## PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TYPE OF ORDER	NUMBER/SERIES	ISSUE DATE	EFFECTIVE DATE
HR Policy Reminder	#2 Series 2013	5/1/2013	5/1/2013
Bulletin			
SUBJECT TITLE		PREVIOUSLY ISSUED DATES	
Statewide Traffic Stop Data (Race Data) Collection		N/A	
REFERENCE		RE-EVALUATION DATE	
N/A		N/A	
SUBJECT AREA		DISTRIBUTION	
Law Enforcement Operations		All Sworn Personnel	

All sworn personnel are hereby reminded that they are obligated to act in accordance with Part III (A) of the "Procedure" section of General Order 330.18, "Bias-Based Profiling":

## III. MONITORING

- A. Statewide Traffic Stop Data (Race Data) Collection
  - 1. In an effort to comply with a series of impending legislative changes to RIGL 31-21.2 which comprise the "Comprehensive Racial Profiling Prevention Act of 2013", the Department has installed the "Rhode Island Stop Survey Collector" software client on its mobile computer terminals.
  - 2. The software is to be utilized when officers perform a vehicle stop, and its use is subject to the following guidelines:
    - a. Pedestrian stops do not require a race data collection record.
    - Officers shall not ask the motor vehicle operator for their race. Race determination is to be made independently by officers, based upon their individual perceptions.
    - Responding to a motor vehicle accident is considered a "Motorist Assist/Courtesy", and as such, does not require a race data collection record unless it leads to a secondary

- action (e.g. citation, written or verbal warning, arrest, search).
- d. The "Prior Record" option in the data collection module refers to whether or not the motor vehicle operator has a criminal record. In many cases officers will not know if such a criminal record exists unless they possess personal knowledge of the operator.
- e. Officers will not select "Special Detail/Directed Patrol" unless the motor vehicle stop is conducted during a Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) effort. Thus, NRT-related stops are the only stops that will use the "Special Detail/Directed Patrol" option as "Basis for Stop".
- f. Unless the stop is NRT-related, officers shall choose one of the following options as the "Basis for Stop":
  - i. Speeding
  - ii. Seat Belt
  - iii. Other Traffic Violation
  - iv. Equipment/Inspection Violation
  - v. Violation of City/Town Ordinance
  - vi. Call for Service\*\*\*
  - vii. APB
  - viii. Suspicious Person
  - ix. Motorist Assist/Courtesy\*\*\*
  - \*\*\* Regarding the "Call for Service" and "Motorist Assist/Courtesy" options, race data collection records are only created during circumstances when a secondary action (e.g. citation, warning, arrest, search) is taken.
- g. Race data collection does not pertain to motor vehicle passengers. Thus, the "Passenger" tab shall not be used.