



AGENDA MEMO

2/21/2017 Agenda

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Greg Spradlin, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: University Park Police Department Annual Traffic Stop Analysis

BACKGROUND:

The Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 2.132 Compilation and Analysis of Information Collected, requires the police chief to report to the governing body of the City the findings of the compilation and analysis of traffic stops and related searches. This analysis is conducted to determine if racial profiling is being practiced by the agency in traffic stops and subsequent searches during those stops.

This year the University Park Police Department again submitted all required data on traffic stops and searches to the University of North Texas for scrutiny. This study was conducted by the Professional Development Institute (PDI) at the University of North Texas. Copies of the final report have been provided to all elected city officials, the city manager, the city attorney and others as requested.

PDI's findings can be found on page 8 of the report. The report shows that the University Park Police Department is in full compliance with the law as it relates to racial profiling; that a formal policy prohibiting racial profiling is in place; that officers receive mandated training on this subject and that the agency has established programs to educate the public about racial profiling and how to file a complaint; that a formalized complaint process is in place and that the collection of data is carried out in compliance with the law.

The report will also show that during 2016 the department did not receive any racial profiling complaints.

The University Park Police Department will continue its educational and training efforts within the department on racial profiling, as recommended by the report, and will continue to perform periodic evaluations of individual officers to assess whether or not an officer is engaging in racial profiling.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that each member review the final report. Should there be any questions or concerns it is requested that the Chief of Police be informed for response.