

# MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Bureau of Internal Oversight

Audits and Inspections Unit



**March 2021 Traffic Stop Data Inspection**

Inspection Report# BI2021-0032

**Background:**

The Audits and Inspections Unit (AIU) of the Bureau of Internal Oversight (BIO) inspects Traffic Stop Data collected in the TraCS system on a monthly basis. The purpose for the inspection is to ensure compliance with Office policies and to promote proper supervision. A total of 35 traffic stops are selected each month for review. To achieve inspection results the inspector will utilize the TraCS system, JWI, I-Net Viewer, Body-Worn Camera video, ([www.Evidence.com](http://www.Evidence.com)), and Communication Recordings. These entries will be uniformly inspected utilizing a matrix developed by the Bureau of Internal Oversight. Additionally, a JWI inquiry will be made on all deputies involved in the traffic stop, if needed, to determine if a license and/or warrants check was run during the stop.

**Matrix Procedures:**

Utilize the *Traffic Stop Data Matrix* to inspect and ensure each traffic stop reviewed is within compliance with Office policies. Each Matrix Inspection Element is listed below in the results section of this report.

**Criteria:**

- MCSO Policy EA-3, Non-Traffic Contacts
- MCSO Policy EA-11, Arrest Procedures
- MCSO Policy EB-1, Traffic Enforcement, Violator Contracts, and Citation Issuance
- MCSO Policy EB-2, Traffic Stop Data Collection
- MCSO Policy EB-11, Vehicle Impound 3511
- MCSO Policy GE-3, Property Management and Evidence Control
- MCSO Policy GJ-3, Search and Seizure
- MCSO Policy GJ-35, Body Worn Cameras
- MCSO Policy GF-3, Criminal History Record Information and Public Records
- MCSO Policy CP-1, Use of Force
- MCSO Policy CP-2, Code of Conduct
- MCSO Policy CP-5, Truthfulness
- MCSO Policy CP-8, Preventing Racial and Other Bias Based Profiling
- Briefing Boards: 09-31, 14-12, 15-04, 17-14, 17-43, 18-12, 18-15

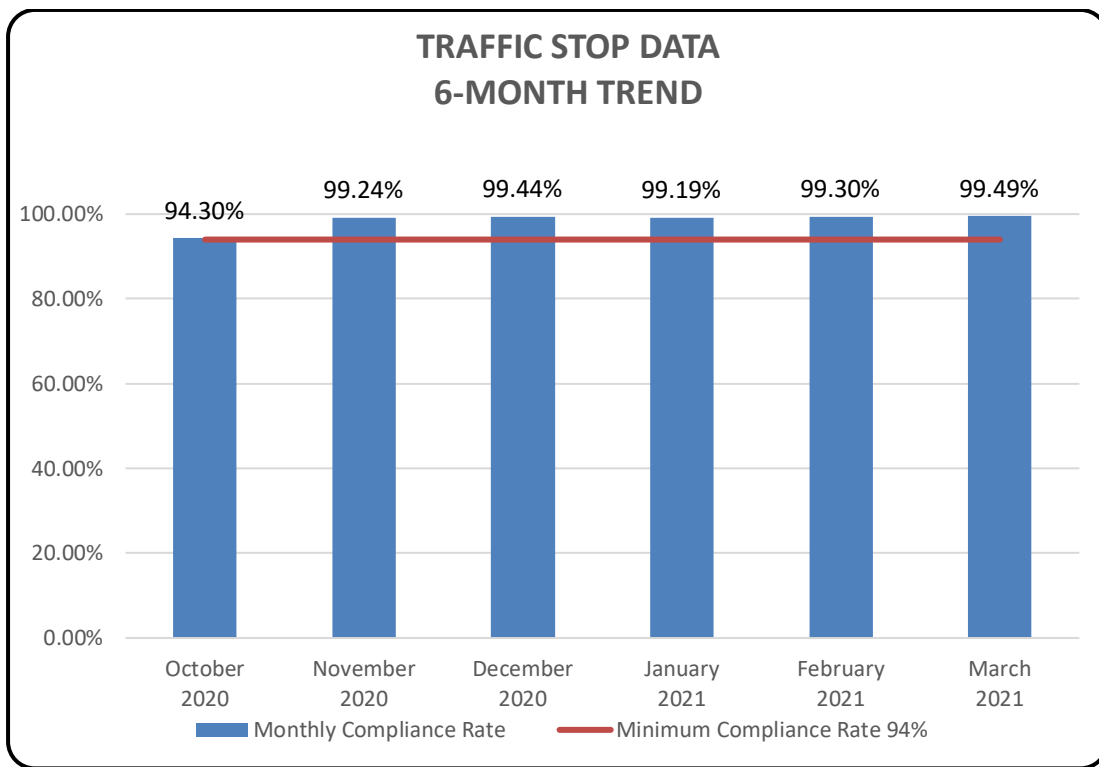
**Conditions:**

The MCSO reviewed 35 randomly selected traffic stops made during the month of March 2021. Additionally, 10 of the 35 were selected for Body-Worn Camera review. (It should be noted, inspector viewed 2 additional videos for clarification purposes).

**Results:**

Each Traffic Stop will be counted as one inspection and all applicable matrix criteria inspection points will factor into an over-all compliance score. Example: If one Traffic Stop contains 37 inspection points (6 not applicable) and 2 deficiencies it will count as one Traffic Stop Inspection with a compliance score of 94.00%. The over-all compliance score for the monthly inspection will be the average score of the 35 stops reviewed.

The compliance rates of the provided traffic stop sample, utilizing the 37-inspection criterion, resulted in an overall average compliance rate of **99.49%** for March of 2021, as illustrated in the graph below.



**Note:** Starting in November 2020, the methodology for this inspection was modified and approved as to how deficiencies are calculated.

Matrix Inspection Elements	Not in Compliance	In Compliance	Total	Compliance Rate
Event number matches all forms	0	35	35	100%
Incident report number matches on all applicable forms	0	35	35	100%
Event type matches all forms and CAD	0	35	35	100%

Stop time and end time matches all applicable forms (Within 5 minutes)	0	35	35	97%
Arrest documented in CAD and matches all applicable forms	0	35	35	100%
Arrest time documented in CAD and matches all applicable forms	0	35	35	97%
Transport time of arrestee matches CAD and all applicable forms	0	35	35	97%
Primary unit BWC active at time of stop	0	35	35	100%
Primary unit vehicle number and call sign match CAD	1	34	35	97%
2 <sup>nd</sup> person in primary unit matches CAD and all applicable forms	0	35	35	100%
2 <sup>nd</sup> person in primary unit has active BWC and is documented in all applicable forms	0	35	35	100%
Additional units on scene match CAD and all applicable forms	2	33	35	94%
Location of traffic stop match CAD and all applicable forms	0	35	35	100%
City/Area of violation and stop location match CAD and all applicable forms	0	35	35	100%
Conclusion of contact (i.e. warning, citation, incidental contact form) match CAD disposition and all applicable forms	2	33	35	94%
Reason no action was taken matches CAD and documented as lawful	0	35	35	100%
Citation/Warning number matches VSCF	0	35	35	100%
Violators license plate matches CAD/VSCF/Citation/Warning	2	33	35	94%
Number of occupants in violators vehicle is accurately documented on VSCF	0	35	35	100%
Contact with passengers made and reasoning for contact documented on VSCF	0	35	35	100%
Reason for stop documented in CAD and all applicable forms	0	35	35	100%
Was reason for stop documented on citation/warning	0	35	35	100%
Does violators information on citation/warning match VSCF	0	35	35	100%
Was immigration status questioned of violator or passengers	0	35	35	100%

Does pre stop and post stop race/ethnicity information match citation/warning and VSCF	0	35	35	100%
Was search conducted of violator or vehicle and documented on VSCF and all applicable forms	0	35	35	97%
Were items seized as a result of the contact and documented on VSCF and all applicable forms	0	35	35	100%
Was the stop extended and if so documented in CAD and VSCF and all applicable forms	0	35	35	100%
Was violator arrested and documented on VSCF and all applicable forms	0	35	35	100%
Was incidental contact form completed for all passenger contacts	0	35	35	100%
Verify video was available	0	12	12	100%
Determine if deputy recorded the traffic stop in its entirety	0	12	12	100%
Verify all information on traffic stop data forms match Body-Worn Camera video	0	12	12	100%
Determine if camera was activated when decision to make the stop was made	0	12	12	100%
Review incident video footage to ensure deputies adhere to all MCSO Policies	0	12	12	100%
Verify all forms are complete	0	35	35	100%

The inspector found the following potential deficiencies during the inspection:

**District 1 (1 BIO Action Form):**

District/Division	Incident Number	Sworn Employee	Current Supervisor	Current Commander
District 1	Redacted	Deputy	Sergeant	Captain
<b>Deficiencies</b>				
Stop closed using the wrong disposition code. <b>(Policy GI-1.3.B)</b> <b>Notes:</b> Stop was closed with a '5' instead of '7i.' Supervisor noted, "spoke with deputy about how a warning should have been given." <b>*No BAF is required for this deficiency as the employee is no longer employed*</b>				

District/Division	Incident Number	Sworn Employee	Current Supervisor	Current Commander
District 1	Redacted	Deputy	Sergeant	Captain
<b>Deficiencies</b>				
Deputy did not conduct warrants check on driver. <b>(Policy EB-1.10.D)</b> Deputy did not list call sign for assisting Deputy. <b>(Policy EB-2.2.A)</b> <b>Notes:</b> CAD shows Deputy ran driver’s license number only. JWI log shows Deputy did not utilize database for the stop. Per SN2021-00014296, this stop was reviewed by the above listed supervisor. Nothing noted regarding above listed deficiencies.				

District 2 (2 BIO Action Forms):

District/Division	Incident Number	Sworn Employee	Current Supervisor	Current Commander
District 2	Redacted	Deputy	Sergeant	Captain
<b>Deficiency</b>				
Deputy did not list assisting Deputy on VSCF. <b>(Policy EB-2.2.A)</b> <b>Note:</b> Upon review of BWC video, Deputy can be heard speaking to an assisting unit.				
District/Division	Incident Number	Sworn Employee	Current Supervisor	Current Commander
District 2	Redacted	Deputy	Sergeant	Captain
<b>Deficiency</b>				
Assisting Deputy did not complete Assisting Deputy & Body Worn Camera Log. <b>(Policy EB-2.2.D)</b> <b>Notes:</b> Upon review of BWC video, Deputy can be heard speaking to an assisting unit. Per Praxis, above listed Deputy was only other unit assigned to Gila Bend for the day.				

District 3 (1 BIO Action Form):

District/Division	Incident Number	Sworn Employee	Current Supervisor	Current Commander
District 3	Redacted	Deputy	Sergeant	Captain
<b>Deficiency</b>				
Deputy documented the wrong license plate of the violator’s vehicle on VSCF and Warning. <b>(Policy EB-2.2.F)</b> Deputy did not list assisting Deputy on VSCF <b>(Policy EB-2.2.A)</b> <b>Notes:</b> BWC was viewed and verified wrong documentation of license plate. Upon review of BWC video, Deputy can be heard speaking to an assisting unit.				

District 6 (1 BIO Action Form):

District/Division	Incident Number	Sworn Employee	Current Supervisor	Current Commander
District 6	Redacted	Deputy	Sergeant	Captain
Deficiencies				
Stop closed using the wrong disposition code. <b>(Policy GI-1.3.B)</b> <b>Note:</b> Stop was closed with a '7' instead of '7p.'				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deputy has one prior BAF for using wrong disposition code within the last year.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BAF2020-0114</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				

Unless noted above in the deficiency table, there were no prior BIO Action Forms similar in nature for the perceived employee deficiencies.

A total of 5 BIO Action Forms are due from the deficiencies detailed above. One BIO form per Employee or deficient Bureau is requested (not per deficiency).

Date Inspection Started: April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
 Date Completed: April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
 Timeframe Inspected: March 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
 Assigned Inspector(s): Sgt. Rob Levy S1881

I have reviewed this inspection report.

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 Commander, Audits and Inspections Unit  
 Bureau of Internal Oversight

5/18/2021  
 Date