

MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Bureau of Internal Oversight

Audits and Inspections Unit



Passenger Contact Inspection: February 2022

Inspection Report # BI2022-0028

The Audits and Inspections Unit (AIU) of the Sheriff's Office Bureau of Internal Oversight (BIO) conducts passenger contact inspections on a monthly basis to ensure proper supervision, adherence with MCSO policies, compliance with the Melendres Order and established local and federal law. A total of 35 traffic stops are selected each month for review. To achieve inspection results the inspector will utilize the Vehicle Stop Contact Form, Citation/Warning, Incidental Contact Receipt, CAD printout, JWI Printout (if applicable) AIU-designed Matrix, Inspection Report Template Form, and Body Worn Camera footage files.

Inspection BI2022-0028 examines traffic stops with passenger contact documented on the Vehicle Stop Contact Forms contained in the TraCS database, for the time period of 2/1/2022 to 2/28/2022. To accomplish this task TraCS data was examined for those traffic stops with passenger contact documented on the Vehicle Stop Contact Forms for this period. These stops have been uniformly inspected utilizing a matrix developed by the Audits and Inspections Unit in accordance with the procedures outlined in policy and the AIU Operations Manual. In the inspection, a "reasonable person" standard will be utilized by inspectors.

Compliance Objectives:

- Did the deputy identify any passenger(s) by name, DOB, or ask investigative questions?
- Did the deputy complete a citation, warning or incidental contact form for each individual who was identified by name, DOB, or asked investigative questions?
- Did the deputy provide a copy of the citation, warning or incidental contact form to each individual who was identified by name, DOB, or asked investigative questions?
- If a passenger was contacted, did it cause the stop to be extended longer than necessary, if yes was the reason indicated on the VSCF?

Criteria:

- MCSO Policy EA-11, Arrest Procedures
- MCSO Policy EB-1, Traffic Enforcement, Violator Contacts, and Citation Issuance
- MCSO Policy EB-2, Traffic Stop Data Collection
- MCSO Policy GJ-3, Search and Seizure
- MCSO Policy GJ-35, Body-Worn Cameras

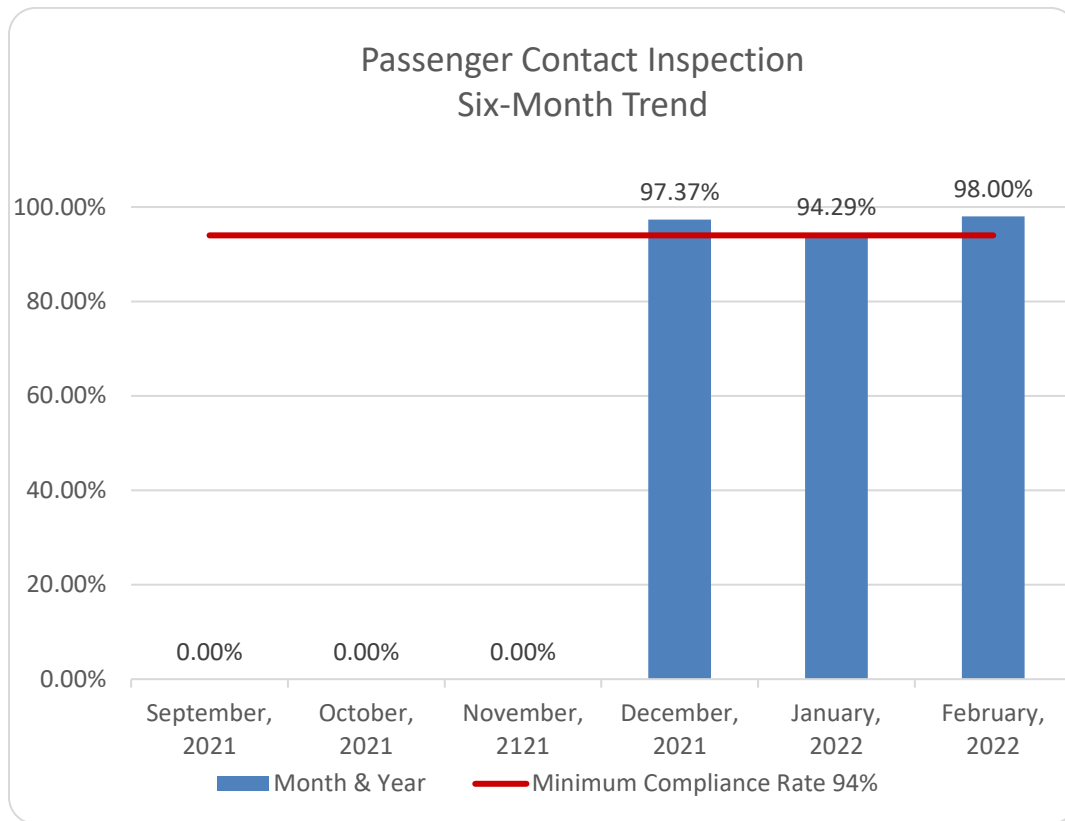
Conditions:

The MCSO reviewed 26 of 28 traffic stops made during the month of February 2022 with passenger contact documented on the Vehicle Stop Contact Forms. Two traffic stops with passenger contact documented on the Vehicle Stop Contact Form were also selected for review in the traffic stop inspection. These traffic stops were omitted from this inspection in accordance with the methodology. Additionally, while 10 of the 35 are to be selected for Body-Worn Camera review, it should be noted the inspector viewed two additional videos for clarification purposes, for a total of 12 traffic stops selected for Body-Worn Camera review.

Results:

Each traffic stop will be counted as one inspection and all applicable matrix criteria inspection points will factor into an over-all compliance score. In this inspection, there were only 26 traffic stops that met the criteria for inspection. Each traffic stop utilized four matrix criteria inspection points for a total of 104 potential matrix criteria inspection points. From the total of 104 potential inspection points those determined to be Not Applicable (N/A) or not verifiable will be removed from the overall compliance percentage. For example, this month there were 52 inspection points determined to be N/A and 2 inspection points that were not verifiable, resulting in 50 total inspection points.

The compliance rates of the provided traffic stop sample, utilizing the four matrix criteria inspection points, resulted in an overall average compliance rate of **98.00%** for February of 2022, as illustrated in the graph below.



Note: The six-month trend shows 0% for the previous three months because this is the third month for this report.

Results of the review of traffic stops with passenger contact documented on the Vehicle Stop Contact Form:

Inspection Elements	In Compliance	Not In Compliance	Not Verifiable	N/A	Total Inspected	Compliance Rate
Did the deputy identify any passenger(s) by name, DOB, or ask investigative questions?	13	0	0	13	13	100.00%
Did the deputy complete a citation, warning or incidental contact form for each individual who was identified by name, DOB, or asked investigative questions?	12	1	0	13	13	92.31%
Did the deputy provide a copy of the citation, warning or incidental contact form to each individual who was identified by name, DOB, or ask investigative questions?	10	0	2	14	10	100.00%
If a passenger was contacted, did it cause the stop to be extended longer than necessary, if yes was the reason indicated on the VSCF?	14	0	0	12	14	100.00%
Overall Compliance with inspection requirements	49	1	2	52	50	98.00%

Conclusion:

Of the potential 104 matrix criteria inspection points there were 50 inspection points used to determine the compliance ratio. There was one deficiency, resulting in a **98.00%** compliance rate for February 2022. **It should be noted that since this is a new inspection no BIO action forms will be issued for this inspection for deficiencies identified.**

Action Required:

AIU will provide the inspection report to the affected Divisions to address the following stops and non-compliance deficiencies via the Bio Action Form Process: **Since this is a new inspection no BIO action forms will be issued for this inspection for deficiencies identified, as noted above.**

Lake Patrol:

Compliance Deficiency

District	MC#	Employee	Supervisor	Commander
Lakes	MC22031040	Deputy	Sergeant	Captain
Deputy did not issue a citation, warning, or incidental contact form for each individual who was identified by name, DOB, or asked investigative questions. (Policy EB-1.12) Inspector Notes: The deputy requested and obtained a driver’s license from a passenger but failed to complete an ICR. The deputy incorrectly indicated "no" on the VSCF regarding identification of the passenger.				

Date Inspection Started: 3/7/2022
 Date Completed: 3/21/2022
 Timeframe Inspected: 2/1/2022 – 2/28/2022
 Assigned Inspector(s): Auditor Dave Paul B5459

I have reviewed this inspection report.

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4/27/2022

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Date