



MEMORANDUM

SAGINAW POLICE DEPARTMENT

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DATE: 01/31/03	TO: Nan Stanford City Manager	FROM: Roger Macon Chief of Police	SUBJECT: 2002 Citizen Contact Data
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Overview

Since January 1, 2002, the Saginaw Police Department has collected citizen contact data in accordance with the Texas Racial Profiling Law (Senate Bill No. 1074) for the purpose of identifying and responding (if necessary) to concerns regarding racial profiling practices. This report presents a summary of data collected, and provides an analysis of citizen contacts compared to our general population. As you are aware, the law requires that this information be presented to our city council no later than March 1, 2003.

Citizen Contact Data

The Saginaw Police Department documented 5,836 citizen contacts between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2002. The following table provides a distribution of these stops sorted by race/ethnicity, as mandated by state law:

Race/Ethnicity	Contacts	
	N	%
Caucasian	4,460	76.4%
Hispanic	1,096	18.8%
African	181	3.1%
Asian	75	1.3%
Native American	1	0.0%
Other	23	0.4%
Total	5,836	100.0%

Search Data

Of the 5,836 documented citizen contacts, Saginaw Police officers conducted 127 searches (2.1% of all stops). Most searches (78.0%) were based upon the arrest of a person, or probable cause to search the motor vehicle or person stopped. Consent to search was given in 11% of total searches, while "Other" constituted the remaining 11%. (Most officers citing "Other" as the reason for search were conducting pat downs for officer safety. Invasive searches were not conducted in

these incidents.) The following table provides a distribution of all searches sorted by race/ethnicity, as mandated by state law:

Race/Ethnicity	Searches		Probable Cause		Other
	N	Total	Consent	Arrest	
Caucasian	91	71.7%	11	56	8
Hispanic	23	18.1%	2	10	4
African	8	6.3%	1	6	1
Asian	5	3.9%	0	1	1
Native American	0	0.0%	0	0	0
Other	0	0.0%	0	0	0
Total	127	100.0%	14	73	14

Baseline Information/Methodology

Several methods (residential population, licensed driver population, road surveys, vehicle availability data, etc.) have been discussed for establishing baseline population information for comparative purposes. The most logical when discussed among law enforcement professionals is the use of Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) data for licensed drivers. This in itself still presents logistical problems when attempting comparisons. DPS data is not available for individual cities, but is provided by zip code. The following table presents DPS data for the two predominant zip codes in Saginaw (76137 and 76179), sorted by race/ethnicity:

Race/Ethnicity	DPS Data	
	N	Total
Caucasian/ Hispanic	24,089	94.1%
African	526	2.1%
Asian	759	3.0%
Native American	29	0.1%
Other	202	0.8%
Total	25,605	100.0%

Please consider two things when reviewing this table; 1) the Caucasian and Hispanic licensed drivers have been combined due to DPS reporting standards; and 2) the total number of drivers far exceeds the city's population. Again, this is due to DPS reporting standards and our inability to elicit information specific to Saginaw drivers. However, these numbers should be considered representative of our transient population (i.e. those people who travel through Saginaw on a daily basis, regardless of where they live).

The police department has tracked the number of Saginaw residents contacted during the reporting period. The following table details residents stopped, sorted by race/ethnicity using DPS standards. These numbers will be compared against DPS driver information in the Comparative Analysis section of this report.

Race/Ethnicity	Resident Data	
	N	Total
Caucasian/ Hispanic	1,787	96.3%
African	48	2.6%
Asian	14	0.8%
Native American	1	0.0%
Other	5	0.3%
Total	1,855	100.0%

Comparative Analysis

State law requires that our department offer a comparative analysis of total persons stopped (citizen contact data) to a total of the general population (baseline data). The following table does so, comparing Saginaw residents stopped, sorted by race/ethnicity, to that of our prevailing zip codes, also sorted by race ethnicity. Also note that Caucasians and Hispanics have once again been combined, to conform to DPS reporting standards.

Race/Ethnicity	Resident Data		DPS Data		Variance	
	N	Total	N	%	N	%
Caucasian/ Hispanic	1,787	96.3%	24,089	94.1%	22,302	102.3%
African	48	2.6%	526	2.1%	478	123.8%
Asian	14	0.8%	759	3.0%	745	26.7%
Native American	1	0.0%	29	0.1%	28	0.00%
Other	5	0.3%	202	0.8%	197	37.5%
Total	1,855	100.0%	25,605	100.0%		

The “Variance” column relates to the percentage of residents stopped compared the DPS data for this area. (Example: 96.3% of SPD stops were Caucasian or Hispanic, while these groups make up just 94.1% of the local population – 96.3% divided by 94.1% equals 102.3%.)

Theoretically members of each race/ethnicity would be stopped in proportionate numbers to the persons living in our area. Our numbers suggest a slightly higher number of Africans were detained than live in this area. However, the total (48 residents) in a period of 365 calendar days would not seem excessive.

Policies and Training

As required by law, the Saginaw Police Department adopted policies regarding Racial Profiling (SPD General Order 308), complaints against police employees (SPD General Order 203 – Discipline) and the use of in-car video camera systems (SPD General Order 305 – Mobile Video Systems). Each of these policies was in place prior to January 1, 2002. The Department received verification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) in June 2002 that our racial profiling policy conforms to all applicable state statutes.

State law also required that the chief of police and every sworn officer be trained in racial profiling by September 1, 2003. This mandate has been attained – all officers employed by the City of Saginaw have received racial profiling training.

Complaints Regarding Racial Profiling

Any officer of the Saginaw Police Department who is found, after investigation, to have engaged in racial profiling may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. Disciplinary or corrective action may include cultural diversity, sensitivity or other appropriate training or counseling, as determined by the Chief of Police.

The Department provides education to the public on how to make a complaint against a police employee in our brochure, *Commendations and Complaints Regarding Saginaw Police Employees*. These brochures are available in the police department lobby, through the municipal court, or by request from any supervisor.

The Saginaw Police Department received no complaints, on any members of its police force, for having violated the Texas Racial Profiling Law during the time period of January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002.

Conclusion

These findings suggest that the Saginaw Police Department does not currently experience a problem regarding racial profiling practices. This is supported by the fact that we have not received complaints from community members regarding officers misconduct associated with racial profiling practices.

The continuing effort to collect police contact data will assure an on-going evaluation of the Saginaw Police Department practices. Thus, allowing for the citizens of the Saginaw community to benefit from professional and courteous service from their police department.

Please make this report available to the City Council at your earliest convenience. I will make myself available to answer any of their questions. Additionally, I have attached copies of all pertinent documents mentioned in this report.