

DALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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I. Policy

It is the policy of the Dalton Police Department to ensure that ~~illegal profiling~~ biased-based policing or discrimination is not practiced by any member of the Department. This type of ~~profiling~~ bias or discrimination is legally, morally, and ethically wrong. All members of the Department shall treat all citizens in an equitable, fair, and legal manner during all contacts.

II. Definition

~~Bias-based Profiling~~ – Any law enforcement activity initiated solely on a common trait of a group. This includes, but is not limited to, race, ethnic background, gender, sexual orientation, religion, economic status, age, cultural group, or any other identifiable group.

Biased Policing – The application of police authority based on a common trait of a group. This includes, but is not limited to, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, age, gender, gender identity / expression, sexual orientation, immigration status, disability, housing status, occupation, or language fluency.

III. Procedure

A. Officers shall not engage in ~~bias-based profiling~~ biased policing or any type of illegal discrimination practice during citizen encounters, including, but not limited to:

1. Traffic contacts
2. Field contacts
3. Searches
- 4.3. Asset seizure and forfeiture efforts

B. Officers may consider traits that are commonly shared within a group when making a citizen contact only when they possess reliable information that is likely to lead to the detection of an individual who is suspected of a specific crime **or a pattern of incidents in a particular area.**

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- C. Officers that participate in ~~bias-based profiling~~ biased policing or discrimination practices are subject to disciplinary action up to and including ~~dismissal~~ termination. All corrective measures shall be handled in accordance with policy GO88-2.14, Rules of Conduct. Officers who participate in these types of activities may also face civil and criminal liability. ~~Bias-based profiling~~ Biased policing or and any form of discrimination cannot and will shall not be tolerated.
- D. The Department shall provide initial training and annual training on ~~bias-based profiling~~ biased policing and discrimination practices, including the legal aspects, to all sworn employees.
- E. The Support Services Division Commander shall complete a documented annual administrative review of ~~Agency~~ Department practices, and including citizen concerns and any corrective measures taken in regards to ~~bias-based profiling~~ biased policing, and submit his / her findings to the Chief of Police.

This policy supersedes any previous policies issued.

BY ORDER OF

CHIEF OF POLICE

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