



# Pasadena Police Department

## Interoffice Correspondence



This report is being submitted in compliance with the requirements of Senate Bill 1074, which is commonly referred to as the “Racial Profiling” law. This law lists different data collection and reporting requirements for law enforcement agencies based on their particular situations. According to SB 1074, the Pasadena Police Department must adhere to the requirements described in Article 2.132 (b) (6) and (7). The department is to abide by these specific sections because it has installed mobile video recorders (MVRs) in its marked units that are regularly used to conduct traffic and pedestrian stops.

Article 2.132 (b) (6) basically mandates the collection of certain information regarding any traffic stop in which a citation is issued and/or an arrest is made. If either of these circumstances occurs, it must be documented and must include:

1. the race or ethnicity of the individual detained; and
2. whether a search was conducted and, if so, whether the person detained consented to the search

Article 2.132 (b) (7) requires collected data to be compiled into an annual report and submitted to the agency’s governing body no later than March 1 of the following calendar year for which the data was recorded. Therefore, in compliance with SB 1074 the following information is presented:

<b>Race</b>	<b>Cited Traffic Stops</b>	<b>Traffic Arrests</b>	<b>Number of Searches</b>	<b>Number of Consensual Searches</b>
Caucasian	30,640	1,196	1,178	498
African	2,756	86	84	44
Hispanic	10,822	389	374	137
Asian	278	5	5	2
Native American	4	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,500</b>	<b>1676</b>	<b>1641</b>	<b>681</b>

Provided below is a demographics report for our local population. This information is being presented so that a *rough* comparison can be made between the City of Pasadena's ethnic makeup and the department's 2008 racial profiling data.

<b>Race</b>	<b>Population Ethnicity / Pasadena Chamber of Commerce – 2009 projection</b>	<b>Percent of the Population Stopped and Cited 2008</b>
Caucasian	30.8	68.85%
Hispanic	64.9	24.31%
African	1.6	.061%
Asian	N/A	.006%
Native American	N/A	.00010%

*The above data was obtained from the Pasadena Municipal Court*

There are a variety of reasons for the small differences identified above. Existing variances do not prove, or disprove, the occurrence of racial profiling. This is why the legislature specifically wrote in Senate Bill 1074 Article 2.132 (c) "that data collected as a result of the reporting requirements of this article shall not constitute prima facie evidence of racial profiling". Rather, racial profiling is defined as a law enforcement-initiated action based on an individual's race, ethnicity, or national origin rather than on the individual's behavior or on information identifying the individual as having engaged in criminal activity. *Therefore, racial profiling must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Its presence cannot be assumed simply by looking at lump-sum data.*

There were no complaints of racial profiling filed in 2008 according to the Pasadena Police department Internal Affairs Division.

The Pasadena Police Department supports the position that racial profiling in law enforcement is totally unacceptable. Officers are strictly prohibited from engaging in racial profiling activities and the department takes Racial Profiling complaints very seriously. It is our mandate that the enforcement of all laws will be done in a responsible and professional manner, without regard to race, ethnicity or national origin.