

GREENVILLE POLICE

DEPARTMENT



2011 RACIAL PROFILING

REPORT



January 18, 2012

The Honorable Mayor and Council Members
City of Greenville
P.O. Box 1049
Greenville, TX 75403

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

For the tenth year, the Greenville Police Department has complied with the Texas Racial Profiling Law by compiling and presenting to the City Council, specific information related to traffic stops. The data required to be submitted to the Council includes all traffic stops in which a citation was issued, arrests resulting from those traffic stops, including information relating to the ethnicity of the individual detained, whether a search was conducted, and if so, whether the search was by consent. January 01, 2010, State law required the additional tracking of Middle Eastern Race or Ethnicity, "Race or Ethnicity Known Prior to Stop: No or Yes" and "Number of Motor Vehicle Stops: Citation Only, Arrest Only or Both". The law clearly states the data collected as a result of the reporting requirements shall not constitute prima facie evidence of racial profiling. It is my hope the information provided in this report will serve as evidence that the Greenville Police Department continues to strive towards the goal of maintaining strong relationships with the community.

The compilation of the supplementary report and analysis was completed by the Greenville Police Department. Analysis of our data was performed in an effort to achieve a comprehensible understanding of the variables impacting our data. It remains my continual hope to strengthen the channels of communication between those in our community and the Greenville Police Department as we encounter the challenges of making Greenville one of the safest cities in America.

Sincerely,

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Racial Profile Tier 1 HB3389

PLEASE NOTE: The official form does not allow for Other and Blank in the Race or Ethnicity boxes on the TCLEOSE website. We are waiting for a representative to inform us on how to handle those traffic stops for 2011

Number of Motor Vehicle Stops:	
1	<u>3,580</u> Citation Only
2	<u>395</u> Arrest Only
3	<u>48</u> Citation and Arrests
4	<u>4,023</u> Total
Race or Ethnicity:	
5	<u>770</u> African American
6	<u>16</u> Asian
7	<u>2,602</u> Caucasian
8	<u>621</u> Hispanic
9	<u>3</u> Middle Eastern
10	<u>5</u> Native American
	<u>6</u> Other
11	<u>4,023</u> TOTAL
Race or Ethnicity known prior to stop?	
13	<u>3,583</u> NO
12	<u>440</u> YES
	<u>-</u> Blank
14	<u>4,023</u> Total
Search conducted?	
15	<u>489</u> Yes
16	<u>3,534</u> No
17	<u>4,023</u> Total
Was search consented?	
18	<u>82</u> Yes
19	<u>407</u> No
20	<u>489</u> Total

SUMMARY OF DATA

The data presented in this report contains information regarding police officer self-initiated traffic stops between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011. Officer self-initiated traffic stops are defined as those stops made of motorists in the City of Greenville where no call for police service was made through the Department's Communications Center.

Based upon the data collected in 2011, approximately 4,023 traffic stops were initiated by officers. Of the total number of stops made, 64.68% were Caucasian motorists, 19.14% were African American motorists, 15.44% were Hispanic motorists, 0.40% were Asian motorists, 0.12% were Native American motorists, 0.15% were Other motorists and 0.07% were Middle Eastern. Other motorists are those motorists whose ethnicity could not be determined at the time of the contact.

Further examination of the 4,023 traffic stops shows 489 motorists were searched and 82 of them gave officers their consent to search either them or their vehicles.

Data was collected on the "Race or Ethnicity Known Prior to the Stop". Based on the data collected in 2011, the race or ethnicity known prior to the traffic stop was known in 440 traffic stops and unknown in 3583 traffic stops. Of the 4,023 traffic stops, 3,580 resulted in a citation only, 395 resulted in an arrest only and 48 resulted in a citation and arrest.

The data presented in this report represents all police officer self-initiated traffic stops for 2011. The results of those traffic stops were either a citation being issued to the motorist, the motorist was arrested for a violation of the law or the motorist was arrested and issued a citation. However, these traffic stops do not include numerous traffic stops made by officers where the use of audio/video recording equipment was utilized and a warning was given to the motorist or no enforcement action was taken by the officer. Also, caution should be used when interpreting this data. The time of day the traffic stops were made, the geographical location of the traffic stops (high crime area as opposed to a lesser crime area), and the fact that a motorist may have been stopped by officers on more than one occasion, should be considered.

Presentation of this data alone does not constitute "prima facie" evidence that the Greenville Police Department has engaged in racial profiling. In 2011, the Department received one (1) Public Service Report containing allegation of Race Discrimination. The complaint was unfounded in that the officer's actions were lawful and proper.

SUMMARY OF RACIAL PROFILING LAW

There are 4 sections within the Racial Profiling Law that governs the collection of racial profiling data. They are as follows:

Article 2.132

- This section applies to all law enforcement agencies
- Requires the collection of race and ethnicity of individuals traffic stopped on routine traffic stops
- Whether a search was conducted and if so, whether the search was consensual
- Whether a citation was issued and/or an arrest was made
- Number of Motor Vehicle Stops: Citation Only, Arrest Only, or Both

Article 2.133

- Applies to pedestrian and traffic stops and the collection of additional information
- Gender and race/ethnicity of person traffic stopped
- Law suspected of violating
- Whether a search was conducted (consent or probable cause)
- Type of contraband collected, if any
- Facts supporting probable cause
- Disposition of traffic stop (arrest, ticket, warning, release, etc)
- Location of traffic stop
- Type of charge (misdemeanor, felony, traffic)

Article 2.134

- Compilation and analysis of information collected
- Report required by March 1 of each year
- Provide information on each complaint filed with agency alleging racial profiling
- Cannot include name of officer or individual involved in traffic stop
- Report must follow TCLEOSE guidelines

Article 2.135

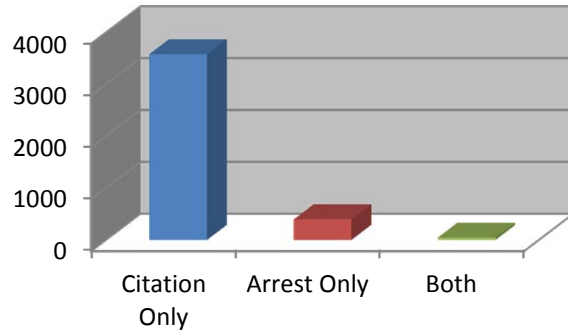
- Exemption for agencies using audio/video equipment
- Each vehicle regularly used for traffic/pedestrian traffic stops equipped with video camera and transmitter-activated equipment
- Each traffic and pedestrian traffic stop is recorded
- Documentation on each traffic stop is retained for 90 days
- Documentation subject to racial profiling must be retained until final disposition of complaint

NOTE: *The Greenville Police Department is exempt from the reporting requirements under Articles 2.133 and 2.134 of this statute because all "patrol cars" are equipped with audio/visual recording equipment. We currently comply with Article 2.135 of this statute.*

2011 Self-Initiated Traffic Stops (Citations and Arrests)

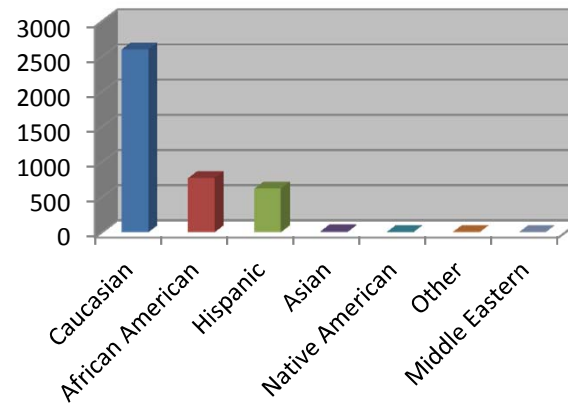
Number of Motor Vehicle Stops

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>% of Stops</u>
Citation Only	3580	88.99%
Arrest Only	395	9.82%
Both	48	1.19%
Total	4023	100.00%



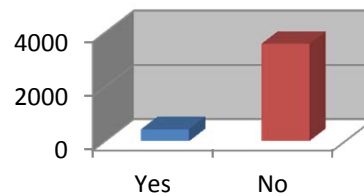
RACE

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>%</u>
Caucasian	2602	64.68%
African American	770	19.14%
Hispanic	621	15.44%
Asian	16	0.40%
Native American	5	0.12%
Other	6	0.15%
Middle Eastern	3	0.07%
TOTAL	4023	100.00%



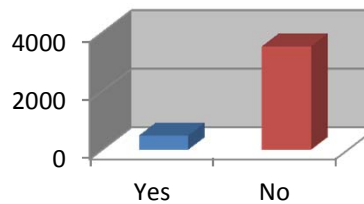
Race or Ethnicity known prior to stop?

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>% of Stops</u>
Yes	440	10.94%
No	3583	89.06%
Total	4,023	100.00%



Search Conducted

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>% of Stops</u>
Yes	489	12.16%
No	3534	87.84%
Total	4,023	100.00%



Consent Search

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>% of Stops</u>
Yes	82	16.77%
No	407	83.23%
Total	489	100.00%

