

Biased Based / Racial Profiling – Annual Report



Year Ending 2013

Each January, the Administrative Sergeant shall review the Department's effort to prevent bias-based profiling and submit an overview. This report is the overview of the department's effort and compliance within state law and department policy.

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Bias-based policing is described as the inappropriate reliance on race, ethnicity or national origin as a factor in deciding whether to take law enforcement action or to provide service.

According to state law (RCW 43.101.410), Local law enforcement agencies shall:

(1) Local law enforcement agencies shall comply with the recommendations of the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs regarding racial profiling, as set forth under (a) through (f) of this subsection. Local law enforcement agencies shall:

- (a) Adopt a written policy designed to condemn and prevent racial profiling;
- (b) Review and audit their existing procedures, practices, and training to ensure that they do not enable or foster the practice of racial profiling;
- (c) Continue training to address the issues related to racial profiling. Officers should be trained in how to better interact with persons they stop so that legitimate police actions are not misperceived as racial profiling;
- (d) Ensure that they have in place a citizen complaint review process that can adequately address instances of racial profiling. The process must be accessible to citizens and must be fair. Officers found to be engaged in racial profiling must be held accountable through the appropriate disciplinary procedures within each department;
- (e) Work with the minority groups in their community to appropriately address the issue of racial profiling; and
- (f) Within fiscal constraints, collect demographic data on traffic stops and analyze that data to ensure that racial profiling is not occurring.

(2) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs shall coordinate with the criminal justice training commission to ensure that issues related to racial profiling are addressed in basic law enforcement training and offered in regional training for in-service law enforcement officers at all levels.

(3) Local law enforcement agencies shall report all information required under this section to the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs.

The Lake Forest Park Police Department (LFPPD) has established a policy for Biased Based Policing. The LFPPD utilizes the Lexipol Policy system and adopted policy §402, which covers Bias-Based Profiling. According to the LFPPD Policy §402, the purpose of this policy is to ensure that employees of the Lake Forest Park Police Department do not engage in bias-based policing or violate any related laws while serving the community.



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The LFPPD strives to provide law enforcement to our community with due regard to the racial, cultural or other differences of those it serves. It is the policy of this department to provide law enforcement services and to enforce the law equally and fairly without discrimination toward any individual or group.

The LFPPD has a citizen complaint review process that can adequately address instances of racial profiling. The process is accessible to the citizens and is fair. Officers found to be engaged in racial profiling are held accountable through the appropriate disciplinary procedures within police department policy §1020.

According to policy §402.4.2 (BUSINESS CARDS), officers shall provide a business card upon request. The business card shall contain identifying information. **There have been no complaints for failure to provide business cards upon request for the year 2013 by any members of this department.**

In policy §402.6 (ADMINISTRATION), each January, the Administrative Sergeant shall review the Department's effort to prevent bias-based profiling and submit an overview, including any minority or other public input, to the Chief of Police. This overview should not contain any identifying information regarding any specific complaint, citizen or officer. **In 2013, no reports or investigations were conducted in regards to minority or racially based incidents.**

According to §402.7 (TRAINING), all members of this department are encouraged to familiarize themselves with and consider racial and cultural differences among members of the community and shall attend training on the subject of bias- based policing. Each member of this department will thereafter be required to complete an approved refresher training every five years or sooner if deemed necessary, in order to keep current with changing community trends.

The LFPPD has a 5 year rotation of racially based training given to all members of the police department. **The last major training was conducted in 2012 with all members attending the training with the exception of one officer.** This officer is a lateral new hire in 2013 and records show he had racially based training in April of 2002. The officer will be scheduled for racially based training in the coming year.

The LFPPD maintains a record management system and collects demographic data on traffic stops and analyzes that data to ensure that racial profiling is not occurring. Below is the available data related to traffic stops, including demographic data:



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TICKETS ISSUED

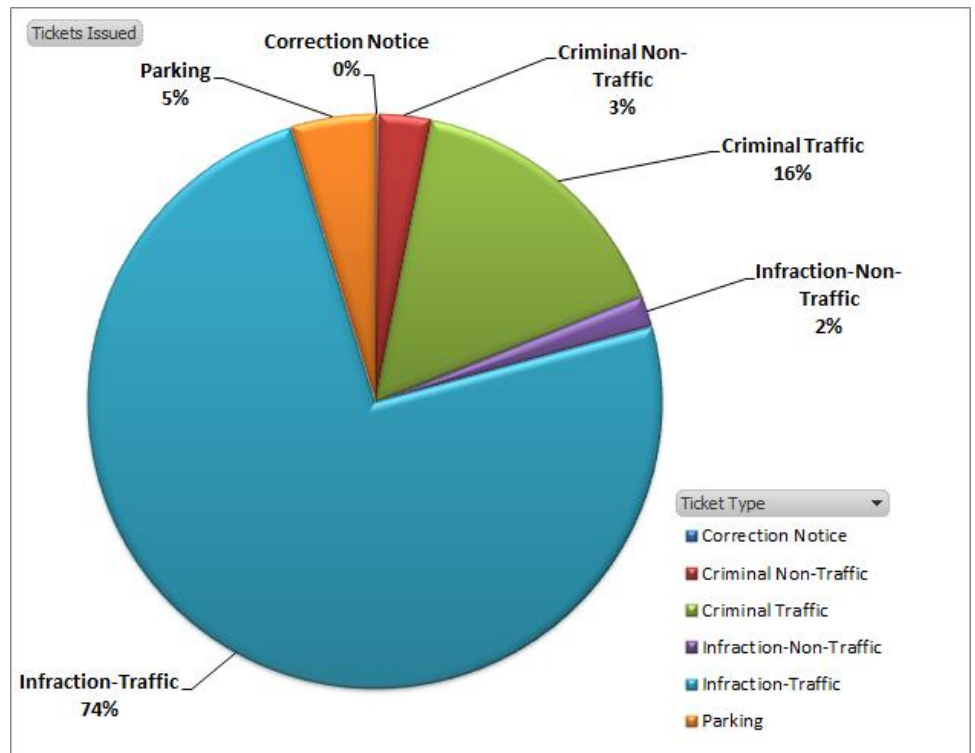
In the year 2013, **1560** tickets were issued.

Tickets are broken down into 4 sections as follows:

- Correction Notices
- Criminal (Traffic and Non-Traffic)
- Infractions (Traffic and Non-Traffic)
- Parking

| Type | Tickets Issued |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Correction Notice | 3 |
| Criminal Non-Traffic | 46 |
| Criminal Traffic | 248 |
| Infraction-Non-Traffic | 27 |
| Infraction-Traffic | 1162 |
| Parking | 74 |
| Grand Total | 1560 |

74% of the tickets issued are traffic infractions and 16% are criminal traffic citations





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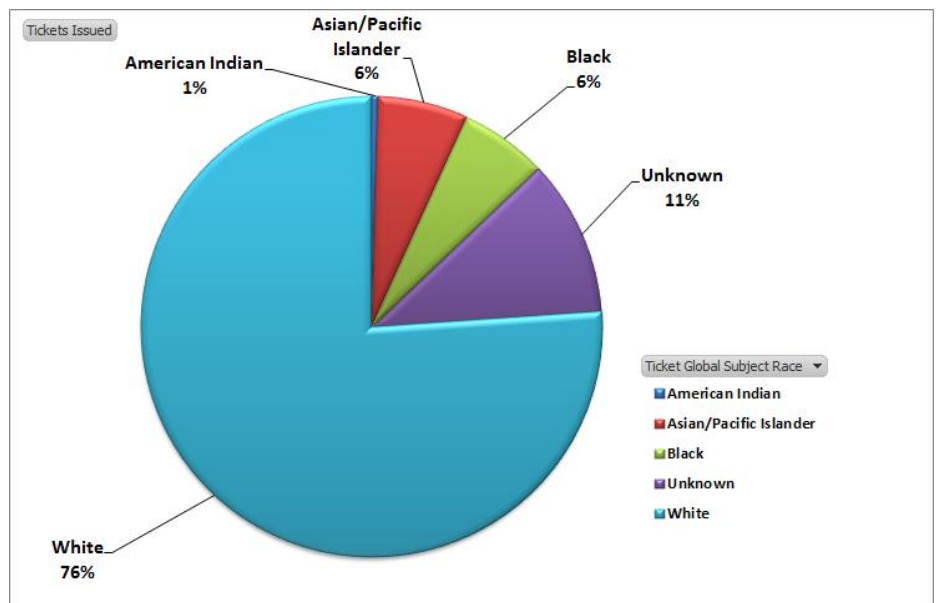
TICKETS ISSUED BY RACE

The records management system breaks down race into 5 sections as follows:

- American Indian
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Black
- Unknown
- White

| Race | Tickets Issued |
|------------------------|----------------|
| American Indian | 7 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 99 |
| Black | 96 |
| Unknown | 171 |
| White | 1187 |
| Grand Total | 1560 |

In 2013, 76% of tickets issued were to white individuals, with the remaining racial description generally distributed between the majority of minority races.





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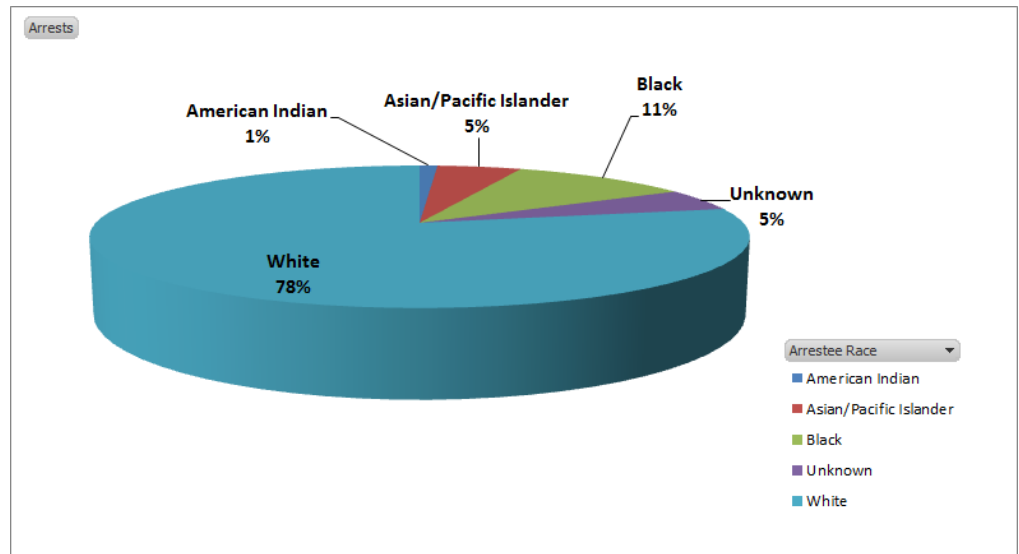
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ARRESTS BY RACE

In 2013, **282** arrests were made.

| Race | Arrests |
|------------------------|------------|
| American Indian | 3 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 14 |
| Black | 30 |
| Unknown | 14 |
| White | 221 |
| Grand Total | 282 |

In 2013, **78%** of suspects arrested were to white individuals, with **11%** black and the remaining less than 5%.





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POPULATION and DEMOGRAPHICS

According to the 2008-2012 U.S. Census data (ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates), in 2013, 86.10% of the population in Lake Forest Park were White, 6.80% were Asian and 1.50% Black. 2.00% of the population identified with some other race.

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| Total population (WA) | 6,738,714 | |
| White | 5,304,684 | 78.70% |
| Black or African American | 238,255 | 3.50% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 93,416 | 1.40% |
| Asian | 484,047 | 7.20% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 39,246 | 0.60% |
| Some other race | 305,835 | 4.50% |
| Total population (King County) | 1,940,777 | |
| White | 1,356,608 | 69.90% |
| Black or African American | 118,815 | 6.10% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 14,772 | 1.40% |
| Asian | 282,493 | 14.60% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 14,554 | 0.70% |
| Some other race | 67,270 | 3.50% |
| Total population (LFP) | 12,718 | |
| White | 10,950 | 86.10% |
| Black or African American | 192 | 1.50% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 21 | 0.20% |
| Asian | 869 | 6.80% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 22 | 0.20% |
| Some other race | 255 | 2.00% |

Source:

<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/530001k.html>



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TRAFFIC VOLUME

The City of Lake Forest Park has two State Routes, SR522 (Bothell Way NE) and SR104 (Ballinger Way NE). According to the State of Washington Department of Transportation Trips System ANNUAL TRAFFIC REPORT, in 2012, there is an average daily traffic volume of 37,000 vehicles on SR522 before SR104 and 46,000 vehicles after SR104. In 2012, there is an average daily traffic volume of 17,000 vehicles between SR522 and the city limits.

Average Daily Traffic Volume

| <u>State Route</u> | <u>Daily</u> | <u>Weekly</u> |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| SR522 | 37,000 | 259,000 |
| SR104 | 17,000 | 119,000 |

Source:

[http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/mapsdata/travel/pdf/Annual Traffic Report 2012.pdf](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/mapsdata/travel/pdf/Annual_Traffic_Report_2012.pdf)

In conclusion, the Lake Forest Park Police Department (LFPPD) has established a policy for Biased Based Policing. In review of existing procedures and practices, there is no indication of a system or practice of racial profiling.

Respectfully Submitted: Sergeant Mike Harden, Lake Forest Park Police Department