# **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### What if I do not appear on my court date?

If you have not made full payment of your fine or have not previously entered a plea and do not appear on your court date, the judge will enter a guilty by default judgment against you and full payment of the forfeitures due. Based on the violation, the judge may also order additional penalties such as suspension or revocation of your driving privileges.

## What if my driver license is suspended for failing to pay, how do I get it back?

Once the court receives your payment in full it will electronically submit notice to the DMV that your fine(s) have been paid. The DMV recommends you go online and check your driver's license status prior to appearing at the Department of Transportation to verify eligibility. Go to: <a href="http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/online.htm">http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/online.htm</a>, click "Driver License/ID services", click "Check eligibility and reinstate my driving privilege". Please note it can take the DMV up to 48 hours to update your status to become eligible to reinstate. Once your status is clear you can reinstate online, mail the reinstatement, or go to the DMV in person. The DOT will charge an additional reinstatement fee.

### How do I obtain a copy of a police report or accident report?

You need to call the Fox Valley Metro Police Department 920-788-7505.

### How can I determine what my driving status is?

Go to: <u>http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/online.htm</u>, click "Driver License/ID services", click "Check the status of my driver license".

### Does the Kimberly Judge perform weddings?

Yes, Judge Schumann will perform weddings in the area. Contact the clerk, 920-788-7500, or fill in the "Marriage Application" form found on this website under "forms".

### How is the dollar amount on my citation determined?

The dollar amount written on your citation is a combination of a forfeiture and numerous surcharges and fees. The forfeiture for an offense is a relatively small part of the total penalty that you must pay. For example, if you received a speeding citation, the minimum forfeiture for this offense is \$30. The base forfeiture (\$30) and the fees and surcharges (\$68.80) total \$98.80.

### Why do I have to pay all these fees and surcharges?

These fees and surcharges are added to your citation according to state statute. State statutes require that the officer and the court include these fees and surcharges on your citation.

### Where do these fees go?

| On a typical speeding citation, the citation amount is broken down as follows: |                             |                |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Based on 2022 fines and costs.   | Forfeiture                  | \$30.00        |
|  | 26% Penalty Assessment      | \$ 7.80        |
|  | Kimberly Court Costs        | \$33.00        |
|  | State Court Costs           | \$ 5.00        |
|  | Jail Assessment Fee         | \$10.00        |
|  | Crime Lab & Drug Assessment | <u>\$13.00</u> |
|  | Total                       | \$98.80        |