

MEMORANDUM

January 29, 2019

TO: Todd Selig, Town Administrator

FROM: Dave Kurz, Chief of Police

RE: Bicycle Accidents in Durham

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Location</i> | <i>Apparent contributing factor</i> | <i>Gist of event</i> | <i>Time of day</i> | <i>Weather conditions</i> | <i>Injuries</i> |
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| 5/1/2002 | Main Street-Route 4 on-ramp | Vehicle operator inattention | Vehicle turned into bicyclist | 7:00PM Daylight | Clear | Transported Broken ankle |
| 6/1/2002 | Route 108 | Vehicle did not provide minimum space | Vehicle mirror struck bicyclist | 5:00PM Daylight | Clear | Transported Massive head injuries |
| 9/24/2002 | Main Street-College Road | Bicyclist failed to yield right of way | Vehicle struck bicyclist | 6:00PM Daylight | Clear | Not Transported Scrapes and abrasions |
| 10/22/2002 | Old Concord Road | Bicyclist failed to yield right of way | Bike turned in front of vehicle | 4:05PM Daylight | Clear | Transported Cuts |
| 10/30/2002 | Main Street-Edgewood Road | Bicyclist failed to yield right of way | Vehicle turned onto Main-bicyclist wrong way struck vehicle | 5:05PM Dark | Clear | Not Transported Soreness |
| No | Bicycle | Accidents | In | Durham | During | 2003 |
| 3/7/2004 | Route 108-Simons Lane | Vehicle operator DWI-arrested | Vehicle struck bicyclist in rear as both heading north | 6:05PM Dusk | Clear | Transported Leg injury |
| 5/10/2004 | Mill Road-Faculty Road | Vehicle enters intersection and strikes bicyclist | Vehicle struck bicyclist | 1:30PM Daylight | Clear | Not Transported Soreness |

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| 9/10/2004 | Route 108 – Main Street | Bicyclist did not stop for red light | Bicyclist did not stop at red light | 5:45PM Daylight | Clear | Not Transported Soreness |
| 03/04/2005 | Main Street | Vehicle exiting drive struck bicyclist eastbound in westbound lane | Vehicle did not see bicycle in wrong lane | 1:50PM Daylight | Cloudy | Transported Cuts |
| 8/7/2005 | Bennett Road | Vehicle turning into driveway | Vehicle did not yield to bicyclist | 11:00AM Daylight | Clear | Not Transported Scrapes |
| 9/2/2005 | Main Street | Bicyclist hit rear of stopped vehicle | Vehicle stopped for pedestrian, bicycle hit vehicle | 11:00AM Daylight | Clear | Transported Cuts |
| 9/22/2006 | Madbury Road-Edgewood Road | Vehicle enters intersection and strikes bicyclist | Bicyclist fails to stop at stop sign | 1:00PM Daylight | Clear | Transported Head injury |
| 4/21/2007 | Rt. 4 – Madbury Road | Both entering intersection from opposite directions | Vehicle did not see bicyclist | 2:00PM Daylight | Clear | Transported Cuts-broken bones |
| 5/09/2007 | Dover Road-Irving Gas Station | Failure to yield right of way | Vehicle did not see bicyclist in bike lane coming from behind | 7:00AM Daylight | Clear | Transported Cuts |
| 8/28/2007 | Mill Road – McDaniel Drive | Failure to yield right of way | Vehicle did not see bicyclist | 1:25PM Daylight | Clear | Not Transported Soreness |
| 11/14/07 | Rt. 108 - Stagecoach | Failure to yield right of way | Vehicle mirror struck bicyclist | 2:15PM Daylight | Clear | Not Transported Cuts-bruises |
| 3/26/2008 | Main Street | Failure to yield right of way | Bicyclist struck vehicle exiting driveway | 4:15PM Dusk | Clear | Not Transported Abrasions |
| 04/18/2008 | Main Street-Mast Road | Vision Obscured | Glare of sun blocked vehicles vision and did not see bicycle | 7:07PM Daylight | Clear | Not Transported Scrapes |

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| 04/24/2008 | Dover Road-Newmarket Road | Failure to Yield Right of Way | Vehicle struck bicycle while exiting gas station | 3:32PM Daylight | Clear | Not Transported Shoulder pain |
| 09/09/2008 | Main Street-Quad Way | Improper Pass | Vehicle turned right striking bicycle in bike lane | 5:18PM Daylight | Cloudy | Not Transported Cut to arm |
| 09/10/2008 | Main Street-Depot Road | Driver Inattention | Vehicle turned into bicycle | 11:16AM Daylight | Clear | Not Transported Abrasions |
| 09/30/2008 | Main Street-Depot Road | Driver Inattention | Vehicle turned left into bicycle | 9:05AM Daylight | Cloudy | No injuries |
| 10/09/2008 | Garrison Ave-Strafford Ave | Bicycle on sidewalk | Bicycle entered intersection from sidewalk with car turning at same time | 9:05PM Dark – bicycle had no lights | Clear | No injuries |
| 07/14/2009 | Newmarket Road-Schoolhouse Lane | Driver Inattention | Vehicle turned into bicycle path | 4:36PM Daylight | Clear | Not Transported Cuts |
| 10/22/2009 | Edgewood Road | Improper Turn | Vehicle turned into bicycle path | 3:45PM Daylight | Clear | No injuries |
| 10/29/2009 | Dover Road | Failure to Yield Right of Way | Vehicle turned into bicycle path | 7:48AM Daylight | Clear | Not Transported Scratch |
| 08/03/2010 | Dennison Road-Coe Drive | Unsafe Speed | Bicycle was going wrong way on a one way street | 4:07PM Daylight | Clear | Not Transported Dislocated Kneecap |
| 09/13/2010 | Edgewood Road-Main Street | Driver Inattention | Vehicle turned into bicycle path | 11:54AM Daylight | Cloudy | No injuries |
| 09/30/2010 | Madbury Road-Main Street | Bicycle on sidewalk, going against traffic | Bicycle was on sidewalk and hit car turning into street | 10:44AM Daylight | Cloudy | No injuries |

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| 10/21/2010 | Dover Road-Bayview Road | Bicycle going against traffic | Vehicle entering intersection hit bicycle | 4:58PM Daylight | Cloudy | No injuries |
| 05/13/2011 | Mill Road-Main Street | Inattention by both drivers | Vehicle struck bicycle while turning | 5:17PM Daylight | Clear | Transported Back & Leg injuries |
| 07/25/2011 | Madbury Road-Main Street | Bicycle going against traffic | Vehicle turning and struck bicycle | 1:26PM Daylight | Clear | Not Transported Abrasions |
| 09/19/2011 | Newmarket Road-Laurel Lane | Improper Passing | Vehicle's trailer struck bicyclist as it passed | 10:31AM Daylight | Clear | Transported Broken Clavicle |
| 09/26/2011 | Madbury Road-Main Street | Bicyclist going against traffic | Vehicle turning and struck bicycle | 9:28AM Daylight | Clear | Transported Back pain |
| 06/24/2012 | Wiswall Road-Packers Falls Road | Failure to Yield Right of Way | Vehicle entered path of bicycle | 6:48PM Daylight | Clear | No injuries |
| 09/11/2012 | Pettee Brook Lane-Rosemary Lane | Improper Lane Use | Bicycle traveling wrong way and vehicle hit the bicycle | 5:13PM Daylight | Clear | Not Transported Abrasions |
| 09/18/2012 | Main Street-Edgewood Road | Failure to Yield Right of Way | Vehicle stopped for pedestrian. Bicyclist entered the crosswalk without stopping as the vehicle started to move | 9:37AM Daylight | Clear | Not Transported Leg Pain |
| 09/20/2012 | Mill Road-Academic Way | Failure to Yield Right of Way | Bicycle traveling wrong way, crossed the road and vehicle struck bicycle | 1:00PM Daylight | Clear | No injuries |
| 05/02/2013 | Dover Road-Newmarket Road | Failure to Yield Right of Way | Bicycle pulled out in front of vehicle | 3:32PM Daylight | Clear | No injuries |

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| 11/05/2013 | Mill Road | Bicycle without headlamp | Vehicle turned into lot and struck bicycle | 6:27PM Dark – Lights on | Clear | Transported Cut |
| 11/14/2013 | Mill Road-Foss Farm Road | Failure to Yield Right of Way | Vehicle turned into the path of bicyclist | 1:27PM Daylight | Clear | Transported Significant lower body and shoulder injury |
| 08/16/2014 Fatal | Main Street | Vehicle operator violation- Opening And Closing Vehicle Doors | Bicyclist struck door opened into his path | 5:53PM Daylight | Clear | Transported Died from head injuries |
| 9/24/2014 | Garrison Ave | Vehicle made Illegal turn | Vehicle making U-Turn into bicyclist | 8:02AM Daylight | Clear | No injuries |
| 10/28/2014 | Madbury Road | Bicyclist failed to yield | Vehicle turning when bicyclist attempted to pass | 5:45PM Dark-bicycle had no lights | Clear | No injuries |
| 10/12/2015 | Concord Road | Vehicle failed to yield | Vehicle turning failed to yield to bicyclist | 0837 Daylight | Clear | Transported Cuts – abrasions |
| 4/20/2016 | Main Street | Vehicle failed to yield | Vehicle turning failed to yield to bicyclist | 7:04PM | Clear | Transported Cuts and abrasions |
| 6/08/2016 | Route 4 | Vehicle failed to yield | Vehicle turning failed to yield to tandem bicyclist | 12:15PM | Clear | 2 Transported Broken bones, cuts and abrasions |
| 09/24/2017 | Pettee Brook Lane | Vehicle failed to yield | Vehicle veered into bike lane and bicycle hit car | 9:32AM | Clear | Not transported Scrape on hand |
| 02/14/2018 | Main Street | Bicyclist on wrong side of traffic | Vehicle turning onto Main Street-bicyclist west in east lane | 7:15AM | Clear | Not transported Scrapes only |

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| 09/24/2018 | Main Street | Vehicle failed to yield | Vehicle performed a legal U-turn and did not see bicyclist | 4:07PM | Clear | Transported with multiple injuries |
| 10/13/2018 | Main Street | Bicyclist failed to stop | Bicyclist struck vehicle stopped in traffic | 5:13PM | Clear | Bicyclist fled scene |

Interesting Facts

- There have been 51 bicycle/vehicle accidents during the period of 2002 through 2018
- There were an average of 3 accidents per year with 2003 having no accidents and 2008 having the most with 7
- Twenty (20) bicyclists were transported to the hospital with injuries which represents 61% of all accidents.
- There has been one fatal bicycle accident during this period.
- Of the attributable causes for the accidents, vehicles were faulted 34 times (67%) with 14 incidents (27%) attributed to the bicyclist. Three (3) of the accidents were deemed to be mutual errors (6%).
- Eighty-seven (88%) percent of the accidents occurred in clear weather.