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MEMORANDUM TO THE 104th ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SUBJECT: Racial Profiling Prevention and Data Oversight Board Fiscal Year 2024 Activities

The information provided herein is the report of the Racial Profiling Prevention and Data Oversight Board, as required by Public Act 094-0997. The Public Act requires a report be issued on or before April 1st of each year regarding the Oversight Board's activities during the previous fiscal year.

The following board appointments were made this past fiscal year.

- **Tammy Rinehart Kochel, PHD:** Associate Dean for Research and Personnel and Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, School of Justice and Public Safety
- **Master Sergeant Delila Garcia:** #5685 Illinois State Police Troop 3
- **Lt. Colonel Jose De Jesus:** Assistant Deputy Director Illinois State Police Division of Internal Investigation
- **State Representative Patrick Sheehan:** 37th District, Appointed by House Minority Leader

The following board positions remained vacant this past fiscal year.

- Member, Community Organization Representing Minority Interests
- Member, Law Enforcement Agency
- State Senator appointed by Senate President

The Department will continue to inform the Office of the Governor regarding vacancies and assist with potential recruitment from current members. The designation of Vice Chair was accomplished during the February 2025 Oversight Board meeting with Jermaine Harris accepting the role.

The board met 4 times since the prior year's Activities Report with an upcoming meeting scheduled for May 15, 2025. The following board meetings were held virtually through Webex. The board's agendas and meeting minutes are available on the Department's website through the following link: [Racial Profiling Prevention and Data Oversight Board](#)

May 16, 2024	August 15, 2024
November 21, 2024	February 20, 2025

Subcommittees of this Oversight Board met regularly throughout the fiscal year and coordinated the following items:

- **Law Enforcement Compliance Subcommittee** completed an initial online survey to law enforcement agencies regarding annual traffic and pedestrian stop reporting compliance. Key takeaways from the survey and a summary document were developed and posted to the public. [2024 Law Enforcement Compliance Survey Summary](#). This subcommittee will be focusing efforts on technology needs for various sized agencies, auditing services for incomplete or missing data and compliance penalties or rewards for law enforcement agencies in Illinois.

Data Collection Forms Subcommittee completed its initial task of reviewing and discussing new data elements or fields for inclusion to current versions of the traffic and pedestrian data collection forms used by law enforcement. New data elements were then recommended to the Oversight Board for discussion and eventual vote. The Oversight Board passed (6) recommendations during its August 15, 2024 meeting.

1. The data subcommittee recommends expanding data fields associated with the reason for stop and to require the law enforcement officers to record:
 - a. Specific or detailed Moving Violations
 - b. Specific or detailed Equipment Violations
 - c. Specific or detailed Commercial Vehicle Violations
 - d. Specific or detailed License Plate/Registration Violation
2. The data subcommittee recommends amending the language in vehicle code statute to reflect or adopt all race and ethnicity categories used by the U.S. Census.
3. The data subcommittee recommends adding the GPS coordinates or address of traffic or pedestrian stop.
4. The data subcommittee recommends adding "Body Type" as additional data requirement in the vehicle description area.
5. The data subcommittee recommends the Traffic Stop Data Sheet to include data fields to report traffic stop, start and end times (military time). (*"Duration" will be removed.*)
6. The data subcommittee recommends adding new paragraphs to the Illinois vehicle code to require law enforcement members to report whether the stop was recorded on a body worn camera, an in-car camera, or both.

It is uncertain if all (6) approved recommendations will require amendments to the governing statute 625 ILCS 5/11-212. The subcommittee will begin focusing its efforts on researching and developing a self-verification mechanism for citizens to complete after a

traffic or pedestrian stop occurred. This mechanism is intended to collect data from the driver or pedestrian after a stop occurred for comparison purposes with an officer's submission and data.

- **Model Polices and Training Subcommittee** did not meet during the past fiscal year but will commence in 2025 to develop policies for items related to governing statutes and legislative amendments, stakeholder outreach, and training for new data collection elements for law enforcement agencies. It is intended for this subcommittee to be comprised of a current State legislator, member of law enforcement and a community organization member.

A presentation of the 2023 Annual Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Study created by The Mountain Whisper Light; Statistics and Data Science in consultation with IDOT, was presented to the entire Oversight Board for questions and comments. Details of the presentation and subsequent discussion items are provided in the November 21, 2024 minutes, <https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/local-transportation-partners/law-enforcement/reporting/illinois-traffic-and-pedestrian-stop-study/oversight-board.html>.

The Oversight Board approved the (6) recommendations listed above to the data collection forms at the August 15, 2024 meeting. These recommendations need approval from the Governor's Office to move forward with implementation and amendments of the recommendations if applicable. The August 15, 2024 meeting minutes can be found at the following link: <https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/local-transportation-partners/law-enforcement/reporting/illinois-traffic-and-pedestrian-stop-study/oversight-board.html>.

Emilee Green, a Research Analyst at the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA), presented to the Oversight Board regarding new quantitative analyses being performed by ICJIA including the Veil of Darkness, Vehicle Crash-related benchmarking and Hit Rate testing. Data used in these analyses available for stakeholder review is collected by IDOT. The ICJIA task force consists of representatives from the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, Sheriffs' Association, police unions, academics with specialties in statistics and virtual equity and policing, community advocacy members as well as the ACLU. The task force meets to discuss methods being used for collecting, compiling, and analyzing traffic stop statistical data in Illinois and provides recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly. The February 15, 2024 meeting minutes can be found at the following link: <https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/local-transportation-partners/law-enforcement/reporting/illinois-traffic-and-pedestrian-stop-study/oversight-board.html>.

IDOT staff assisted and was present for all meetings of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Data Use and Collection Task Force. In addition to IDOT's involvement with the Task Force, a current member of the Oversight Board, Amy Thompson, is also the Chair of the ICJIA Task Force.

The Department will continue to work with the board chair and vice-chair to schedule the quarterly meetings and regular subcommittee meetings. The

Department will also continue to provide staff and support to the Oversight Board and its subcommittees.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this update. If you have questions or require additional information, please contact the Department.

Sincerely,

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Acting Secretary