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Charles Femino
Chief of Police

To: The Honorable City Council
From: Chief Charles Femino
Meredith Willis, Senior Crime Analyst
RE: SPD response to Order 213247: That the Chief of Police provide this Council, in writing, data from FY 2021 for all traffic citations, outcomes of those citations, and any collected demographic data.
Date: September 19, 2022

Below is the data requested from the Honorable City Council. In review of outcome data, the department identified some electronic data entry errors. As such, the data should be considered an estimate. The Department is reviewing the process so that going forward, SPD's electronic records management system reflects all information from the physical citations. Note that SPD's physical citations are mailed to the RMV which maintains its own official records that drive the citation process. SPD's electronic citation data is for unofficial reporting only.

SPD FY2021 Traffic Citation Demographics: Race					
Race	NON-Somerville Resident	Percent NON-Somerville Resident	Somerville Resident	Percent Somerville Residents	Grand Total
WHITE	3288	73%	1192	82%	4480
BLACK	627	14%	105	7%	732
UNKNOWN / BLANK	458	10%	113	8%	571
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	135	3%	31	2%	166
AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKAN NATIVE	21	0.5%	6	0.4%	27
Grand Total	4529	100%	1447	100%	5976

SPD FY2021 Traffic Citation Demographics: Ethnicity					
Ethnicity	NON-Somerville Resident	Percent NON-Somerville Resident	Somerville Resident	Percent Somerville Residents	Grand Total
UNKNOWN / BLANK	2265	50%	770	53%	3035
NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN	1929	43%	586	40%	2515
HISPANIC ORIGIN	335	7%	91	6%	426
Grand Total	4529	100%	1447	100%	5976

SPD FY2021 Traffic Citation Demographics: Gender					
Gender	NON-Somerville Resident	Percent NON-Somerville Resident	Somerville Resident	Percent Somerville Residents	Grand Total
MALE	2764	61%	827	57%	3591
FEMALE	1482	33%	558	39%	2040
UNKNOWN / BLANK	283	6%	62	4%	345
Grand Total	4529	100%	1447	100%	5976

OUTCOMES

A citation may include multiple violations and each violation may be assigned either a warning or financial penalty. Consequently, in some cases, a violator will receive both a financial penalty and a warning. If an individual received any financial penalty, they will be represented in the financial penalty category.

Outcome	Total	Percentage
WRITTEN WARNING	5414	91%
FINANCIAL PENALTY	303	5%
OTHER	182	3%
CRIMINAL COMPLAINT	71	1%
ARREST	6	0.1%
Grand Total	5976	100%

Please let SPD know should the Honorable City Council have any further questions.

Respectfully,

Charles Femino, Chief of Police
Meredith Willis, Senior Crime Analyst