



IDOT TRAFFIC STOP DATA TASK FORCE

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**THE ATTACHED IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
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BY THE URBANA IDOT TRAFFIC STOP DATA TASK FORCE**

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TASK FORCE INFORMATION:

The I.D.O.T. Traffic Stop Data Task Force was established by Urbana City Council Resolution NO. 2014-01-002.

The Task Force is charged with identifying and studying any racial disparities that may exist in local traffic stop data supplied annually to the City by the Illinois Department of Transportation (I.D.O.T.), and attempting to find the source and cause of any disparity. The Task Force is directed to examine multiple aspects of the traffic stop data, including race, driver age, residence, stop time, stop location, the reason for the stop, vehicle age, and any other information the Task Force finds to be useful. The Task Force will also look beyond traffic stop data to consider census and unemployment data, high school graduation rates, and incarceration statistics from the September 2013 study of the Champaign County justice system.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TASK FORCE:

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Hello,

Attached is part of the 2014 Traffic Stop study just released three weeks ago. Too often the public misunderstands what data is included in the state study. I have highlighted in RED below the definition of a traffic stop as used in this report. It may be helpful to clarify in your final report that this data DOES NOT include traffic accident tickets or vehicles stopped that are linked to a specific crime. Many people believe they contribute to the traffic stop disparity, which they don't.

Also of particular interest is Footnote #2 that states ***if an officer uses a traffic stop as a pretext to stop a "suspicious vehicle", that stop should be report to IDOT.*** It seems it is a responsibility of the Task Force to include this information in the report section about "educating the public" about traffic stops. The public should know they have a method to report what they believe may be a Pretextual Stop to the State if they are uncomfortable doing so with the UPD. This is one aspect of educating the public about traffic stops, and an important one.

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PS- Even though Urbana's ratio is 1.11, a slight improvement from last year, African-Americans still compose 28% of the stops for a ratio of 1.75. Again Asians are well below and Hispanics near their percent of the driving public.

ILLINOIS TRAFFIC STOP STUDY 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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Illinois Traffic Stop Study 2014 Annual Report

Introduction

This is the eleventh annual report of the Illinois Traffic Stop Study. Alexander Weiss

Consulting, LLC prepared this report for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). This report describes statewide results and related issues. A separate document includes the results from each agency that participated in the study.

This report examines several items:

- Reporting procedures
- Agency participation
- Stop data
- The ratio of stops of minority drivers to the estimated minority driving population
- The reasons for traffic stops
- The duration of traffic stops
- The outcome of traffic stops
- Consent searches
- Dog Sniffs

Illinois Traffic Stop Study Procedures

Since January 2004, police agencies in Illinois have been required to submit data about traffic stops to the Illinois Department of Transportation. This requirement is in place through 2019.¹

A “traffic stop” occurs when an officer stops a motor vehicle for a violation of the Illinois vehicle code, or for a local traffic violation. The Traffic Stop Study data does not include traffic citations arising from traffic crashes, or in cases in which an officer stops a vehicle that has been linked to a specific crime, such as a vehicle wanted in connection with a robbery.²

Our analysis of traffic stops in Illinois is based on the following data elements:

- Race of driver
- Reason for the stop
- Duration of the stop

¹ Public Act 098-0686

² If an officer uses a traffic law violation as a pretext to stop a “suspicious” vehicle, that stop should be reported to IDOT.

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- Outcome of the stop
- Whether a consent search of the vehicle was requested and conducted
- Whether contraband was found during the consent search.
- Whether a dog sniff was conducted during the stop, and the results of that sniff.

Agencies must submit traffic stop data for the calendar year to IDOT prior to March 1 of the following year. After a preliminary analysis is conducted the results are posted on a secure site at IDOT so that each agency may review its own results. Agencies have approximately ten days to identify possible errors in the report or to submit comments that are attached to agency reports.