

**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 2015**

Introduction:

The following constitutes the fourteenth 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. House Bill 3389 now requires all agencies to file an annual online racial profiling report to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) at www.tcole.state.tx.us, as well as their governing body.

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 and to arrests made as a result of those stops, including information relating to:

- The race or ethnicity of the individual detained (African, Asian, Caucasian, Hispanic, Middle Eastern, or Native American; and
- Whether a search was conducted and, if so, whether the person detained consented to the search; and
- Whether the peace officer knew the race or ethnicity of the individual detained before detaining that individual.

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 1/1/2015 through 12/31/2015**

Race/Ethnicity	Known Prior To Stop		Tickets		Custodial arrest		Searches (Total)		Consent searches	
	Yes	No								
Caucasian	208	723	931	82.6%	18	75%	140	82.4%	81	79.4%
African	10	62	72	6.4%	5	21%	19	11.1%	12	11.8%
Hispanic	19	91	110	9.8%	1	4%	10	5.9%	8	7.8%
Asian	2	9	11	.9%	0	0	1	.6%	1	1.0%
Native American	0	2	2	.2%	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middle Eastern	0	1	1	.1%	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	239	888	1127		24		170		102	

Table 1 shows the breakdown of the total number of traffic stops conducted by Port Neches Police officers in 2015. Table 2 below will show the total tickets, searches and arrests by demographics from

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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 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
Caucasian	90.9%	82.6%	75%	82.4%	79.4%
African	1%	6.4%	21%	11.1%	11.8%
Hispanic	9.9%	9.8%	4%	5.9%	7.8%
Asian	2.4%	.9%	0	.6%	1.0%
Native American	.5%	.2%	0	0	0
Middle Eastern	NA	.1%	0	0	0
Race/Ethnicity	Jefferson Co. Demographics	Tickets	Custodial arrest	Searches (Total)	Consent searches
Caucasian	59.3%	82.6%	75%	82.4%	79.4%
African	34.4%	6.4%	21%	11.1%	11.8%
Hispanic	18.9%	9.8%	4%	5.9%	7.8%
Asian	3.9%	.9%	0	.6%	1.0%
Native American	1%	.2%	0	0	0
Middle Eastern	NA	.1%	0	0	0

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Table 3 illustrates traffic stops involving only Port Neches residents as it compares to the demographics of Port Neches. Residents of the City of Port Neches make up 30% of the total traffic stops that resulted in a citation and/or arrest.

Table 3

Race/Ethnicity	Port Neches Demographics	Port Neches Residents Tickets and/or arrests		Searches (Total)	Consent searches
Caucasian	90.9%	290	87.1%	28	12
African	1%	6	1.8%	1	0
Hispanic	9.9%	30	9%	3	2
Asian	2.4%	4	1.2%	0	0
Native American	.5%	1	.3%	0	0
Middle Eastern	NA	2	.6%	0	0

Summary

In 2015 Port Neches police officers conducted 4766 traffic stops. The officers were required to collect racial profiling data on 1127 of those traffic stops that resulted in a citation and/or arrest. The remaining traffic stops did not result in a citation or arrest of the driver and therefore were not reportable for the purposes of racial profiling data. As you can see from the data above, there is no indication of racial profiling and there were no complaints of racial profiling as a result of traffic stops in 2015.