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To the Honorable Mayor Richard Hutchison and Members of the City Council:

Since January 1, 2002, the Haltom City Police Department in accordance with the Texas Racial Profiling Law (Senate Bill 1074), has been collecting police contact data for the purpose of identifying and responding (if necessary) to concerns regarding racial profiling practices. It is my hope that the findings provided in this report will serve as evidence that the Haltom City Police Department continues to strive toward the goal of maintaining strong relations with the community and strongly prohibits racial profiling.

In this report, you will find sections designed for providing background information on the requirements of the Texas Racial Profiling Law. The information is relevant to the institutional policies adopted by the Haltom City Police Department prohibiting the practice of racial profiling (among its officers).

The final components of this report provide statistical data relevant to the public contacts made during the period of 1/1/11 through 12/31/11. This information has been compared to various census data within the City of Haltom City, Tarrant County, and the state of Texas.

It is my goal to continue to be responsive to the community by implementing and monitoring the proper policies and safeguards to prevent racial profiling practices.

Sincerely,

Keith R. Lane
Chief of Police

cc: Tom Muir, City Manager

POLICY ADOPTION AND HISTORY

Senate Bill 1074 passed the 77th Legislature of the State of Texas and requires that as of January 1, 2002, each law enforcement agency in this state shall adopt a detailed written policy on racial profiling. The policy must strictly prohibit peace officers from engaging in racial profiling. Furthermore, the policy must outline a process for individuals to file a complaint regarding racial profiling. The policy must also provide public education on the agency's complaint process and require corrective action to be taken against officers in violation of this policy. Lastly, the policy requires law enforcement agencies to collect and report data relating to traffic stops.

In 2001, the Haltom City Police Department implemented policy to comply with the law. The policy has been amended and/or rewritten through the years to comply with changes and modifications mandated by the Texas Legislature. The policy contains the following elements:

- A definition that clearly describes the act of Racial Profiling.
- A statement that strictly prohibits officers from engaging in Racial Profiling.
- The implementation of a process by which an individual may file a complaint regarding racial profiling violations.
- Provides public education related to the complaint process.
- The implementation of disciplinary guidelines for officers found in violation of the policy.
- Adopted standards for collection, compilation and analysis of data (written, electronic and video).
- Procedures to collect data on persons who received traffic citations to include: race, whether or not a search was conducted, if so was it by consent, and was a custody arrest performed.

Each peace officer employed by the City of Haltom City completed the comprehensive education and training program on racial profiling established by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education (TCLEOSE). The Chief of Police is mandated to attend the program on racial profiling established by the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT) within the first year of appointment—I attended the required training in March of 2010.

The public education component was met by placing the complaint procedure on our department's website, and in a brochure available at: the front counter of the police department, the Municipal Court, and in the field with our officers.

DATA COLLECTION

Because the Haltom City Police Department utilizes video and audio recording equipment in all of the cars and motorcycles assigned to patrol and traffic duty, the law only requires us to collect racial profiling data on traffic stops where we issue citations or make an arrest resulting from the traffic stop.

The officers make the necessary notations on the citations as to the race of the individual using the state-mandated categories: White, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, African, Middle Eastern **(added 9/1/09)**, and Other (not on the list or officer can't determine). The officer also makes notations on

whether or not a search was conducted (and whether the search was consensual), if the violator was taken in to custody, and whether or not the officer knew the person's race prior to the contact **(added 9/1/09)**.

DATA ANALYSIS AND DISSEMINATION

The law does not provide a comparative baseline that must be used. The baseline used by this department includes the 2010 United States census data (Race by Percentage of Population) for Haltom City, Tarrant County, and the state of Texas.

RACIAL PROFILING
Statistics: 2011

(I) Tier 1 Data

Traffic-Related Contact Information (1/1/11 -12/31/2011)

Race/Ethnicity*	Contacts		Searches		Consensual Searches		PC Searches		Custody Arrests	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Caucasian	6520	55	97	59	64	69	33	46	64	58
African	1148	10	16	10	7	8	9	13	13	12
Hispanic	3295	28	44	27	18	19	26	37	34	31
Asian	552	5	4	2	2	2	2	3	0	0
Native American	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middle Eastern	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	156	1	3	2	2	2	1	1	0	0
Total	11749	100**	164	100	93	100	71	100	111	100

"N" represents "number" of traffic-related contacts

*Race/Ethnicity is defined by Senate Bill 1074 as being of a "particular descent, including African, Hispanic, Asian or Native American".

**Figure has been rounded

*Knew race - 275

Did not know race - 11108

Analysis of HCPD (Racial Profiling) Tier 1 Data for 2011

Range: Citations/Searches/CS/PC/Cit. & Arrest	Range: Census Data for HC/Tarrant Cty/Texas
White/Caucasian: 46%-69%	White/Caucasian: 45.3%-51.8%
Black: 8%-13%	Black: 4%-14.5%
Hispanic: 19%-37%	Hispanic: 26.7%-38.9%
Asian: 0%-5%	Asian: 3.8%-8%
Native American: 0%	Native American: 0.6%-0.7%
Middle Eastern: 0%	Middle Eastern: Unknown

Statistics on whether or not officer knew the race/ethnicity of subject before contact

Total Contacts (Citation Issued): 11,749

Contacts where race/ethnicity was known: 275

Percentage: 2.34%

Racial Profiling Complaints

Number of Racial Profiling Complaints filed with Professional Standards Unit in 2011: 0

Note: The census data utilized in this comparison was collected in the year 2010.