

Weatherford City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: February 22, 2022 Staff Contact: Lance Arnold, Director of Public

Safety

Item Number: 2022-92-AR **Phone:** 817-598-4310

SUBJECT: Receive the Weatherford Police Department's 2021 Racial Profiling Analysis and Report.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Article 2.132-2.134 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure (CCP) requires the annual reporting to the local governing body of data collected on motor vehicle stops in which a ticket, citation, or warning was issued and to arrests made as a result of those stops, in addition to data collection and reporting requirements. Article 2.134 of the CCP directs that "a comparative analysis of the information compiled under 2.133" be conducted, with specific attention to the below areas:

- 1. evaluate and compare the number of motor vehicle stops, within the applicable jurisdiction, of persons who are recognized as racial or ethnic minorities and persons who are not recognized as racial or ethnic minorities
- 2. examine the disposition of motor vehicle stops made by officers employed by the agency, categorized according to the race or ethnicity of affected persons, as appropriate, including any searches resulting from stops within the applicable jurisdiction;
- 3. evaluate and compare the number of searches resulting from motor vehicle stops within the applicable jurisdiction and whether contraband or other evidence was discovered in the course of those searches; and
- 4. information relating to each complaint filed with the agency alleging that a peace officer employed by the agency has engaged in racial profiling.

The analysis of material and data from the Weatherford Police Department revealed the following:

- A comprehensive review of the Weatherford Police Department regulations, specifically Policy 401 outlining the department's policy concerning bias-based profiling, shows that the Weatherford Police Department is fully in compliance with Article 2.132 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.
- A review of the information presented and supporting documentation reveals that the Weatherford Police Department is fully in compliance with Texas law on training and education regarding racial profiling.
- A review of the documentation produced by the department in both print and electronic form reveals that the
 department is fully in compliance with applicable Texas law on the racial profiling complaint process and
 public education about the complaint process.
- Analysis of the data reveals that the department is fully in compliance with applicable Texas law on the collection of racial profiling data.
- The Weatherford Police Department is fully in compliance with applicable Texas law concerning the reporting of information to TCOLE.
- The Weatherford Police Department is fully in compliance with applicable Texas law regarding CCP Articles 2.132-2.134.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

SUGGESTED ACTION

No action needed.

ATTACHMENTS

• 2021 Racial Profiling Report Weatherford PD