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Bicyclist Safety Enforcement Week results released

Seven cities worked to reduce bicyclist injuries and fatalities

To address an alarming rise in bicyclist injuries and fatalities on Michigan roadways, overtime mobilization grants were awarded to law enforcement agencies in seven Michigan cities. During Bicyclist Safety Enforcement Week, which took place from August 5 to 11, officers focused on the laws applicable to all aspects of bicycle safety. The cities of Dearborn, Detroit, Farmington Hills, Kalamazoo, Pontiac, Sterling Heights and Warren were identified by the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) as having some of the highest number of bicycle-involved crashes over a five-year period.

In total, 344 citations were handed out and 148 warnings given, with all the citations going to motorists and the warnings going to both motorists and bicyclists.

	Dearborn	Detroit	Farmington Hills	Kalamazoo	Pontiac	Sterling Heights	Warren	OVERALL TOTALS
Motorist Warnings	26	13	33	16	3	14	0	105
Motorist Citations	257	4	10	42	0	23	8	344
Bicyclist Warnings	0	0	2	11	26	2	2	43
Bicyclist Citations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

During the campaign, officers focused on motorists who failed to give at least three feet when passing a bicyclist, motorists who failed to stop at a signal or stop sign, bicyclists who were not riding with traffic and bicyclists who did not use lights when biking at night, among other violations.

Over the last five years, 141 people have been killed in bicyclist-involved crashes in Michigan.

The enforcement campaign was supported with federal traffic safety funds provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and coordinated by the OHSP.

[For more information about bicyclist safety, visit the OHSP website.](#)