



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 11th, 2025

TITLE:

Receive Annual Racial Profiling Presentation from the City of Bastrop Police Department.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

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BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The City of Bastrop Police Department previously and is currently, contracting with Alex del Carman Ph.D. of Del Carmen Consulting to assist in the review and analysis of the department's annual racial profiling report.

The Texas Legislature, with the intent of addressing the issue of racial profiling in policing, enacted in 2001, the Texas Racial Profiling Law. During the past year, the City of Bastrop Police Department, in accordance with the law, has collected and reported traffic and motor vehicle-related contact data for the purpose of identifying and addressing (if necessary) areas of concern regarding racial profiling practices. In the 2009 Texas legislative session, the Racial Profiling Law was modified, and additional requirements were implemented. Moreover, in 2017, the Sandra Bland Act was passed and signed into law (along with HB 3051 which introduced new racial and ethnic designations). The Sandra Bland Law requires that law enforcement agencies in the state collect additional data and provide a more detailed analysis. All these requirements have been met by the Bastrop Police Department and are included in this report. This report includes statistical data relevant to contacts (as defined by the law) which were made during motor vehicle stops that took place between 1/1/24 and 12/31/24.

In accordance with Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 2.134 "Compilation and Analysis of Information Collected", the chief administrator of a local law enforcement agency shall provide a Racial Profiling Report to the municipal governing body for the incident-based data compiled during the previous year no later than March 1st of each year. The City of Bastrop Police Department Policy & Procedure Manual, Section 2.2 "Bias Based Policing" also requires that a Racial Profiling Report is reported to the City Council annually.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NA

RECOMMENDATION:

NA

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Power Point Presentation
2. 2024 City of Bastrop Police Department Racial Profiling Report (Del Carmen Consulting)