Traffic Stop Quarterly Report #17: Extended Traffic Stop Indicator Use 2024

MCSO Response

The Office has considered internal and external recommendations to address findings of from the 17th Traffic Stop Quarterly Report (Q1 2025). The IRG addressed the recommendations for follow-up after the publication of this report which concluded results from this research were consistent with findings from previous ETSI Analyses (TSQR 3 and TSQR 13). These research results indicated that MCSO continues to use the Extended Traffic Stop Indicators appropriately and with high levels of fidelity to document delays that occur during traffic stops. It is often challenging to identify new operational measures designed to reduce disparities that may be impactful on top of the already significant efforts that MCSO has been implementing with its continual policy evaluation, training, inspections, and TSMR interventions. However, MCSO generated several recommendations for follow-up in the report and through the IRG process.

Recommendation 1: Review Other Issue ETSI with no clear description of the delay.

> **Action Item 1:** Review all stops for which the Other Issues ETSI was selected but for which there was no clear description of the delay in the VSCF and send out data refinements.
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> **Status Update 1:** (Completed)

Recommendation 2: Review stops that have unusual stop lengths associated with ETSIs.

> **Action Item 1:** Review stops and stop data for traffic stops which have unusual stop lengths associated with ETSI use (e.g., stops with very short stop lengths and any ETSI is selected).
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> **Status Update 1:** Ongoing (Completed)

Recommendation 3: Review stops that have long stop lengths without an ETSI selected.

> **Action Item 1:** Continue the new process implemented in January 2024 whereby reviews of stops for which no ETSI was selected, but which exceeded 20 minutes in length occur and data refinements sent out if determined to be appropriate.
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> **Status Update 1:** Ongoing (Completed)

Recommendation 4: Disseminate guidelines for ETSI use.

Action Item 1: Disseminate published guidelines, or "cheat sheet", for the use of ETSIs to reinforce the proper use of ETSIs. Include use of ETSIs in TSAR training, including the appropriate use of the "Other" category.

Status Update 1: (Completed)

Recommendation 5: Communicate with fleet management.

Action Item 1: Communicate with fleet management to inspect vehicles and equipment associated with a high proportion of stops experiencing technical issues.

Status Update 1: Pending, should be completed Q4 2025.

Status Update 2: Completed

Recommendation 6: Discuss findings with the MSCO Internal Review Group.

Action Item 1: Discuss findings with the MCSO Internal Review Group to determine any additional actions MCSO Patrol may take. Reinforce appropriate and consistent use of ETSI indicators with deputies via regular TSAU briefings with district personnel.

Status Update 1: (Completed)

Recommendation 7: Conduct Internal Town Halls across all districts and shifts on the findings of TSQR 17.

Action Item 1:

TSAU sergeants and research staff conducted Town Halls across every district and shift to: 1) brief patrol on the findings of the TSQR 17, TSQR 18 and TSAR 10; 2) provide updates on *Melendres* Order activities; and 3) discuss ongoing "Hot Topics", providing hands on, group and one-on-one mentorship across the office.

Status Update 1: (Completed)