



## Johnson County Sheriff's Office Professional Standards Unit 2013 Vanguard Data Review

In accordance with Johnson County Sheriff's Office policy 2005-04, Non-Biased Policing, the Professional Standards Unit will conduct an annual review of Vanguard data collected from the previous year.

In January, 2013, the Computer Aided Dispatching (CAD) system was upgraded in the Communications Division. In February, 2013, work was initiated to move field units from the IMobile software to the upgraded software, Mobile for Public Safety (MPS). Both the IMobile and MPS software allowed the mobile in-car computers to communicate with the CAD system. This software change was installed in all of the Sheriff's Office field units by late spring, early summer of 2013.

The upgrade of the CAD caused the internal websites that were previously used to review Vanguard data, to stop functioning. Although the website ceased to function; this upgrade did not prevent field units from reporting Vanguard data. The data remained available and work began on restoring the report site as before.

Typically, the annual review of the data by Professional Standards included a review of a spreadsheets compiled by the Vanguard Report. The spreadsheets included information regarding the "Demographic Characteristics of Persons Stopped" and "Disposition of Persons Stopped". Both broke down information by the age, race, ethnicity, gender and county of the Persons Stopped.

In an effort to fulfil the requirements of the review per policy, Professional Standards was provided with condensed data regarding traffic stops conducted by the Johnson County Sheriff's Office. This information included data on total traffic stops, as well as ethnicity data and race data.

The information below was provided by Carter Wetherington, the Mobile Information Systems Administrator, per request for completion of this report.

<b>Total Traffic</b>	<b>9615</b>	
Ethnicity		
<b>Hispanic</b>	521	5.42%
<b>Non-Hispanic</b>	8848	92.02%
<b>Unknown</b>	192	2.00%
Race		
<b>Asian</b>	109	1.13%
<b>Black</b>	586	6.09%
<b>Indian</b>	48	0.50%
<b>White</b>	8615	89.60%
<b>Unknown</b>	229	2.38%

It is the officer's discretion as to what category data is placed.

Traffic includes speeding, equipment failures, etc.

<b>Self-Initiated Activity</b>	<b>435</b>	
Ethnicity		
<b>Hispanic</b>	21	4.83%
<b>Non-Hispanic</b>	150	34.48%
<b>Unknown</b>	267	61.38%
Race		
<b>Asian</b>	3	0.69%
<b>Black</b>	13	2.99%
<b>Indian</b>	1	0.23%
<b>White</b>	146	33.56%
<b>Unknown</b>	272	62.53%

Self-initiated activity usually includes building checks, pedestrian checks, welfare checks, etc.

<b>Calls For Service</b>	<b>182</b>	
Ethnicity		
<b>Hispanic</b>	5	2.75%
<b>Non-Hispanic</b>	91	50.00%
<b>Unknown</b>	86	47.25%
Race		
<b>Asian</b>	0	0.00%
<b>Black</b>	3	1.65%
<b>Indian</b>	0	0.00%
<b>White</b>	90	49.95%
<b>Unknown</b>	89	48.90%

Calls for service are generally those that Dispatch sends a car to and generally does not include traffic.

It should be noted that the numbers for race and ethnicity under the traffic stops do not add up to the total traffic stops. This is due to a change in the mobile software which allows ineffective entries to be made by field staff which made deciphering the data difficult. That being said, the ethnicity portion of the table reflects a difference in count of 54 while the Race portion reflects a different of 28. Even if added to any ethnicity or race group, these numbers would not have a great impact on the percentages shown.

According to Census information of Johnson County available from 2012, the estimated population in the county was 559,913. In 2012, 87.9% of the population of Johnson County was white; 4.8% was black or African-American; 0.5% was American Indian/Alaska Native; 4.5% was Asian; and 7.4% was Hispanic/Latino.

Based upon this information and the review of the collected data from CAD entries, non-biased policing was executed by the Sheriff's Office in the year 2013.

Data collected by Professional Standards included two (2) cases being filed in 2013 for allegations relating to racial remarks. Both cases came from external sources. One case, 13-068, was received

through County HR from the County's Ethics Hotline, regarding an email that was distributed to several members of the Sheriff's Office Civil Unit. The matter was investigated and violations were sustained for Unbecoming Conduct and Information Technology/Communications Usage.

The second case, 13-088, involved an inmate at the Central Booking Facility reportedly hearing someone say a derogatory phrase regarding "Mexicans". The matter was investigated to the fullest extent possible however it could not be determined if the comment was made or by who. The matter was determined to be not sustained.

Professional Standards also investigated a racial complaint in 2014 that stemmed from a traffic accident investigation that occurred in November, 2013. This case, 14-004, involved a 3<sup>rd</sup> party external complaint concerning actions taken by two Johnson County Sheriff's Patrol deputies that the complainant felt was racially motivated. The matter was investigated and no violations were noted. The two officers were exonerated.

Attachments:

Email concerning Vanguard collection of data

Printout of Johnson County QuickFacts from the US Census Bureau

PSU case full details report on 13-068, 13-088, and 14-004.

Respectfully submitted,

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