



# HALTOM CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

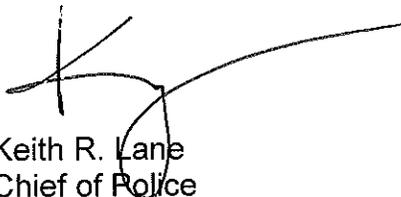
Since January 1, 2002, the Haltom City Police Department in accordance with the Texas Racial Profiling Law (Senate Bill 1074), has been collecting police contact data for the purpose of identifying and responding (if necessary) to concerns regarding racial profiling practices. It is my hope that the 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 1/1/13 through 12/31/13. 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 77<sup>th</sup> 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 Profile Tier 1 HB3389

PLEASE NOTE: The official form does not allow for Other and Unknown in the Race or Ethnicity boxes on the TCLEOSE website. Please contact TCLEOSE for instructions on how to resolve these issues for 2012. This report only includes traffic stops resulting in a citation, traffic stops resulting in a citation with an arrest, traffic stops resulting in a warning with an arrest and field interviews that resulted in an arrest.

Number of Motor Vehicle Stops	
13893	Citations only
2	Arrest only
125	Citations and Arrests
4.	<u>14020</u> Total
Race or Ethnicity	
1523	African
705	Asian
7107	Caucasian
4407	Hispanic
91	Middle Eastern
44	Native American
143	Other
0	Unknown
11.	<u>14020</u> Total
Race or Ethnicity known prior to stop?	
398	Yes
13622	No
14.	<u>14020</u> Total
Search conducted?	
149	Yes
13871	No
17.	<u>14020</u> Total
Was search consented?	
75	Yes
74	No
20.	<u>149</u> Total

## Analysis of HCPD (Racial Profiling) Tier 1 Data for 2013

### %: Citations/Searches/CS/PC/Cit. & Arrest

White/Caucasian: 50.6%

Black: 10.8%

Hispanic: 31.4%

Asian: 5%

Native American: 0.3%

Middle Eastern: 0.6%

### Range: Census Data for HC/Tarrant Cty/Texas

White/Caucasian: 45.3%-51.8%

Black: 4%-14.5%

Hispanic: 26.7%-38.9%

Asian: 3.8%-8%

Native American: 0.6%-0.7%

Middle Eastern: Unknown

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

Total Contacts (Citation Issued): 14,020

Contacts where race/ethnicity was known: 398

Percentage: 2.83%

### Racial Profiling Complaints

Number of Racial Profiling Complaints filed with Professional Standards Unit in 2013: 0

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