality of Life Statistics by Race and Sex of Offender.

We are about to submit the analysis for the third quarter of 2001. It shows that the number of citations decreased each quarter in the year 2000, and increased each of the first three quarters in 2001. Data for the fourth quarter of 2001 are not yet available.

The attached graphic shows that this pattern is due to the four categories of traffic offenses (Speeding, Operator License, Vehicle Registration, and Other Traffic). These categories account for about two-thirds of the Quality of Life Statistics report.

Members of the Public Safety Committee have asked the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners why the number of traffic citations decreased each quarter in 2000, and increased each quarter reported to date in 2001. Board staff do not have the information or direct experience to answer this question. Therefore, please provide the Board and the Committee with an explanation for this occurrence. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Joseph J. Czarnezki
Executive Director

Cc: Public Safety Committee

Number of Citations by Quarter

