

Biased Based / Racial Profiling – Annual Report



Year Ending 2016

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 racial- or bias-based profiling or violate any related laws while serving the community.



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The Lake Forest Park Police Department (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 §1017.

According to policy §402.31 (OTHER PROFILING PROHIBITED), officers shall not use an individual or group's attire, appearance or mode of transportation, including the fact that an individual rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related paraphernalia, as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest or search a person or vehicle with or without a legal basis. **There have been no complaints or reported incidents for the year 2016 by any members of this department.**

According to policy §402.4.2 (REPORTING TRAFFIC STOPS), Each time an officer issues a notice of infraction or criminal citation, the officer shall make a reasonable effort to identify the race of the violator and document that demographic data in Sector and/or the departments records management system. **In 2016, 1122 tickets were issued.** Officers identified the race of those violators on the ticket with the exception of 107 (9%) tickets issued with unknown race.

In policy §402.7 (ADMINISTRATION), each year, the Operations Captain shall review the efforts of the Department to prevent racial or bias-based profiling and submit an overview, including public concerns and complaints, to the Chief of Police. This report should not contain any identifying information regarding any specific complaint, citizen or officers. **In 2016, 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 be required to complete an approved refresher training course every five years, or sooner if deemed necessary, in order to keep current with changing community trends (RCW 43.101.410(c)).

In 2015, the LFPPD moved from a 5-year rotation of racially based training given to all members of the police department to annual training. **All staff attended biased based policing training in September 2016 keeping in compliance at year-end 2016.** This class was sponsored by the Coalition of Small Police Agencies (CSPA). This year's class was "Because of the Color of their Skin" presented by Wayne Perryman.



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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:

TICKETS ISSUED

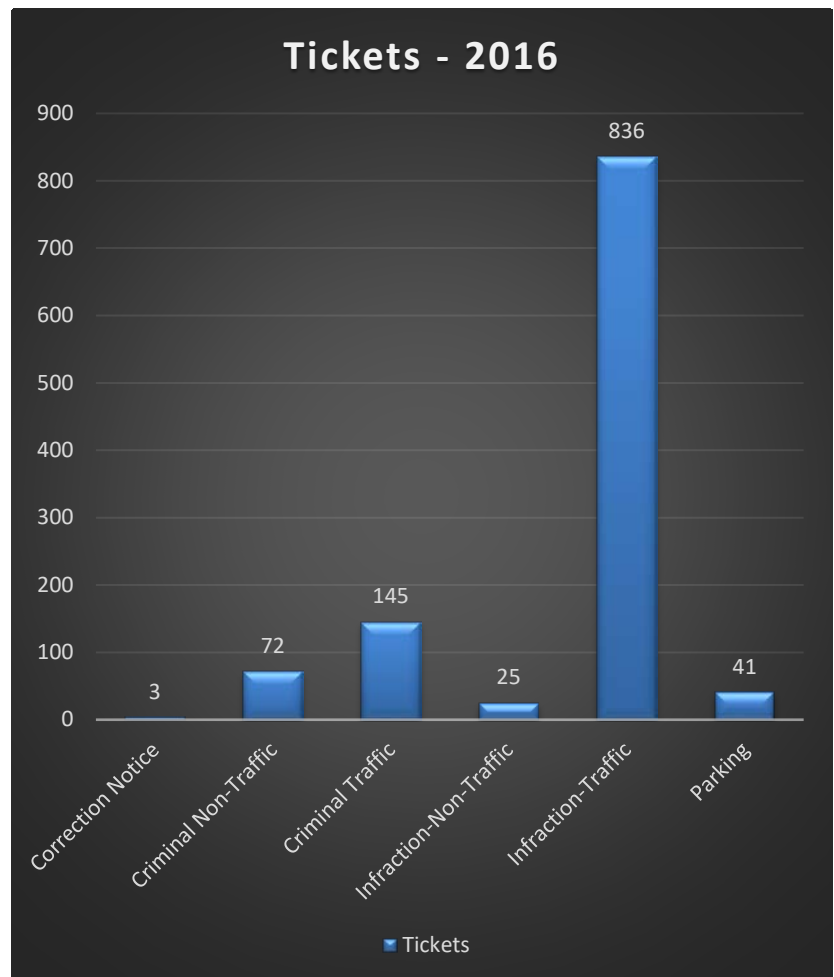
In the year 2016, **1122** tickets were issued.

Tickets are broken down into 4 sections as follows:

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

<i>Type of Tickets</i>	
<i>Correction Notice</i>	3
<i>Criminal Non-Traffic</i>	72
<i>Criminal Traffic</i>	145
<i>Infraction-Non-Traffic</i>	25
<i>Infraction-Traffic</i>	836
<i>Parking</i>	41
Total	1122

75% of the tickets issued are traffic infractions and 13% are criminal traffic citations





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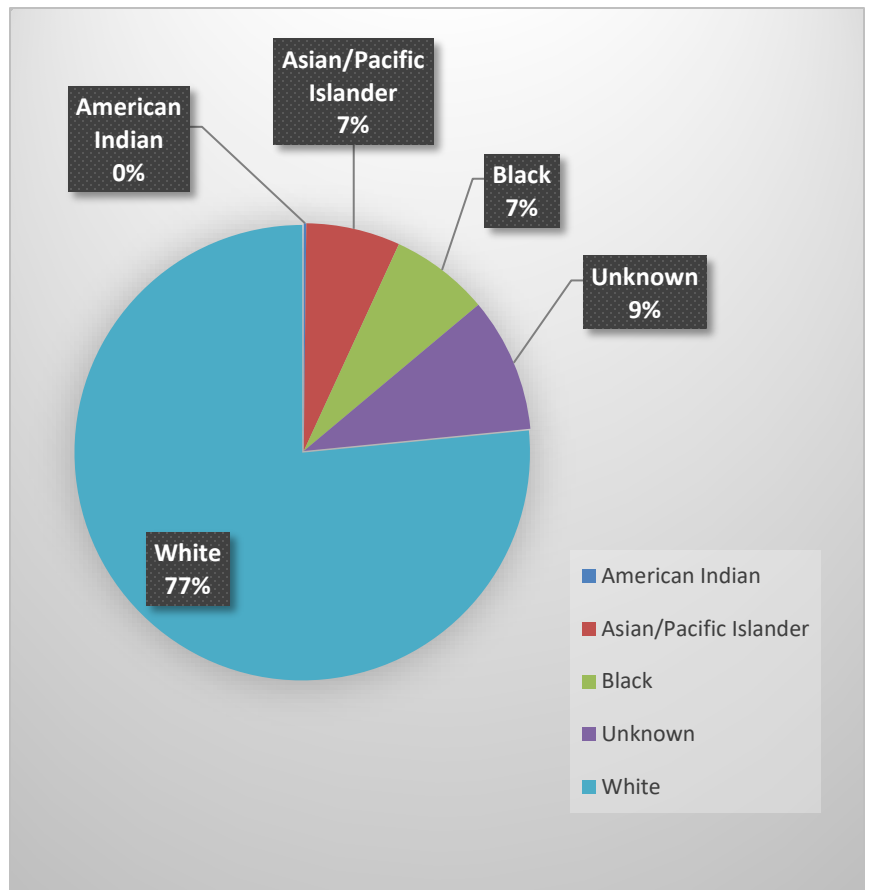
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TICKETS ISSUED BY RACE

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

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

In 2016, 77% of tickets issued were white individuals, with the remaining racial description generally distributed between the majorities of minority races.





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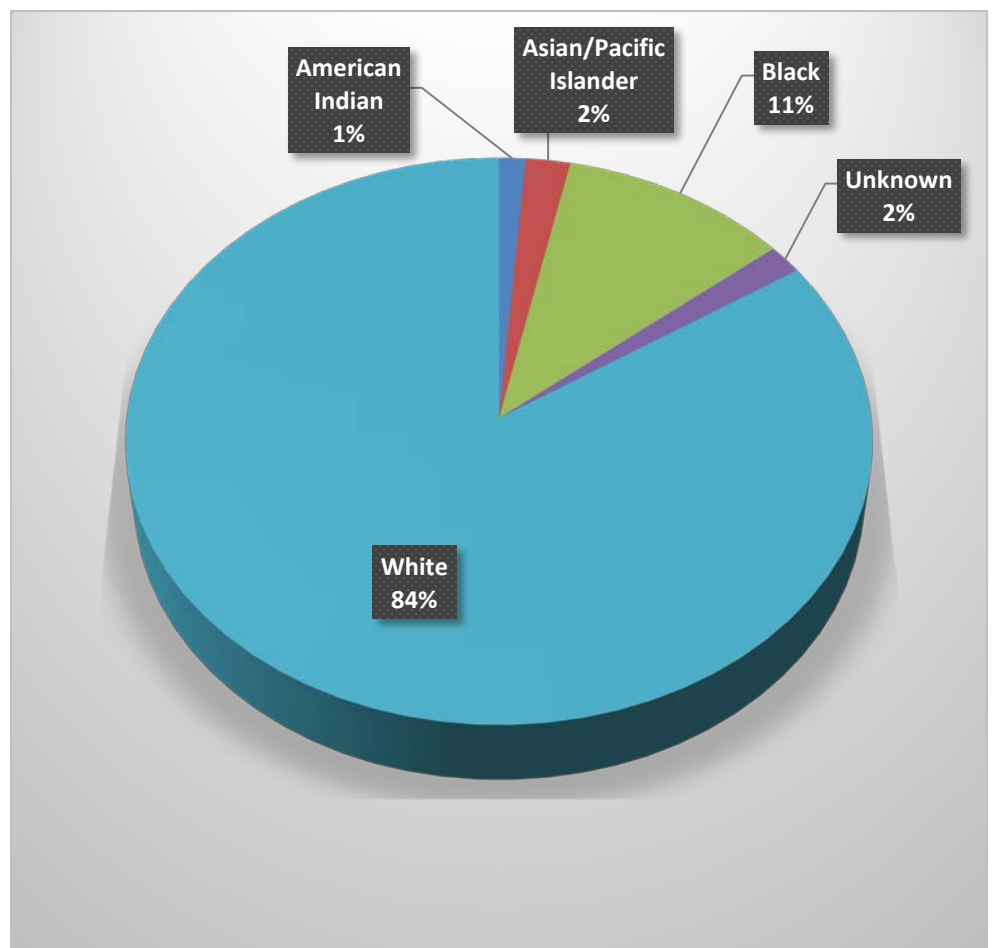
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ARRESTS BY RACE

In 2016, **241** arrests were made.

American Indian	3
Asian/Pacific Islander	5
Black	26
Unknown	4
White	203
Grand Total	241

In 2016, 84% of suspects arrested were white individuals, with 11% black and the remaining less than 5%.





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POPULATION and DEMOGRAPHICS

According to the 2015 U.S. Census data (ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates), in 2015, 88% of the population in Lake Forest Park identified as White, 10% were Asian and 3.3% Black. 2.20% of the population identified with another race.

Total population (WA)	6,985,464	
White	5,751,893	82.30%
Black or African American	360,719	5.20%
American Indian and Alaska Native	206,860	3.00%
Asian	680,356	9.70%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	80,406	1.20%
Some other race	305,039	4.40%
Total population (King County)	2,045,756	
White	1,495,137	73.10%
Black or African American	163,756	8.00%
American Indian and Alaska Native	45,053	2.20%
Asian	376,657	18.40%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	26,723	1.30%
Some other race	71,011	3.50%
Total population (LFP)	13,059	
White	11,488	88.00%
Black or African American	435	3.30%
American Indian and Alaska Native	149	1.10%
Asian	1,304	10.00%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	191	1.50%
Some other race	281	2.20%

Source:

<https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/data-profiles/2015/>



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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 2015, there is an average daily traffic volume of 43,000 vehicles on SR522 before SR104 (7,000 increase from 2012) and 55,000 vehicles after SR104 (9,000 increase from 2012).

Average Daily Traffic Volume

<u>State Route</u>	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
SR522	48,000	336,000
SR104	18,000	126,000

Source:

http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/mapsdata/travel/pdf/Annual_Traffic_Report_2015.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.

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