

# MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Bureau of Internal Oversight  
Audits and Inspections Unit



**December 2023 Traffic Stop Data Inspection**

Inspection Report# BI2023-0175

**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

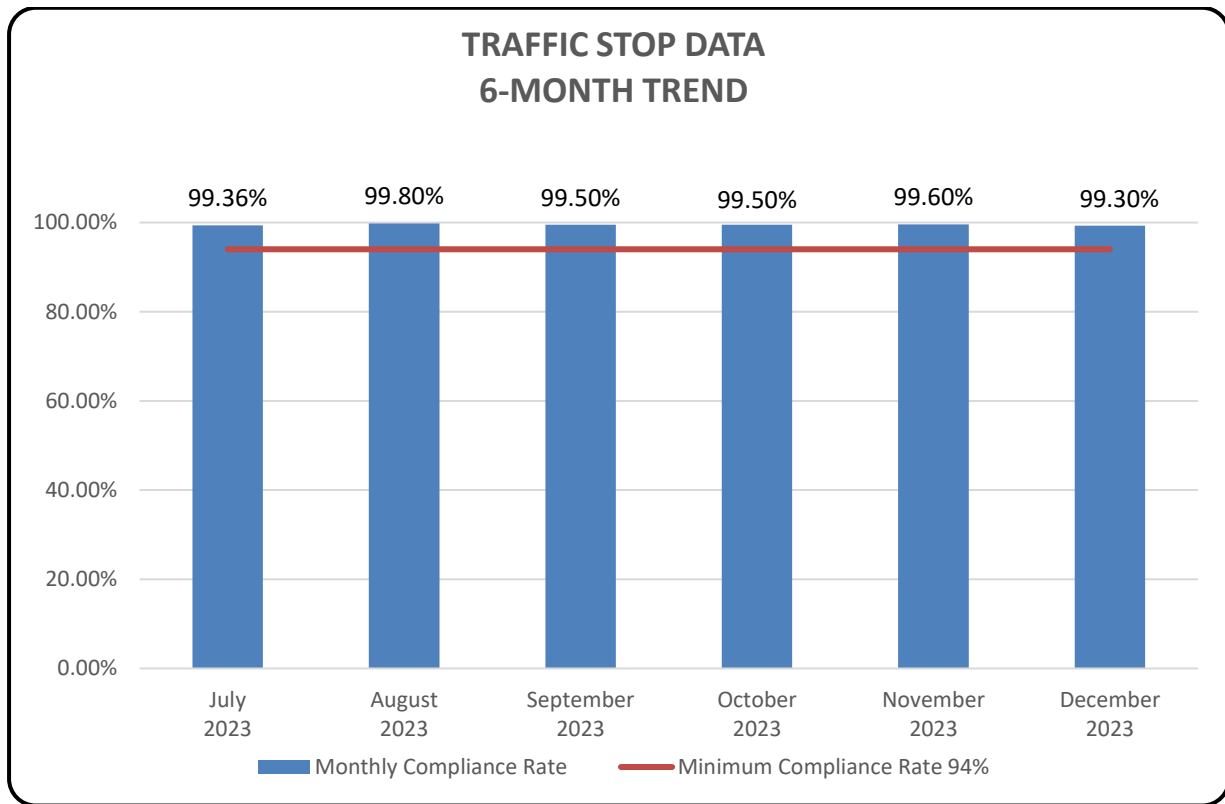
**Conditions:**

The MCSO reviewed 35 randomly selected traffic stops made during the month of December 2023. Additionally, 10 of the 35 were selected for Body-Worn Camera review.

**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 34 inspection points (4 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 34-inspection criterion, resulted in an overall average compliance rate of **99.30%** for December of 2023, as illustrated in the graph below.



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%
Arrest documented in CAD and matches all applicable forms	1	34	35	97%
Arrest time documented in CAD and matches all applicable forms	0	35	35	100%
Transport time of arrestee matches CAD and all applicable forms	0	35	35	100%
Primary unit BWC active at time of stop per VSCF	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	1	34	35	97%
Reason no action was taken matches CAD and documented as appropriate	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	100%

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 when appropriate	0	35	35	100%
Verify video was available	0	10	10	100%
Determine if deputy recorded the traffic stop in its entirety	0	10	10	100%
Verify all information on traffic stop data forms match Body-Worn Camera video	0	10	10	100%
Determine if camera was activated when decision to make the stop was made	0	10	10	100%
Review incident video footage to ensure deputies adhere to all MCSO Policies	0	10	10	100%
Verify all forms are complete	0	35	35	100%

The inspector found the following potential deficiencies during the inspection:

**District 2 (2 BIO Action Forms):**

**Compliance Deficiency**

District/Division	Incident Number	Responsible Employee	Current Supervisor	Current Commander
District 2	Redacted	Deputy	Sergeant	Captain
<b>Deficiency</b>				
1. Deputy documented "Warning" on VSCF when a citation was issued. (Policy EB-2.2.E.2)				

**Non-Compliance Deficiency**

District/Division	Incident Number	Responsible Employee	Current Supervisor	Current Commander
District 2	Redacted	Deputy	Sergeant	Captain
<b>Deficiency</b>				
1. A driver's license/Warrant check was not conducted on the violator. (Policy EB-1.10.D)				

**District 4 (2 BIO Action Forms):****Compliance Deficiency**

District/Division	Incident Number	Responsible Employee	Current Supervisor	Current Commander
District 4	Redacted	Deputy	Sergeant	Captain
<b>Deficiency</b>				
1. "0" is documented for "Total Number of Additional Employees and/or Volunteers" on VSCF but there is one assisting unit. (Policy EB-1.14.A.1)				

**Non-Compliance Deficiency**

District/Division	Incident Number	Responsible Employee	Current Supervisor	Current Commander
District 4	Redacted	Deputy	Sergeant	Captain
<b>Deficiency</b>				
1. Self-introduction was not completed upon initial contact with violator. (Policy EB-1.10.A)				

**District 7 (2 BIO Action Forms):**

**Compliance Deficiency**

District/Division	Incident Number	Responsible Employee	Current Supervisor	Current Commander
District 7	Redacted	Deputy	Sergeant	Captain
<b>Deficiency</b>				
1. "0" is documented for "Total Number of Additional Employees and/or Volunteers" on VSCF but there is one assisting unit. (Policy EB-1.14.A.1) **Employee has two (2) previous BAF's for Traffic Stop Data Inspection (BAF2023-0006 & BAF2023-0129)**				

District/Division	Incident Number	Responsible Employee	Current Supervisor	Current Commander
District 7	Redacted	Deputy	Sergeant	Captain
<b>Deficiency</b>				
1. Violators license plate on VSCF & Warning do not match CAD. (Policy EB-1.14.A.5)				

**Lakes (3 BIO Action Forms):**

**Compliance Deficiency**

District/Division	Incident Number	Responsible Employee	Current Supervisor	Current Commander
Lakes	Redacted	Deputy	Sergeant	Captain
<b>Deficiency</b>				
1. "No" was documented for "Arrest" on VSCF but violator was provided a criminal citation. (Policy EB-2.2.E.3)				

District/Division	Incident Number	Responsible Employee	Current Supervisor	Current Commander
Lakes	Redacted	Sergeant	Lieutenant	Captain
<b>Deficiency</b>				
1. Incorrect MCSO vehicle number documented on VSCF. (Policy EB-1.14)				

**Non-Compliance Deficiency**

District/Division	Incident Number	Responsible Employee	Current Supervisor	Current Commander
Lakes	Redacted	Deputy	Sergeant	Captain
<b>Deficiency</b>				
1. BWC was not placed in "Event Mode" upon arrival at traffic stop. (Policy GJ-35.5.A.4)				

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

**Compliance Deficiency**

District/Division	Incident Number	Responsible Employee	Current Supervisor	Current Commander
Training	Redacted	Deputy	Sergeant	Captain
<b>Deficiency</b>				
1. Violators license plate on VSCF & Warning do not match CAD. (Policy EB-1.14.A.5) Note: Employee was working DUI task force at the time of the deficiency.				

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 10 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: January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
 Date Completed: January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
 Timeframe Inspected: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023  
 Assigned Inspector(s): Sgt. R. T. Bierwalter S1263

I have reviewed this inspection report.

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 Commander, Audits and Inspections Unit  
 Bureau of Internal Oversight

1/30/2024  
 Date