

Press Release

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As we enter into 2009 a review of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) from 2008 has been completed. The results reflect the efforts of the Greenwich Police Officers to respond to citizen complaints about traffic violations and promote safe driving.

In 2008 there were 2,046 reportable motor vehicle collisions in the Town of Greenwich. In 2007 there were 2,286 reportable collisions, which is a 10.4 % decrease for 2008. As a matter of fact, 2008 represents the lowest number of reportable collisions in Town over the last 8 years. The previous year's numbers are as follows:

2006 crashes totaled 2,145
2005 crashes totaled 2,374
2004 crashes totaled 2,376
2003 crashes totaled 2,348
2002 crashes totaled 2,464
2001 crashes totaled 2,474
2000 crashes totaled 2,506

In addition, the total number of citations issued by Greenwich Police Officers rose in 2008 to 7,512, which was an 8-year high. The previous year's citation totals are as follows:

2007 citations totaled 5,938
2006 citations totaled 6,457
2005 citations totaled 7,011
2004 citations totaled 4,201
2003 citations totaled 5,623
2002 citations totaled 7,418
2001 citations totaled 6,916
2000 citations totaled 6,942

A review of the top 20 roads in Greenwich that have the highest total history of crashes from 2007, that were specifically targeted by enforcement officers showed an average reduction of crash volume of 12.12%. The top 20 roads from 2007 were:

1. East Putnam Avenue
2. West Putnam Avenue
3. Greenwich Avenue
4. Post Road
5. Arch Street
6. North Street
7. Sound Beach Avenue
8. Railroad Avenue
9. Stanwich Road
10. Lake Avenue

11. Byram Road
12. Round Hill Road
13. Mason Street
14. Field Point Road
15. Hillside Road
16. Glenville Road
17. Milbank Avenue
18. Riversville Road
19. King Street
20. Indian Field Road

All of these roads showed a decrease in collisions except; W Putnam Ave., Greenwich Ave., Post Rd., Glenville Rd., and King St. These roads will continue to be targeted for enforcement efforts as well as an analysis of crash cause factors to determine if any other measures may be used to reduce collisions.

The new list of the top 10 roads in Town with the highest volume of motor vehicle collisions based on the 2008 crash data are:

1. East Putnam Avenue
2. West Putnam Avenue
3. Greenwich Avenue
4. Post Road
5. North Street
6. Arch Street
7. Sound Beach Avenue
8. Railroad Avenue
9. Lake Avenue
10. King Street

- 11. Field Point Road**
- 12. Glenville Road**
- 13. Byram Road**
- 14. Hamilton Avenue**
- 15. Mason Street**
- 16. Riversville Road**
- 17. Stanwich Road**
- 18. Round Hill Road**
- 19. Hillside Road**
- 20. Milbank Avenue**

These roads will be a focus of the traffic enforcement efforts of both the Traffic Enforcement Unit as well as the patrol officers assigned to these areas. This data is based on total number of reportable motor vehicle collisions as reported to the CT Department of Transportation.

The Greenwich Police Department continues to prioritize traffic related problems throughout the community. The Department will focus the available resources to address these issues through strategic deployment of our manpower and equipment to maximize their potential.

The attached graph depicts the collision and citations data for the last 6 years.

