# **MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Bureau of Internal Oversight Audits and Inspections Unit



## Post-stop Ethnicity Inspection - December 2024 Inspection Report# BI2024-0174

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 December 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 1708 traffic stops made during the month of December 2024, of which 222 traffic stops met the inspection criteria:

- 48 of the 222 traffic stops identified drivers with Hispanic surnames as "White."
- 5 of the 222 traffic stops had Hispanic surname drivers with Passenger Post Perceived Ethnicity listed as "Unknown-Vision Obstructed."
- 169 of the 222 traffic stops had Hispanic drivers with identified Passenger Post-Stop Perceived Ethnicity.

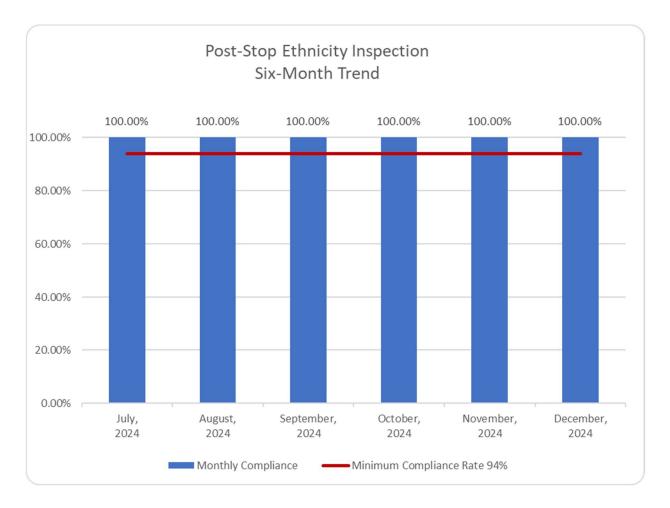
Out of 222 traffic stops the MCSO reviewed a total random sample of 25 traffic stops. These traffic stops included:

- 1) 10 stops for Hispanic surname drivers identified as "White"
- 5 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

It should be noted that of the 25 traffic stops selected for review, one was not verifiable.

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 December 2024, as illustrated in the graph below:



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

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	4	1	4	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	24	1	24	100.00%

#### Action Required:

With the resulting **<u>100%</u>** compliance for *Inspection BI2024-0174*, no BIO Action Forms are required.

Date Inspection Started:	01/06/2025
Date Completed:	01/13/2025
Timeframe Inspected:	December 1 – 31, 2024
Assigned Inspector(s):	Auditor Dave Paul, B5459
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I have reviewed this inspection report.

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01/15/2025

Date

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