

**A Report to the Mayor and City Council
City of Port Neches
Fulfilling Requirements of the Texas Racial Profiling Law (Senate Bill Number 1074)
For 2009**

Introduction:

The following constitutes the eighth annual report of traffic stop data required under Senate Bill Number 1074. The statute mandates that this report, detailing law enforcement activity for the previous year, be filed with the Mayor and City Council before March 1st.

Every law enforcement agency in Texas which makes routine traffic stops must collect and report Tier 1 data. Tier 2 data must be collected and reported if you do not have audio-visual equipment in every motor vehicle regularly used to make traffic stops.

Tier 1 data includes the following information relating to **traffic** stops in which a citation is issued or an arrest is made:

- The race or ethnicity of the individual detained (Caucasian, African American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, or Other); and
- Whether a search was conducted and, if so, whether the person detained consented to the search.

The Port Neches Police Department is only required to report Tier 1 data as all patrol vehicles regularly used to conduct traffic stops are equipped with mobile video recorders.

**Table 1
Tier 1 data from self-initiated traffic stops conducted between 1/1/09 through 12/31/09**

| Race/Ethnicity | Tickets | | Custodial arrest | | Searches (Total) | | Consent searches | |
|------------------------|---------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
| | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage |
| White | 803 | 85.6% | 74 | 85.1% | 166 | 86.5% | 85 | 87.6% |
| Black | 49 | 5.2% | 6 | 6.9% | 10 | 5.2% | 3 | 3.1% |
| Hispanic | 68 | 7.2% | 5 | 5.7% | 12 | 6.2% | 7 | 7.3% |
| Asian | 13 | 1.4% | 2 | 2.3% | 3 | 1.6% | 1 | 1.0% |
| Native American | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 5 | .5% | 0 | 0 | 1 | .5% | 1 | 1.0% |
| Total | 938 | | 87 | | 192 | | 97 | |

Table 1 shows the breakdown of the total number of traffic stops conducted by Port Neches Police officers in 2009. Table 2 below will show the total tickets, searches and arrests by demographics from the table 1 data. Additionally, Jefferson County demographics will be compared to the same data used in the Port Neches demographics. I believe that the Jefferson County demographics more accurately represent traffic stop data than just the Port Neches Demographics. The demographics of Port Neches alone do not accurately represent the pass-through traffic that makes up a large portion of our traffic stop data. There are several refineries both to the north and south of our city limits. There is extensive

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vehicular traffic from employees and service oriented personnel that travel through our city to and from these refineries and other businesses. By comparing the Jefferson County demographics to the traffic stop data I believe that it will more closely represent the motoring public that pass through the City of Port Neches.

**Table 2
Tier 1 data with Port Neches and Jefferson County Demographics**

| Race/Ethnicity | Port Neches Demographics | Tickets | Custodial arrest | Searches (Total) | Consent searches |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| White | 94.8% | 85.6% | 85.1% | 86.5% | 87.6% |
| Black | .9% | 5.2% | 6.9% | 5.2% | 3.1% |
| Hispanic | 5.1% | 7.2% | 5.7% | 6.2% | 7.3% |
| Asian | 1.6% | 1.4% | 2.3% | 1.6% | 1.0% |
| Native American | .5% | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 1.2% | .5% | 0 | .5% | 1.0% |
| Race/Ethnicity | Jefferson Co. Demographics | Tickets | Custodial arrest | Searches (Total) | Consent searches |
| White | 57.2% | 85.6% | 85.1% | 86.5% | 87.6% |
| Black | 33.7% | 5.2% | 6.9% | 5.2% | 3.1% |
| Hispanic | 10.5% | 7.2% | 5.7% | 6.2% | 7.3% |
| Asian | 2.9% | 1.4% | 2.3% | 1.6% | 1.0% |
| Native American | .3% | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 4.3% | .5% | 0 | .5% | 1.0% |