

Memorandum



DATE: February 27, 2009

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: **2008 Police Traffic Contact Data Annual Report (Racial Profiling)**

Attached is briefing material on the "2008 Police Traffic Contact Data Annual Report (Racial Profiling)" to be presented to the Members of the Public Safety Committee on Monday, March 2, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan S. Evans".

Ryan S. Evans
First Assistant City Manager

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Attachment



2008 Dallas Police Department Traffic Contact Data Annual Report

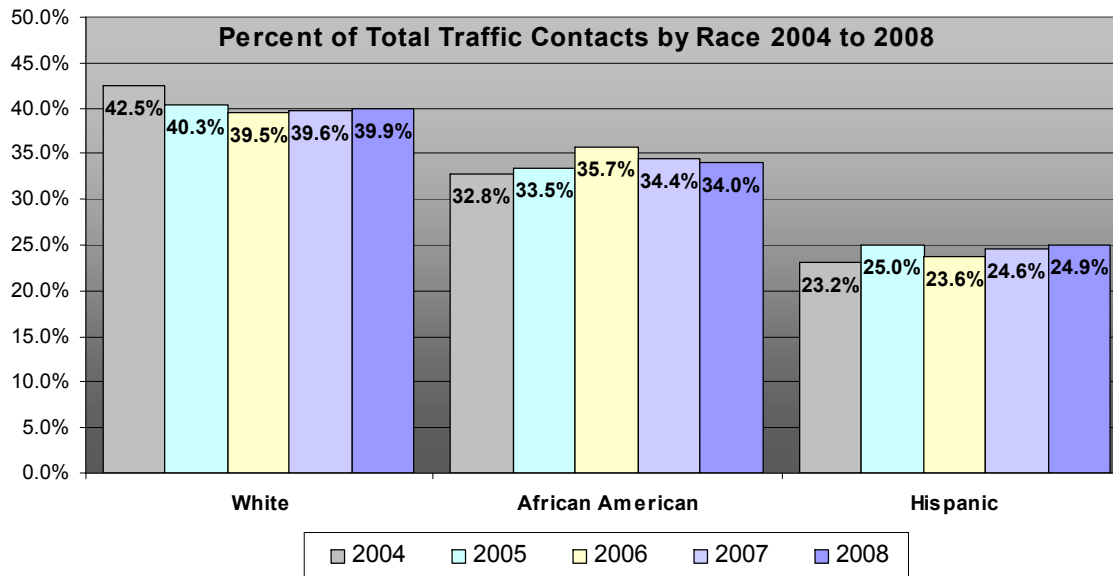
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2008 Traffic Contact Data

| RACE | Traffic Contacts | | Searches From Contacts | | Consensual Searches | | Custody Arrests | |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | Number | Percent of Total | Number | Percent of Total | Number | Percent of Total | Number | Percent of Total |
| White | 82,307 | 39.9% | 1,889 | 21.5% | 590 | 23.4% | 1,680 | 23.7% |
| African American | 70,024 | 34.0% | 3,751 | 42.6% | 1,159 | 45.9% | 2,438 | 34.4% |
| Hispanic | 51,277 | 24.9% | 3,089 | 35.1% | 760 | 30.1% | 2,895 | 40.8% |
| Asian | 1,546 | 0.7% | 47 | 0.5% | 10 | 0.4% | 56 | 0.8% |
| Native American | 98 | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 4 | 0.1% |
| Other | 914 | 0.4% | 24 | 0.3% | 5 | 0.2% | 17 | 0.2% |
| Total | 206,166 | 100% | 8,804 | 100% | 2,524 | 100% | 7,090 | 100% |

Total Traffic Contacts – 2004 to 2008



| RACE | 2008 | | 2007 | | 2006 | | 2005 | | 2004 | |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | Number of contacts | Percent of Total | Number of Contacts | Percent of Total | Number of Contacts | Percent of Total | Number of Contacts | Percent of Total | Number of Contacts | Percent of Total |
| White | 82,307 | 39.9% | 91,187 | 39.6% | 105,589 | 39.5% | 93,249 | 40.3% | 96,066 | 42.5% |
| African American | 70,024 | 34.0% | 79,082 | 34.4% | 95,238 | 35.7% | 77,440 | 33.5% | 74,221 | 32.8% |
| Hispanic | 51,277 | 24.9% | 56,695 | 24.6% | 63,134 | 23.6% | 57,845 | 25.0% | 52,387 | 23.2% |
| Asian | 1,546 | 0.7% | 1,632 | 0.7% | 1,772 | 0.7% | 2,044 | 0.9% | 2,002 | 0.9% |
| Native American | 98 | 0.0% | 95 | 0.0% | 121 | 0.0% | 81 | 0.0% | 143 | 0.1% |
| Other | 914 | 0.4% | 1,395 | 0.6% | 1,240 | 0.5% | 784 | 0.3% | 1,220 | 0.5% |
| Total | 206,166 | 100.0% | 230,086 | 100% | 267,094 | 100% | 231,443 | 100% | 226,039 | 100% |

Five Year Comparison

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Total Searches From Traffic Contacts - Five Year Comparison

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|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | Number of Searches | Percent of Total | Number of Searches | Percent of Total | Number of Searches | Percent of Total | Number of Searches | Percent of Total | Number of Searches | Percent of Total |
| White | 1,889 | 21.5% | 2,534 | 20.1% | 3,058 | 21.5% | 3,822 | 28.8% | 3,916 | 24.6% |
| African American | 3,751 | 42.6% | 5,565 | 44.2% | 6,452 | 45.3% | 4,595 | 34.6% | 6,069 | 38.1% |
| Hispanic | 3,089 | 35.1% | 4,377 | 34.7% | 4,588 | 32.2% | 4,736 | 35.7% | 5,791 | 36.3% |
| Asian | 47 | 0.5% | 77 | 0.6% | 87 | 0.6% | 89 | 0.7% | 113 | 0.7% |
| Native American | 4 | 0.0% | 13 | 0.1% | 21 | 0.1% | 10 | 0.1% | 21 | 0.1% |
| Other | 25 | 0.3% | 34 | 0.3% | 45 | 0.3% | 21 | 0.2% | 33 | 0.2% |
| Total | 8,805 | 100.0% | 12,600 | 100% | 14,251 | 100% | 13,273 | 100% | 15,943 | 100% |

Five Year Comparison

Consensual Searches From Traffic Contacts - Five Year Comparison

| RACE | 2008 | | 2007 | | 2006 | | 2005 | | 2004 | |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | Number of Searches | Percent of Total | Number of Searches | Percent of Total | Number of Searches | Percent of Total | Number of Searches | Percent of Total | Number of Searches | Percent of Total |
| White | 590 | 23.4% | 427 | 20.7% | 411 | 21.1% | 570 | 24.6% | 3,916 | 24.6% |
| African American | 1,159 | 45.9% | 1,078 | 52.2% | 1,056 | 54.3% | 1,138 | 49.1% | 6,069 | 38.1% |
| Hispanic | 760 | 30.1% | 541 | 26.2% | 466 | 24.0% | 597 | 25.8% | 5,791 | 36.3% |
| Asian | 10 | 0.4% | 10 | 0.5% | 7 | 0.4% | 9 | 0.4% | 113 | 0.7% |
| Native American | 0 | 0.0% | 2 | 0.1% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 21 | 0.1% |
| Other | 5 | 0.2% | 7 | 0.3% | 4 | 0.2% | 2 | 0.1% | 33 | 0.2% |
| Total | 2,524 | 100% | 2,065 | 100% | 1,944 | 100% | 2,316 | 100% | 15,943 | 100% |

Custodial Arrests From Traffic Contacts - Five Year Comparison

| RACE | 2008 | | 2007 | | 2006 | | 2005 | | 2004 | |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | Number of Arrests | Percent of Total | Number of Arrests | Percent of Total | Number of Arrests | Percent of Total | Number of Arrests | Percent of Total | Number of Arrests | Percent of Total |
| White | 1,680 | 23.7% | 2,496 | 31.2% | 2,299 | 31.4% | 1,655 | 31.8% | 1,795 | 30.1% |
| African American | 2,438 | 34.4% | 2,716 | 34.0% | 2,469 | 33.7% | 1,389 | 26.7% | 1,545 | 25.9% |
| Hispanic | 2,895 | 40.8% | 2,670 | 33.4% | 2,471 | 33.7% | 2,079 | 40.0% | 2,544 | 42.7% |
| Asian | 56 | 0.8% | 69 | 0.9% | 58 | 0.8% | 57 | 1.1% | 49 | 0.8% |
| Native American | 4 | 0.1% | 7 | 0.1% | 8 | 0.1% | 10 | 0.2% | 5 | 0.1% |
| Other | 17 | 0.2% | 35 | 0.4% | 17 | 0.2% | 11 | 0.2% | 19 | 0.3% |
| Total | 7,090 | 100% | 7,993 | 100% | 7,322 | 100% | 5,201 | 100% | 5,957 | 100% |

Racial Profiling Complaints

- In 2008 the Dallas Police Department made 206,166 documented traffic contacts and responded to 609,515 calls for service.
- Out of these 815,681 documented contacts, only 22 (.002%) resulted in complaints being filed with the Internal Affairs Unit alleging racial profiling.
- 14 of the 22 complaints were determined to be “Unfounded”
- 7 of the 22 complaints were classified as “Not Sustained”
- 1 of the 22 complaints is still pending
- 19 of the allegations came as the result of a traffic stop

External Review of Data

- The Dallas Police Department requested Dr. Eric Fritsch and Dr. Robert Taylor, Department of Criminal Justice, University of North Texas, to review this report.
- Their analysis of DPD report - “Department is in compliance with applicable Texas law on the collection of racial profiling data.”

QUESTIONS