

Racial Profiling Comparative Analysis for 2014 Tier 2 Reporting

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Total number of vehicle stops or contacts: 449

Of the total number of identified self-initiated traffic stops (449), a total of 171 could be classified as racial or ethnic minorities (this amounts to 38.08% of the total number of vehicle/violator contacts). This overall percentage is based on having identified those classes of ethnic or racial minorities within the total number of vehicle stops.

Comparative Analysis:

Those identified as minorities include: a total of 50 African Americans (or 11.14% of all stops); 118 Hispanic Americans (or 26.28% of all stops); and 3 Asian American (or .67% of all stops). A comparative analysis based on the most recent population statistics (demographic information – US Census Bureau 2010 and 2013 estimates) for the City of Abilene (total population estimates: 117,463 to 120,099) demonstrates these minority contacts are in line with the general populations demographic estimates for the City. Based on available data from the US Census Bureau, for the City of Abilene, population demographics by ethnic or racial class suggests the percentage of African Americans within the overall population is 9.6%; 24.5% for Hispanic Americans; and 1.7% for Asian Americans. The remainder and majority of stops conducted were Caucasian and predominately male (304 male and 145 female).

Disposition of stops:

Disposition of stops made by officers includes the issuance of citations for violations totaling 195 written citations. Further, a total of 32 searches were conducted as the result of vehicle stops: 25 were violator contacts that subsequently lead to a lawful arrest, therefore the search was incident to a lawful arrest; the remaining 7 were performed by consent. And, there were no instances where contraband was found or located during a lawful search for the 2014 reporting period.

No racial profiling complaints were received by the department for the 2014 reporting period.

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