



# Johnson County Sheriff's Office

## Professional Standards Unit

### 2014 Vanguard Data Review

In accordance with Johnson County Sheriff's Office Policy 2005-04, Racial or Biased-Based Policing, the Professional Standards Unit will conduct an annual review of Vanguard data collected from the previous year. The data is to include data related to all self-initiated motor vehicle stops, pedestrian checks or vehicle searches.

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 ethnicity and race data on total traffic stops and self-initiated activity, as well as calls for service involving suspicious actions and/or vehicles.

The following information was provided by CAD Administrator Carter Wetherington, per request for completion of this report.

<b>Total Traffic</b>	<b>9224</b>	
Ethnicity		
<b>Hispanic</b>	497	5.39%
<b>Non-Hispanic</b>	8635	93.61%
<b>Unknown</b>	92	1.00%
Race		
<b>Asian</b>	154	1.67%
<b>Black</b>	659	7.14%
<b>Indian</b>	91	0.50%
<b>White</b>	7951	86.20%
<b>Unknown</b>	342	3.71%

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

Traffic includes speeding, other traffic violations, equipment failures, etc.

<b>Self-Initiated Activity</b>	<b>9328</b>	
Ethnicity		
<b>Hispanic</b>	511	5.48%
<b>Non-Hispanic</b>	8718	93.46%
<b>Unknown</b>	99	1.06%
Race		
<b>Asian</b>	158	1.69%
<b>Black</b>	667	7.15%
<b>Indian</b>	234	2.51%
<b>White</b>	8023	86.01%
<b>Unknown</b>	394	4.22%

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

<b>Calls For Service</b>	<b>60</b>	
Ethnicity		
<b>Hispanic</b>	3	5.00%
<b>Non-Hispanic</b>	54	90.00%
<b>Unknown</b>	3	5.00%
Race		
<b>Asian</b>	1	1.67%
<b>Black</b>	2	3.33%
<b>Indian</b>	0	0.00%
<b>White</b>	53	88.33%
<b>Unknown</b>	4	6.67%

Calls for service are generally those that Dispatch sends a car to that generally involves suspicious actions or suspicious vehicles.

According to Census information pertaining to Johnson County, the estimated population for 2013 was 566,933. Further, in Johnson County, the Census information indicated that 87.8% of the population was white; 4.9 % was black or African-American; 0.4% was American Indian/Alaska Native; 4.6% 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 2014.

Data collected by Professional Standards included six cases being filed in 2014 for allegations of racial profiling or racial discrimination. One case occurred in 2013 but was not reported until 2014. Four cases involved Patrol staff; one involved Civil staff; and one involved a staff member from the Training Division while working an extra duty assignment. There were eight different Deputies involved in the complaints. The following information pertains to the cases involving allegations of racial profiling or racial discrimination:

- **14-004** – Complainant reported a family member was arrested and drug tested after being involved in an accident, due to race. This case involved two Patrol Deputies. Complainant was offered the opportunity to review video of the contact. After the review, the complainant was not convinced the matter was racially motivated and had a greater understanding of the actions taken by the Deputies. Case was EXONERATED.
- **14-020** – Complainant was contacted at the conclusion of a DUI impact panel after another attendee reported their belief that the complainant had been drinking. Complainant felt contact with law enforcement was due to race. The involved Deputy self-reported the contact and the matter was investigated. When contacted, the complainant indicated he did not want to make a complaint and wanted to “leave it alone.” Facts of the contact were explained to the complainant. Case was EXONERATED.
- **14-022** – Complainant reported during a traffic stop that he was stopped for speeding because of his race. Deputy self-reported the complaint. The complainant was offered opportunity to review available video. After viewing the video, complainant still disputed the reason for the stop. Case was UNFOUNDED.
- **14-059** – Complainant reported during a traffic stop that she was stopped for speeding because of her race. Involved Deputy notified his supervisor of the complaint, which involved a second

Deputy who was running radar. A disposition letter was sent to the complainant with an explanation and opportunity to question or review the information. No response from the complainant was received. Case was UNFOUNDED.

- **14-091** – Complainant reported contact with law enforcement was due to his race. Video review of the matter was offered to complainant but he declined. Case was UNFOUNDED.
- **14-092** – Complainant reported he was stopped for speeding because of his race. Attempts to offer a video review of the stop were never answered by the complainant. Case was UNFOUNDED.

Respectfully submitted,

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