

MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Bureau of Internal Oversight

Audits and Inspections Unit



March 2022 Traffic Stop Data Inspection

Inspection Report# BI2022-0033

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), 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

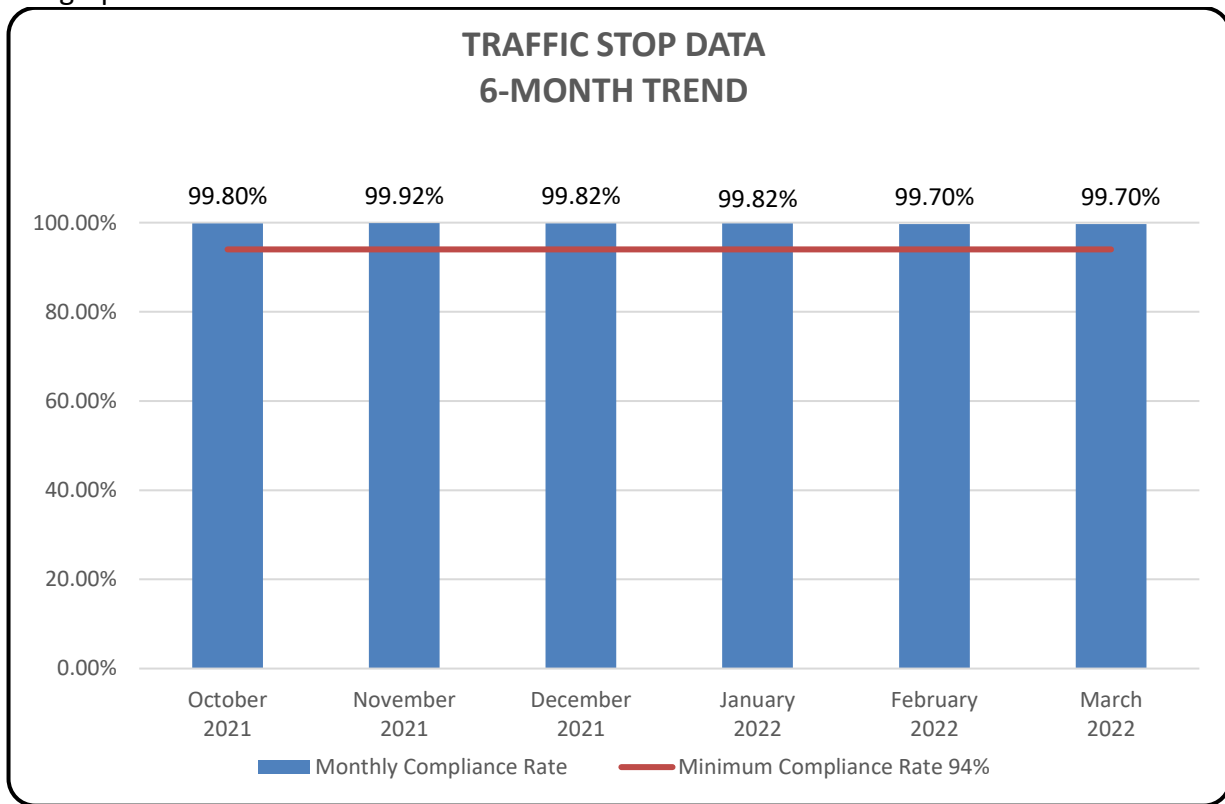
Conditions:

The MCSO reviewed 35 randomly selected traffic stops made during the month of March 2022. 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 **99.70%** for March of 2022, 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%

Stop time and end time matches all applicable forms (Within 5 minutes)	0	35	35	100%
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	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	0	35	35	100%
2 nd person in primary unit matches CAD and all applicable forms	0	35	35	100%
2 nd 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	0	35	35	100%
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	0	35	35	100%
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	3	32	35	91%
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 1 (1 BIO Action Form):

Non-Compliance Deficiency

District/Division	Incident Number	Sworn Employee	Current Supervisor	Current Commander
District 1	MC22039710	Deputy	Sergeant	Captain
Deficiency				
O.I.T. did not provide self-introduction to violator upon initial contact. (Policy EB-1.10.A) Note: FTO is receiving deficiency because he did not recognize and address the error of the O.I.T. not providing a self-introduction.				

District 3 (1 BIO Action Form):

Non-Compliance Deficiency

District/Division	Incident Number	Sworn Employee	Current Supervisor	Current Commander
District 3	MC22042988	Deputy	Sergeant	Captain
Deficiency				
Deputy did not conduct license/warrants check on violator. (Policy EB-1.10.D) Note: BWC shows the deputy never conducted a license/warrants check on the violator. **Employee has 1 previous BAF for Traffic Stop Data Inspection (BAF2022-0004)**				

District 4 (1 BIO Action Form):

Non-Compliance Deficiency

District/Division	Incident Number	Sworn Employee	Current Supervisor	Current Commander
District 4	MC22044387	Deputy	Sergeant	Captain
Deficiency				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy did not conduct license/warrants check on violator. (Policy EB-1.10.D) BWC was not placed in event mode as soon as the decision to stop a vehicle was made. (Policy EB-1.9.A) Note: BWC starts as deputy is notifying dispatch of vehicle information and is stationary behind the violator.				

District 7 (2 BIO Action Forms):

Compliance Deficiency

District/Division	Incident Number	Sworn Employee	Current Supervisor	Current Commander
District 7	MC22043780	Deputy	Sergeant	Captain
Deficiency				
Deputy documented the wrong license plate of the violator’s vehicle on Warning. (Policy EB-1.14.A.5)				

Non-Compliance Deficiency

District/Division	Incident Number	Sworn Employee	Current Supervisor	Current Commander
District 7	MC22047814	Sergeant	Lieutenant	Captain
Deficiency				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sergeant did not conduct license/warrants check on violator. (Policy EB-1.10.D) BWC was not placed in event mode as soon as the decision to stop a vehicle was made. (Policy EB-1.9.A) Sergeant documented “Native Indian/Alaskan Native” for violator on VSCF when “Asian” should have been documented. (Policy EB-1.14.7) <p>Note: BWC starts as sergeant is exiting his vehicle to contact violator.</p>				

Lakes (2 BIO Action Forms):

Compliance Deficiencies

District/Division	Incident Number	Sworn Employee	Current Supervisor	Current Commander
Lakes	MC22038188	Deputy	Sergeant	Captain
Deficiency				
Deputy documented the wrong license plate of the violator’s vehicle on Warning. (Policy EB-1.14.A.5) Note: BWC was viewed to verify license plate on violators vehicle.				

