



CITY OF PUNTA GORDA
POLICE DEPARTMENT
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Road Patrol Lieutenants
From: Captain Norman Nahra
Date: April 26, 2018
Subject: Traffic Crash Analysis – First Quarter 2018

Per the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) Standard 34.11, the department is required to provide annual traffic crash and enforcement analysis report. Therefore, the Accident Report by Intersection, Accident Report by Zone, Injury and Property Damage Analysis report, Accident Report by Parking Lot and the Accident Report by Non-Intersection reports generated in the OSSI accident module along with Monthly Activity Reports, CAD Directed Patrol Traffic Report and CAD Traffic Stop Report are utilized as resources for data presentation in the identification of problem areas (if any), and recommendations toward public education and/or enforcement action(s).

The data for the first quarter of 2018 (January 1st through March 31st) was reviewed and analyzed and indicated there were 204 total crashes within the City, with 91 occurring at intersections and another 63 occurring upon a roadway other than at an intersection. Parking lot crashes (50) are included in the total crash number, however, are not broken down by location, due to these crashes being attributed to design issues related to the parking lots themselves.

Data Presentation

| Top Intersections | | |
|-------------------|--|----------------|
| Rank | Location | No. of Crashes |
| T-1 | Tamiami Trail at West Marion Avenue Tamiami Trail at West Retta Esplanade | 5 |
| T-2 | East Retta Esplanade at Tamiami Trail Tamiami Trail at Aqui Esta Drive Tamiami Trail at Carmalita Street West Retta Esplanade at Cross Street | 4 |
| T-3 | Cross Street at West Olympia Avenue West Marion Avenue at Cross Street West McKenzie Street at Tamiami Trail | 3 |

- It shall be noted that there were a total of 12 intersections in which 2 crashes occurred at.



| Injuries | Zone/Amount |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Injuries Related to Roadway Crashes | Zone 1 - 19 |
| Total - 23 | Zone 3 - 1 |
| | Zone 5 - 3 |

Identification of Problem Areas

| Zone Breakdown (Including Parking Lot) | Number |
|--|------------|
| Zone 1 | 159 |
| Zone 3 | 24 |
| Zone 5 | 21 |
| Total Crashes | 204 |

Zone 1 represents 78 percent of the 204 city-wide crashes.

Response to 2017 Fourth Quarter Analysis

Officer Joe Trufan was tasked with assessing and addressing the information contained within the fourth quarter of 2017 Traffic Crash Analysis report. In doing so, patrol focused enforcement on Tamiami Trail (northbound and southbound) primarily near the downtown Punta Gorda area and Carmalita Street, West Marion Avenue (historic district) and Maud Street due to the high number of crashes that occurred. During the first quarter of 2018, Patrol conducted the following enforcement:

- A total of 251 Directed Traffic Patrols were conducted, 58 of which were within the identified problematic area.
- A total of 1,311 traffic stops were initiated, 345 of which were within the identified problematic area.
- A total of 251 Uniformed Traffic Citations and 1,330 Written Warnings were issued during the first quarter of 2018.
- The radar trailer was deployed at numerous locations throughout the downtown Punta Gorda area and historic district.
- A “Dummy” car was deployed, when available, at problematic intersections.
- The message board/radar trailer was also utilized in the identified problematic areas during special events and to assist with traffic complaints received during the first quarter of 2018.

During the first quarter of 2018, the Punta Gorda Police Department received 17 traffic complaints from citizens, 1 of which was within the identified problematic area. Patrol had to refocus some of their enforcement efforts in order to resolve the traffic complaints received.

This information was documented in a memorandum composed by Officer Joe Trufan, which was filed in the source file.

Recommendations toward Public Education and/or Enforcement Action(s)

The information contained within the memorandum is meant to be used as a tool, not only for enforcement related activity but for educational purposes as well. As it is the objective to gain voluntary compliance of Florida State Statutes from the motoring public, members of the agency have a number of resources at their disposal to help the agency meet the aforementioned goal. Included in the resources available to members of the agency are: the uses of unmanned line vehicles, unmarked patrol units, the speed radar trailer, the message board/radar trailer and directed traffic patrols.

The information contained within this analysis identifies that there has been a significant increase in the number of crashes within the City (a total increase of 46 crashes). Part of the increase in the number of crashes is due to seasonal residents returning and an increased number of special events that occurred within the city limits. In response to this analysis, supervisors are requested and encouraged to continue their diligent traffic enforcement related activities. Officer Joe Trufan and Bravo Squad will lead up the response to this quarter's analysis and the subsequent completion of the SCARS report.

Please use this data for the appropriate education and enforcement by you and your squads as you target the areas mentioned above. Feel free to use the full resources of the department. Remember, the objective is for enforcement action taken to correlate with a reduction of overall crashes for the next quarter and at the above listed locations.

Finally, the raw data reports used for this analysis can be viewed via the 'P' drive under Operations/Uniform Patrol Section/Traffic/Traffic Analysis Report/2018/1st Quarter.

Resources:

Injury and Property Damage Analysis Report
Accident Report by Intersection Report
Accident Report by Zone Report
Accident Report by Parking Lot Report
Accident Report by Non-Intersection Report
Monthly Activity Reports
CAD Directed Patrol Traffic Report
CAD Traffic Stop Report

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