

MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Bureau of Internal Oversight
Audits and Inspections Unit



Post-stop Ethnicity Inspection - December 2023

Inspection Report# BI2023-0176

The Audits and Inspections Unit (AIU) of the Sheriff's Office Bureau of Internal Oversight (BIO) will conduct monthly inspections of the Post-Stop Perceived Ethnicity of drivers and passengers listed on the Vehicle Stop Contact Forms (VSCF) within the TraCS database. To achieve this, inspectors will utilize a list of Hispanic surnames provided by the United States Census Bureau and a random sample of Body-Worn Camera videos from each selected Hispanic driver. These entries will be uniformly inspected utilizing a matrix developed by the Audits and Inspections Unit in accordance with the procedures outlined in policies, EB-1, EB-2, GJ-35, CP-2, CP-5, and CP-8.

Compliance Objectives:

Utilizing the Post-Stop Perceived Ethnicity Inspection Matrix, review each selected Body Worn Camera video to ensure the following during December 2023:

- Drivers with Hispanic surnames identified as "White"
- Hispanic surname drivers with Passenger Post-Stop Perceived Ethnicity listed as "Unknown-Vision Obstructed"
- Hispanic drivers with Passenger Post-Stop Perceived Ethnicity Identified

Criteria:

MCSO Policy EB-1, *Traffic Enforcement, Violator Contacts, and Citation Issuance*

MCSO Policy EB-2, *Traffic Stop Data Collection*

MCSO Policy GJ-35, *Body-Worn Cameras*

MCSO Policy CP-2, *Code of Conduct*

MCSO Policy CP-5, *Truthfulness*

MCSO Policy CP-8, *Preventing Racial and Other Bias-Based Profiling*

Conditions:

Collectively there were a total of 1989 traffic stops made during the month of December 2023, of which 225 traffic stops met inspection criteria:

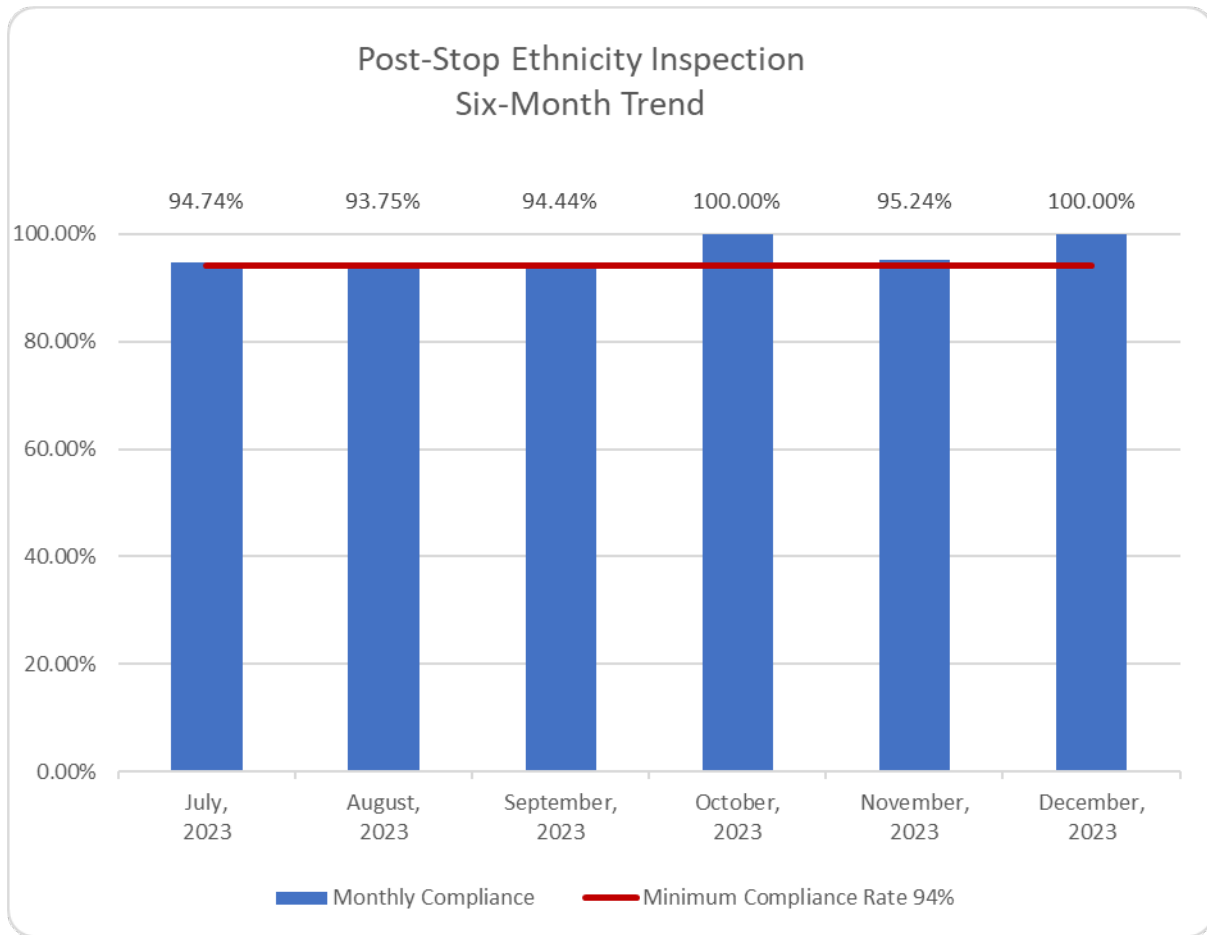
- 55 of the 225 traffic stops identified drivers with Hispanic surnames as "White."
- 3 of the 225 traffic stops had Hispanic surname drivers with Passenger Post Perceived Ethnicity listed as "Unknown-Vision Obstructed."
- 167 of the 225 traffic stops had Hispanic drivers with identified Passenger Post-Stop Perceived Ethnicity.

Out of 225 traffic stops the MCSO reviewed a total random sample of 23 traffic stops. These traffic stops included:

- 1) 10 stops for Hispanic surname drivers identified as "White"
- 2) 3 stops for Hispanic surname drivers with Passenger Post Perceived Ethnicity listed as "Unknown-Vision Obstructed"
- 3) 10 stops for Hispanic drivers with Passenger Post-Stop Perceived Ethnicity Identified

In all inspections, a "reasonable person" standard was utilized by inspectors.

MCSO achieved a compliance rate of **100.00%** in the Post-Stop Ethnicity Inspection for December 2023, as illustrated in the graph below:



The compliance rate of each inspection element is illustrated in the table below:

Inspection Elements	Not In Compliance	In Compliance	Total Not Verifiable	Total Inspected	Compliance Rate
Drivers with Hispanic surnames identified as "White" on VSCF: Deputy's perception is consistent with inspector (review of BWC)	0	10	0	10	100.00%
Hispanic surname drivers with passengers listed as "Unknown-Vision Obstructed": Deputy's perception is consistent with inspector (review of BWC)	0	3	0	3	100.00%
Hispanic drivers with Passenger Post Stop Ethnicity identified: Deputy's perception is consistent with inspector (review of BWC)	0	10	0	10	100.00%
Overall Compliance with inspection requirements	0	23	0	23	100.00%

No deficiencies were noted during the inspection.

Action Required:

With the resulting 100.0% compliance for *Inspection BI2023-0176*, no BIO Action Forms are required.

Date Inspection Started: 1/5/2024
Date Completed: 1/24/2024
Timeframe Inspected: 12/1/2023 – 12/31/2023
Assigned Inspector(s): Auditor Dave Paul, B5459

I have reviewed this inspection report.

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Date