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- City-County Carjacking and Reckless Driving Task Force



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Important work ahead for the City-County Carjacking and Reckless Driving Task Force

**Statement of Alderwoman Chantia Lewis
April 16, 2019**

Yesterday I attended the inaugural meeting of the **City-County Carjacking and Reckless Driving Task Force** at City Hall. I was appointed to serve on the Task Force by Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton and very much look forward to the body’s very important deliberations ahead.

As a Council member, I hear about reckless driving and carjackings from constituents on a near daily basis. The city’s focus – and one of my public safety goals for my district and the city – is aimed squarely on reducing reckless driving and carjackings.

The problem could not be more urgent:

According to city records, from 2014 to 2017 there were 1,353 felony traffic and other offense cases filed in the Milwaukee County Circuit Court Criminal Division, as well as 532 felony cases filed for operating motor vehicles without owners’ consent and 101 misdemeanor cases filed for operating vehicles without owners’ consent. From 2014 to the present, there have been 229,823 traffic offense cases, many of which would be considered reckless driving on city streets.

As a victim of an attempted armed carjacking and after losing a loved one to a reckless driver, I can tell you that the problem we face is **VERY** real and not just a City of Milwaukee issue. We must do all that is necessary to keep our citizens safe, and that is why the task force was created and why it is poised to look at multifaceted options to attack reckless driving and carjackings.

Because I have a personal vested interest in eliminating both (carjacking and reckless driving), I am happy and honored to do my part in making Milwaukee streets safer for all.

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