

## KYLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Memorandum

To: Scott Sellers, City Manager

Cc: James Earp, Assistant City Manager

Jennifer Vetrano, City Secretary

From: Jeff Barnett, Chief of Police

Date: February 15, 2017

Re: 2016 Annual Racial Profiling Report

The Kyle Police Department is submitting the 2016 Racial Profiling Report as required by the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. This report is required to be submitted to the governing body on or before March 1st of each year. Please find the following documents for your review and presentation to the City Council:

- ☐ Kyle Police Department Racial Profiling Policy Chapter 2.2;
- ☐ Kyle Police Department Annual Report 2016 Data
- ☐ Memorandum from Captain Hernandez

As you may recall, the State of Texas enacted a law requiring certain actions on behalf of the local agency and the individual law enforcement officers when conducting traffic or pedestrian stops. The Kyle Police Department has a policy that prohibits officers from engaging in racial profiling as defined by state law, and our officers are directed to capture certain types of data pertaining to traffic and pedestrian detentions that result in a citation or arrest. The Kyle Police Department is assigned to the Tier 1 – Partial Exemption reporting category because our police vehicles that routinely engage in traffic and pedestrian stops are outfitted with audio and video equipment. These videos are retained for a period of not less than 90 days, and they are reviewed throughout the year by supervisory staff as required by the statute.

The Kyle Police Department does have a publicly promoted process by which an individual may file a complaint if the individual believes that a Kyle Police Officer has engaged in racial profiling. The Kyle Police Department did receive one complaint pertaining to racial profiling during this reporting period, however, the internal affairs investigation determined the complaint to be unfounded.

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In reviewing the data, the Kyle Police Department conducted a total of 2,516 motor vehicle stops. The following table represents the percentage of individuals stopped by race/ethnicity:

Race/Ethnicity	Percent of Total Stops
African	7.43
Asian	1.19
Caucasian	45.74
Hispanic	44.87
Middle Eastern	.72
Native American	0.04

Of the 2,516 motor vehicle stops, 150 vehicle searches were conducted. Of those 150 searches, 19 of them were consensual while 131 of them were based upon probable cause or incident to arrest. Of the same 2,516 traffic stops, only in 25 of the instances was the race/ethnicity of the vehicle operator known to the police officer prior to the vehicle stop.

This report has been filed with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement as required. It is my understanding that this report will be provided to the City Council prior to the March 1st deadline, and I am prepared to make any presentations as directed by you in the future.

Please let me know if you would like any further information concerning this report. Thank you very much.