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October 23, 2023

Honorable Chairman Ervin,

In advance of the Budget Hearing scheduled for the Chicago Police Department on October 24, 2023, I kindly request answers to the following questions through the chair.

Less than 1% of traffic stops result in contraband recovery, and even less in recovery of a firearm. A [BlockClub article](#) released this past March stated that many of these firearm recoveries are made for technical violations like an expired FOID card, or a Concealed Carry Violation. What percentage of firearms recovered from traffic stops were recovered as a result of just a technical violation?

What is a traffic mission and why are they deployed? How many traffic missions have been deployed by CPD since 2022? What was the average staff time for each traffic mission? How many traffic stops were made for each traffic mission? And what was the result of each stop?

In recent years, traffic fatalities have increased dramatically. How much staff time is used investigating hit and runs? What percentage of hit-and-runs and fatal hit-and-runs result in an arrest and subsequent charge?

Just 2% of traffic stops resulted in an arrest in 2022. In 2021, just over half the arrests made by CPD were charged. While that would lead me to believe that 1% of traffic stops result in charges for some kind of illegal behavior. Based on your knowledge what percentage of arrests made during traffic stops are resulting in charges?

How many citations has CPD issued for parked vehicles since 2022?

How much CPD staff time is spent on traffic stops? Including the time spent patrolling and/or parked waiting to observe traffic stop violations, and filling out the necessary paperwork that results from a traffic stop? Can you provide an estimate for the duration of the average traffic stop?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel P. La Spata".

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