

Texas Lutheran University

Police Department

Racial Profiling Report

2013

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The Texas Lutheran University Police Department is accordance with the Texas Racial Profiling Law (S.B. No. 1074) has been collecting police contact data for the purpose of identifying and responding (if necessary) to concerns regarding racial profiling practices. The law also requires that the Police Department submit to the University an annual report of the information collected. The purpose of this annual report is to provide statistical data and analysis of all traffic and pedestrian stop data covering the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. To accomplish this, this report will focus upon the following topics:

- How traffic and pedestrian stop data was collected
- An overview of the racial/ethnic data collected
- An analysis of what the Department believes the statistics mean, as well as what the Department learned from the data
- Problems identified when analyzing the data
- Recommendation addressing issues of concern

How traffic and pedestrian stop data was collected

The Texas Racial Profiling Law mandated collection of information relating to traffic and pedestrian stops in which a citation is issued or an arrest resulting from those stops. The following data must be collected:

- Gender
- Race or Ethnicity
- Race or Ethnicity known prior to the stop
- Reason for the stop
- Was a search conducted
- Reason for search
- Contraband discovered
- Description of Contraband
- Arrest(s) results of the stop or search
- What the arrest is based on
- Approximate location of the stop
- Was a Citation or written warning issued as a result of the stop

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Data

Contacts By Gender

53 Female 41%

77 Male 59%

Contacts by Race or Ethnicity

28 African Americans 21%

70 Caucasian 54%

32 Hispanic 25%

Race or Ethnicity known prior to stop:

9 Yes 7%

121 No 93%

Reason for stop:

6 Violations of law other than traffic 5%

83 Moving Traffic Violation 64%

41 Vehicle Traffic Violation (Equipment etc.) 31%

Search conducted:

3 Yes 2%

127 No 98%

Reason for Search:

1 Consent 33%

2 Probable Cause 66%

Contraband discovered:

- 3 Yes 100%
- 0 No 0%

Description of contraband

- 3 Illegal drugs/drug paraphernalia 100%

Arrest results of stops and searches:

- 1 Yes .007%
- 129 No 99.3%

Arrest based on:

- 1 Violation of the Penal Code 100%

Street Address or approximate location of the stop:

- 128 City Street 98%
- 2 Private Drive 2%

Written warning or a citation as a result of the stop:

- 130 Yes 100%

Overview of the racial/ethnicity data collected

The information listed above was collected from all traffic and pedestrian stops conducted between 01/01/2013 and 12/31/2013 where a citation was issued or an arrest was made. Assignment of race and or ethnicity to a category is either as stated by the person stopped or determined by the officer to the best of his or her ability. A consensual search is determined by a request from the officer to conduct a search. The person stopped is under no obligation to consent to the search. If the person does not consent to a search, then the officer must have probable cause to obtain a search warrant from a magistrate. The data collected clearly shows that Texas Lutheran University Police Department does not place traffic enforcement or pedestrian stops as our top priority in providing protection to our students, faculty and staff. Total stops for the year were 130. This averages out to 10.8 stops a month. The data clearly shows that 98 percent of our contacts did not involve any form of search of the person or their vehicle. The data also shows that of the 3 contacts which did lead to a search one was a consensual search granted by the person stopped, and two were due to the officers having probable cause to search the vehicle in question. As stated earlier we made 130 contacts during 2013. 54 percent of the stops involved Caucasians, 25 percent were Hispanic, and 21% percent were African Americans . I feel the most important information we gain from this report is that we did not have a single complaint filed

against any of our officers for racial profiling or any other reason during 2013. We had no formal written complaint against an officer dealing with any traffic stop during the past year.

Department Analysis of the data and lessoned learned

Agencies across the state are still determining the best and most accurate means of capturing, reporting, and comparing data to achieve meaningful analysis. The data presented in this report contains valuable information regarding police contacts with the public between 01/01/2013 and 12/31/2013. Texas Lutheran University Police Department has five full time officers who are supported by additional part time officers. Our data clearly shows that traffic enforcement and pedestrian stops are not a major part of department's mission. Our mission is to be highly visible on campus and to practice sound crime prevention measures which have worked well in keeping our campus safe. Analysis also shows that we averaged 10.8 traffic stops a month and as stated earlier no complaints were filed against any officer for racial profiling. Break down of our stops provides the department following data:

Traffic Stops by Ethnicity

• African Americans	28	21%
• Caucasian	70	54%
• Hispanic	32	25%
• Asian	0	0
• Middle Eastern	0	0
• Native American	0	0

We feel these numbers clearly show no single minority was singled out and that our officers clearly do not practice any form of racial profiling. Only two percent of our contacts resulted in the search of the vehicle or person. One was conducted after the person gave consent to the search and the other two were conducted after the officer had developed probable cause to conduct the search.

Recommendations Addressing issues and Concerns

Beyond the collection of data, Texas Lutheran University Police Department will continue to provide our officers Racial Profiling and Cultural Diversity training. We have now installed video equipment in our patrol vehicles to capture video of all traffic and pedestrian stops conducted by our officers. We will investigate any complaint on racial profiling and report the findings of the investigation to the complainant and the University. All officers of the Texas Lutheran University understand that no form of racial profiling will be tolerated by the Department or the University.

