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Hello Colleen,

As you know, the Madison Police Department made several operational adjustments earlier this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The following adjustments made would be sustainable in the future and after the COVID-19 pandemic ends.

- Officers were encouraged to consider citations or other resolutions to situations whenever possible rather than physical arrest. This has been routinely reinforced by supervisors throughout the pandemic. This could continue.
- Officers were asked to focus traffic enforcement efforts on hazardous traffic violations. This could continue.
- Officers did not respond to graffiti complaints unless unusual circumstances existed. Complaints were referred to our self-reporting system. This could continue.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

John Patterson

Assistant Chief of Police, Support and Community Outreach

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