# MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Bureau of Internal Oversight Audits and Inspections Unit



Post-stop Ethnicity Inspection - July 2024
Inspection Report# BI2024-0105

The Audits and Inspections Unit (AIU) of the Sheriff's Office Bureau of Internal Oversight (BIO) will conduct monthly inspections of the Post-Stop Perceived Ethnicity of drivers and passengers listed on the Vehicle Stop Contact Forms (VSCF) within the TraCS database. To achieve this, inspectors will utilize a list of Hispanic surnames provided by the United States Census Bureau and a random sample of Body-Worn Camera videos from each selected Hispanic driver. These entries will be uniformly inspected utilizing a matrix developed by the Audits and Inspections Unit in accordance with the procedures outlined in policies, EB-1, EB-2, GJ-35, CP-2, CP-5, and CP-8.

### **Compliance Objectives:**

Utilizing the Post-Stop Perceived Ethnicity Inspection Matrix, review each selected Body Worn Camera video to ensure the following during July 2024:

- Drivers with Hispanic surnames identified as "White"
- Hispanic surname drivers with Passenger Post-Stop Perceived Ethnicity listed as "Unknown-Vision Obstructed"
- Hispanic drivers with Passenger Post-Stop Perceived Ethnicity Identified

#### Criteria:

MCSO Policy EB-1, Traffic Enforcement, Violator Contacts, and Citation Issuance
MCSO Policy EB-2, Traffic Stop Data Collection
MCSO Policy GJ-35, Body-Worn Cameras
MCSO Policy CP-2, Code of Conduct
MCSO Policy CP-5, Truthfulness
MCSO Policy CP-8, Preventing Racial and Other Bias-Based Profiling

#### **Conditions:**

Collectively there were a total of 1811 traffic stops made during the month of July 2024, of which 295 traffic stops met the inspection criteria:

- 44 of the 295 traffic stops identified drivers with Hispanic surnames as "White."
- 2 of the 295 traffic stops had Hispanic surname drivers with Passenger Post Perceived Ethnicity listed as "Unknown-Vision Obstructed."
- 249 of the 295 traffic stops had Hispanic drivers with identified Passenger Post-Stop Perceived Ethnicity.

Out of 295 traffic stops the MCSO reviewed a total random sample of 25 traffic stops. These traffic stops included:

- 1) 10 stops for Hispanic surname drivers identified as "White"
- 2) 2 stops for Hispanic surname drivers with Passenger Post Perceived Ethnicity listed as "Unknown-Vision Obstructed"
- 3) 10 stops for Hispanic drivers with Passenger Post-Stop Perceived Ethnicity Identified

In all inspections, a "reasonable person" standard was utilized by inspectors.

MCSO achieved a compliance rate of **100**% in the Post-Stop Ethnicity Inspection for July 2024, as illustrated in the graph below:



The compliance rate of each inspection element is illustrated in the table below:

No deficiencies were noted during the inspection.

Inspection Elements	Not In Compliance	In Compliance	Total Not Verifiable	Total Inspected	Compliance Rate
Drivers with Hispanic surnames identified as "White" on VSCF: Deputy's perception is consistent with inspector (review of BWC)	0	10	0	10	100.00%
Hispanic surname drivers with passengers listed as "Unknown-Vision Obstructed": Deputy's perception is consistent with inspector (review of BWC)	0	2	0	2	100.00%
Hispanic drivers with Passenger Post Stop Ethnicity identified: Deputy's perception is consistent with inspector (review of BWC)	0	10	0	10	100.00%
Overall Compliance with inspection requirements	0	22	0	22	100.00%

## **Action Required:**

With the resulting **100%** compliance for *Inspection BI2024-0105*, no BIO Action Forms are required.

Date Inspection Started: 07/05/2024

Date Completed: 07/18/2024

Timeframe Inspected: 06/01/2024 – 06/30/2024

Assigned Inspector(s): Ronda Jamieson B3178

I have reviewed this inspection report.

Lt. Brian Arthur S1806

Date

8/21/2024

Lieutenant. T. Brian Arthur S1806 Commander, Audits & Inspections Unit

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