

Biased Based / Racial Profiling – Annual Report



Year Ending 2017

Each January, the Administrative Sergeant shall review the Departments effort to prevent bias-based profiling and submit an overview. This report is the overview of 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 §402.3.1 (OTHER PROHIBITIONS), the Lake Forest Park Police Department also condemns the illegal use of 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 under the United States Constitution or Washington State Constitution (RCW 43.101.410; RCW 43.101.419). **There have been no complaints or reported incidents in violation of this policy for the year 2017 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 2017, 1745 tickets were issued.** Officers identified the race of those violators on the ticket apart from 264 (15%) 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 2017, no reports or investigations were conducted regarding minority or racially based incidents.**

According to §402.8 (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. Each member of this department will be required to complete an approved refresher training course bi-annual, or sooner if deemed necessary, 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 bi-annual training. **All staff attended biased based policing training at CJTC (Criminal Justice Training Center) in October/November 2017 keeping in compliance at year-end 2017.** This class was sponsored by the Coalition of Small Police Agencies (CSPA).



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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

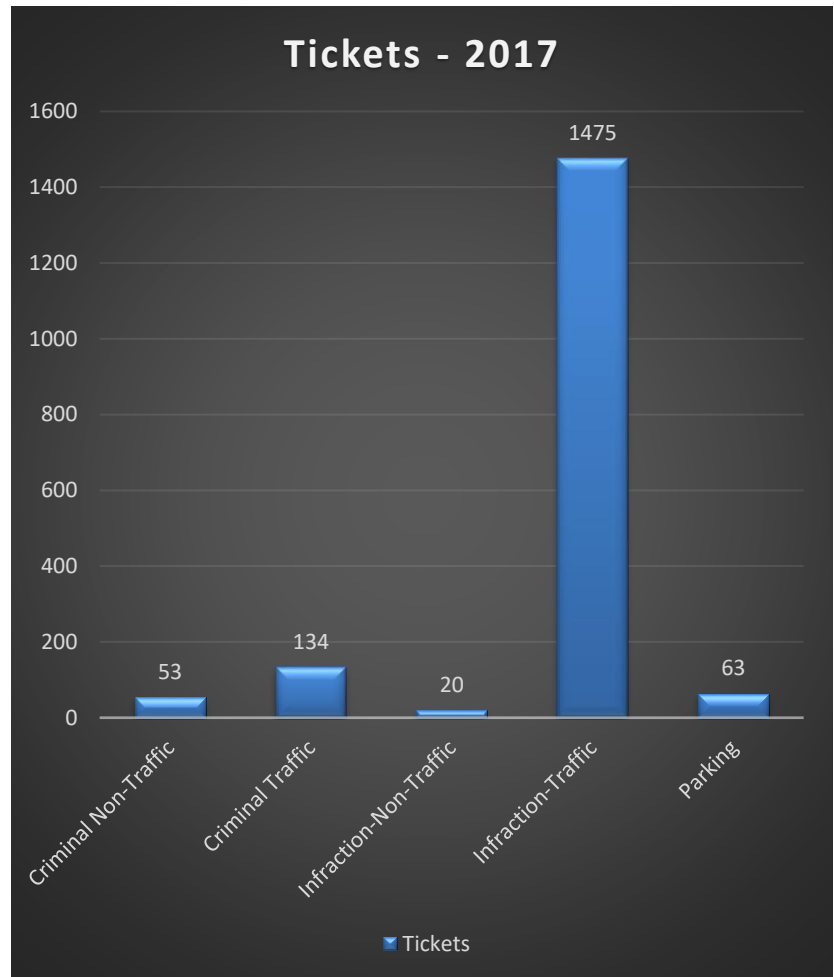
In the year 2017, **1745** tickets were issued.

Tickets are broken down into 3 sections as follows:

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

<i>Type of Tickets</i>	
<i>Criminal Non-Traffic</i>	53
<i>Criminal Traffic</i>	134
<i>Infraction-Non-Traffic</i>	20
<i>Infraction-Traffic</i>	1475
<i>Parking</i>	63
Total	1745

85% of the tickets issued are traffic infractions and 8% are criminal traffic citations





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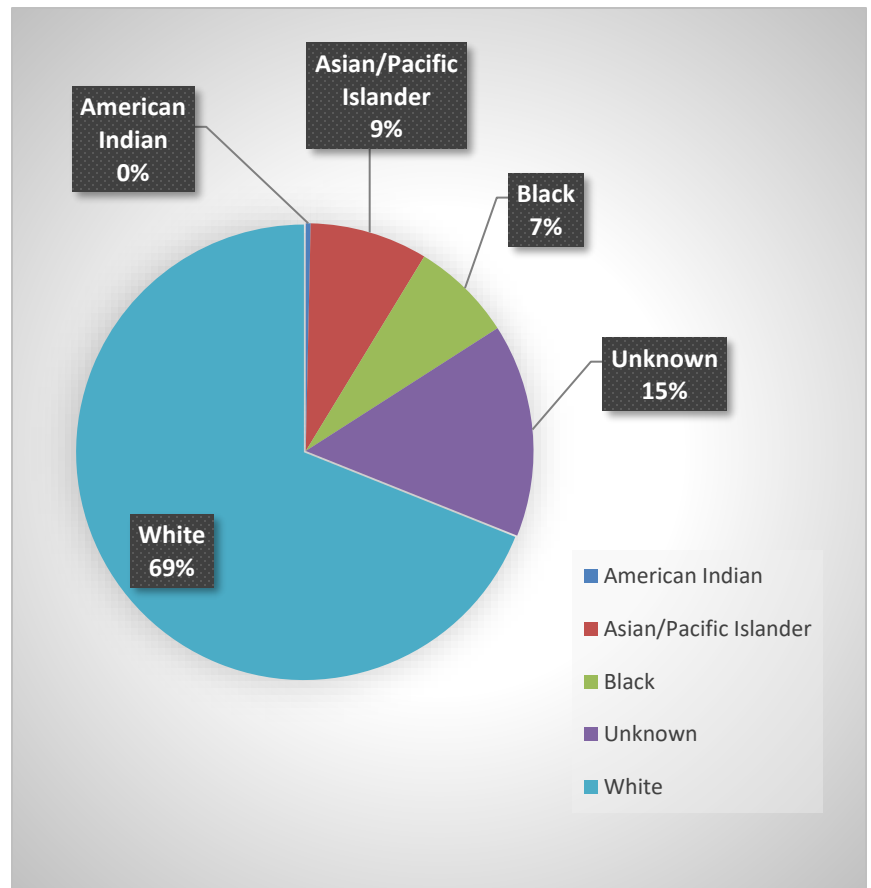
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TICKETS ISSUED BY RACE

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

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

In 2017, 69% of tickets issued were identified as white individuals, with the remaining racial description generally distributed between the majorities of minority races.





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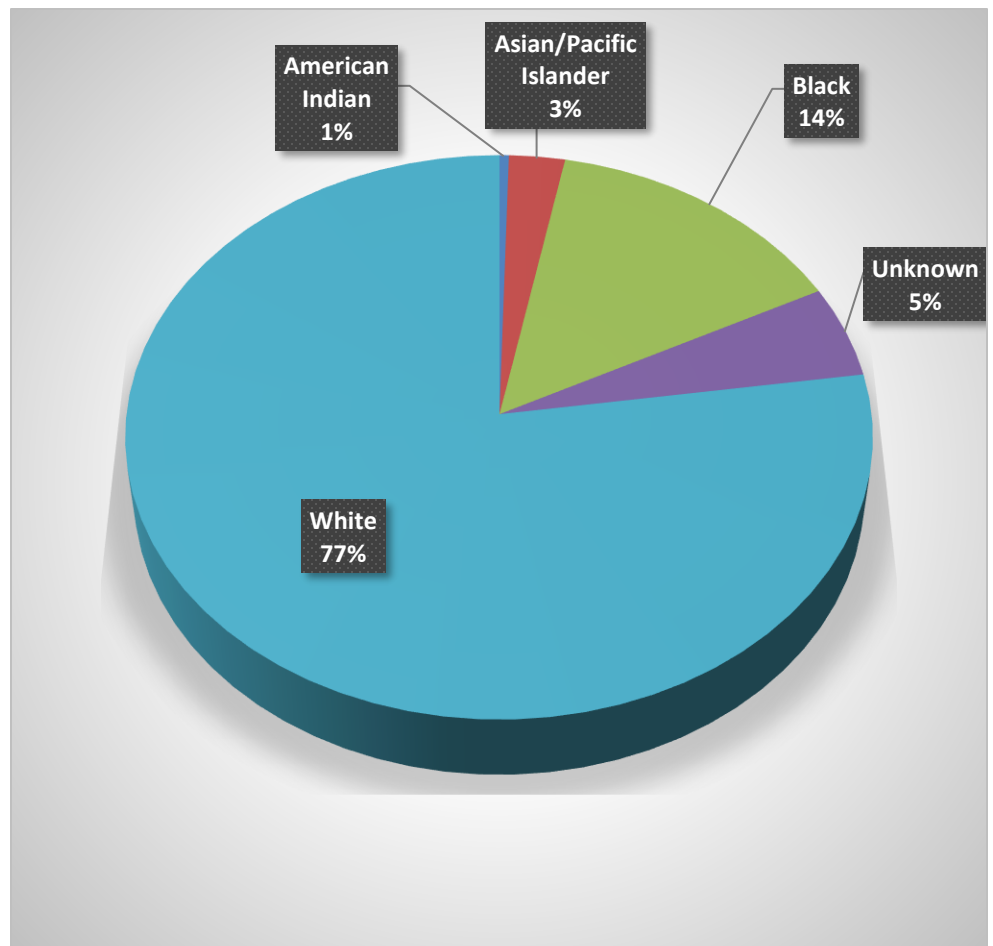
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ARRESTS BY RACE

In 2017, **229** arrests were made.

American Indian	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	6
Black	33
Unknown	12
White	177
Grand Total	229

In 2017, 77% of suspects arrested were white individuals, with 14% black and the remaining less than 9%.





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POPULATION and DEMOGRAPHICS

According to the most recent U.S. Census data (ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates), in 2016, 87% of the population in Lake Forest Park identified as White, 11% were Asian and 3% Black. 3% of the population identified with another race.

Total population (WA)	7,073,146	
White	5,803,653	82.10%
Black or African American	370,996	5.20%
American Indian and Alaska Native	212,011	3.00%
Asian	705,221	10.00%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	82,547	1.20%
Some other race	318,482	4.50%
Total population (King County)	2,079,550	
White	1,506,102	72.40%
Black or African American	168,178	8.10%
American Indian and Alaska Native	45,973	2.20%
Asian	393,348	18.90%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	27,761	1.30%
Some other race	79,074	3.80%
Total population (LFP)	13,156	
White	11,490	87.30%
Black or African American	410	3.10%
American Indian and Alaska Native	145	1.10%
Asian	1,490	11.30%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	312	2.40%
Some other race	323	2.50%

Source:

<https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/data-profiles/2016/>



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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 2016, there is an average daily traffic volume of 42,000 vehicles on SR522 before SR104 (6,000 increase from 2012) and 52,000 vehicles after SR104 (6,000 increase from 2012).

Average Daily Traffic Volume

State Route	Daily	Weekly	
SR522*	46,000	322,000	*On SR522 between 47 th Ave NE to NE 145 th St in Lake Forest Park
SR104*	17,500	122,500	*On SR104 between 25 th Ave NE to SR22 in Lake Forest Park

Source:

http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/mapsdata/travel/pdf/Annual_Traffic_Report_2016.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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