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Dear Governor Inslee, Chief Clerk Dean, and Secretary Bannister:

RE: Engrossed Senate Bill 5852

The 57th Legislature during the 2002 Regular Session enacted Engrossed Senate Bill 5852 which became effective on June 13, 2002. The Act requires local law enforcement agencies to comply with the recommendations of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) regarding racial profiling as set forth in Section 2, Subsection (1) (a) through (f). This letter, the *Racial Profiling Progress Report* and the *Roster of Responding Agencies* provides information on the progress of local law enforcement agencies toward meeting the requirements and goals set forth in Section 2 of ESB 5852.

Local law enforcement agencies throughout Washington are at various stages of progress toward complying with the WASPC recommendations. Even though initial activities may have been completed, most agencies recognize that the processes of policy and procedure review, training, and working with the minority groups within their communities are ongoing and not the category of activities that are ever truly completed.

At the time of our report, one hundred thirty eight (138) agencies responded to the survey. Furthermore, a number of additional agencies were identified as having standing contracts for administrative and/or supplementary police services with law enforcement agencies in their region.

One hundred percent of (100%) the responding agencies have either adopted or are in the process of adopting a written policy designed to condemn and prevent racial profiling. Many agencies have long standing policies that prohibit any police action based on race or gender. Ninety nine percent (99%) of responding agencies have reviewed and audited, or are in the process of reviewing and auditing, existing procedures, practices, and training to ensure that they do not enable or foster the practice of racial profiling.

One hundred percent (100%) of responding agencies report having completed or being in the process of providing training to their personnel. Many agencies report training as an on-going process with follow-up training quarterly or annually and in some cases more frequently through roll-call procedures.

Most agencies have ensured a citizen complaint review process is in place with ninety percent (90%) reporting being “completed” and another seven percent (7%) indicating they are “in progress.” Twenty five percent (25%) of agencies report being “in progress” when asked if they have worked with minority groups in their community to appropriately address the issue of racial profiling while another forty nine (49%) report being “completed.” Some agencies report not having a recognizable minority group in their community while others report this is an on-going process and is never completed.

Twenty three percent (23%) are not collecting demographic data. This is primarily due to fiscal constraints. The costs of establishing an automated collection method and then having someone properly analyze the data are prohibitive for most agencies. There are still questions about proper and meaningful data collection and analysis. Some of the larger agencies have found the support of major universities with data analysis is critical to proper and credible analysis. Of greatest significance for many agencies is the lack of funding to pay for the collection and analysis of data.

Much of the effort toward condemning and preventing bias-based policing is part of an ongoing process that should not be regarded as “completed” but will continually be considered as “in progress.”

I am happy to discuss any questions you may have regarding our report. I can be reached at steve@waspc.org or (360) 486-2380.

Sincerely,



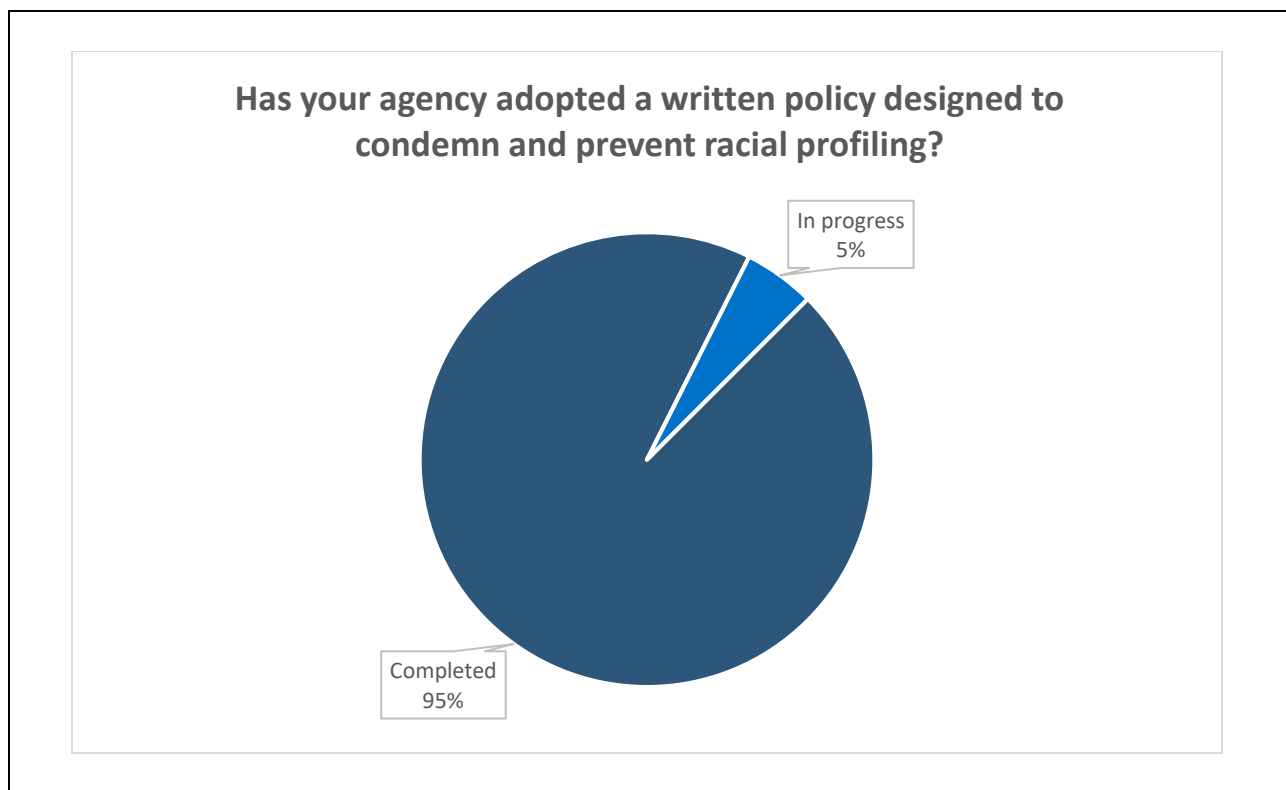
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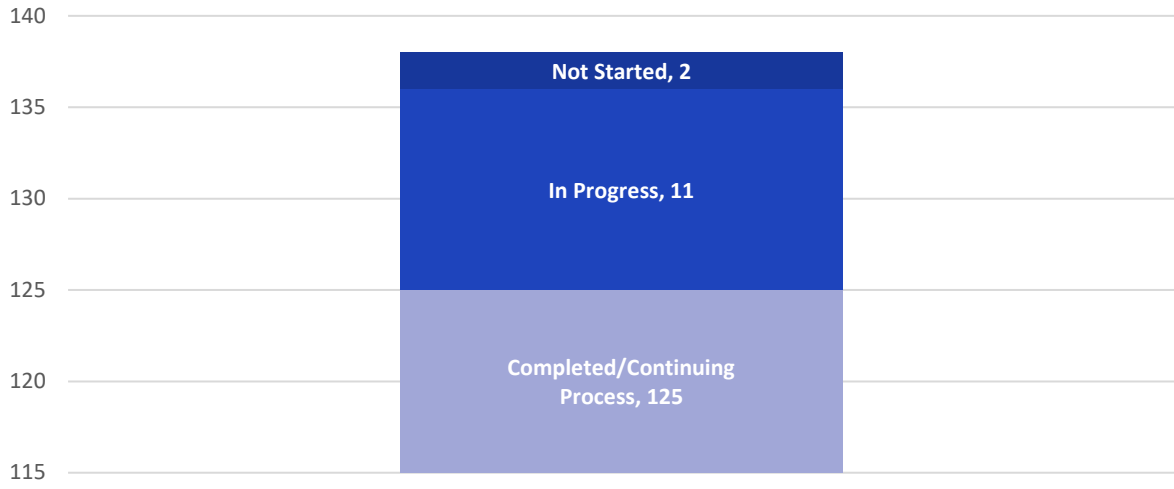
WASPC 2023 Racial Profiling Progress Report

In November 2000, a resolution regarding biased based policing and perceptions of biased based policing (commonly referred to as racial profiling) was adopted by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC). Racial profiling was later addressed by the 57th Legislature during the 2002 Regular Session by enacting Engrossed Senate Bill 5852 which became effective on June 13, 2002. The Act requires local law enforcement agencies to comply with the recommendations of WASPC regarding racial profiling as set forth in Section 2, Subsection (1) (a) through (f).

Section 3 of ESB 5852 requires WASPC to report to the Legislature prior to December 31 each year on the progress and accomplishments of each local law enforcement agency in the state in meeting the requirements and goals set forth in Section 2 of the Act. WASPC surveyed the police agencies in Washington regarding each element of Section 2 with the following results: Agencies responded as indicated to the questions below, each of which are based upon the requirements of Section 2 of the Act:



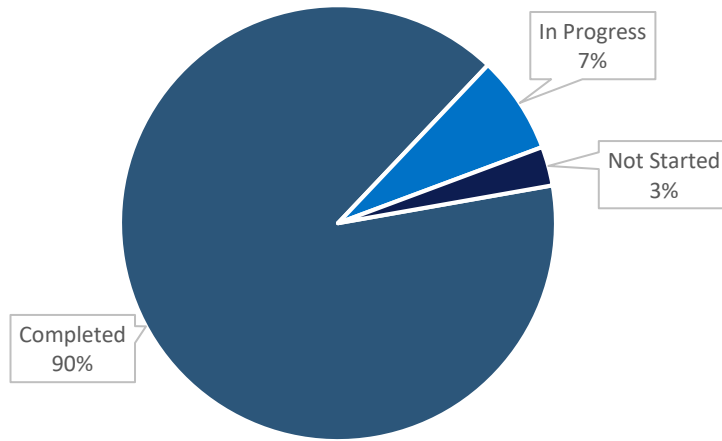
Has your agency reviewed and audited existing procedures, practices, and training to ensure that your agency does not enable or foster the practice of racial profiling?



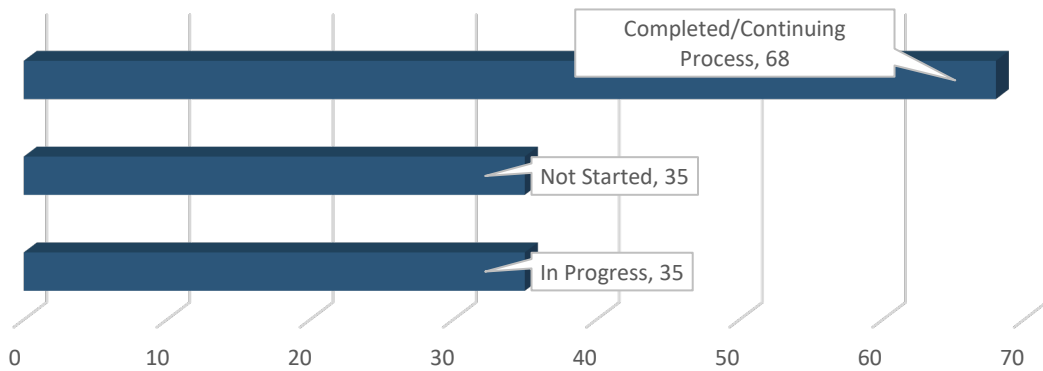
Has your agency continued training to address the issues related to racial profiling?



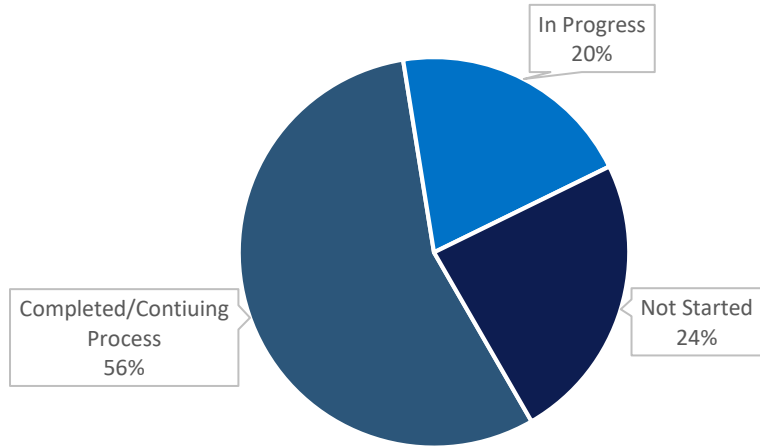
Has your agency ensured a citizen complaint process is in place that can adequately address instances of racial profiling?



Has your agency worked with minority groups in your community to appropriately address the issue of racial profiling?



Has your agency within fiscal constraints collected demographic data on traffic stops and analyzed that data to ensure that racial profiling is not occurring?



Roster of Responding Agencies

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| Aberdeen Police Department | Clark County Sheriff's Office |
| Anacortes Police Department | Clarkston Police Department |
| Arlington Police Department | Cle Elum Police Department |
| Asotin Police Department | Clyde Hill Police Department |
| Bainbridge Island Police Department | College Place Police Department |
| Battle Ground Police Department | Connell Police Department |
| Bellevue Police Department | Cosmopolis Police Department |
| Bellingham Police Department | Coulee Dam Police Department |
| Benton County Sheriff's Office | Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office |
| Bingen-White Salmon Police Department | Douglas County Sheriff's Office |
| Black Diamond Police Department | Duvall Police Department |
| Blaine Police Department | East Wenatchee Police Department |
| Bonney Lake Police Department | Eatonville Police Department |
| Bothell Police Department | Edmonds Police Department |
| Buckley Police Department | Ellensburg Police Department |
| Burlington Police Department | Elma Police Department |
| Camas Police Department | Ephrata Police Department |
| Central Washington University Police Department | Everett Police Department |
| Centralia Police Department | Federal Way Police Department |
| Chehalis Police Department | Ferry County Sheriff's Office |
| Chelan County Sheriff's Office | Fife Police Department |
| Cheney Police Department | Fircrest Police Department |
| | Franklin County Sheriff's Office |

Garfield County Sheriff's Office	Pullman Police Department
Gig Harbor Police Department	Puyallup Police Department
Goldendale Police Department	Quincy Police Department
Grand Coulee Police Department	Redmond Police Department
Grandview Police Department	Renton Police Department
Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office	Ridgefield Police Department
Hoquiam Police Department	Ritzville Police Department
Issaquah Police Department	San Juan County Sheriff's Office
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office	Selah Police Department
Kalama Police Department	Sequim Police Department
Kennewick Police Department	Shoalwater Bay Police Department
Kent Police Department	Skagit County Sheriff's Office
Kirkland Police Department	Skamania County Sheriff's Office
Kitsap County Sheriff's Office	South Bend Police Department
Kittitas County Sheriff's Office	Spokane County Sheriff's Office
Kittitas Police Department	Spokane Police Department
La Center Police Department	Stanwood Police Department
Lacey Police Department	Stevens County Sheriff's Office
Lake Forest Park Police Department	Sumas Police Department
Lake Stevens Police Department	Sumner Police Department
Lakewood Police Department	Sunnyside Police Department
Langley Police Department	Suquamish Tribal Police
Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	Tacoma Police Department
Longview Police Department	Toppenish Police Department
Lynden Police Department	Tukwila Police Department
Lynnwood Police Department	Tumwater Police Department
Marysville Police Department	Union Gap Police Department
Medina Police Department	University of Washington Police Department
Mercer Island Police Department	Vancouver Police Department
Monroe Police Department	WA Dept of Fish & Wildlife Police
Moses Lake Police Department	WA Dept of Natural Resources
Mount Vernon Police Department	WA Office of Insurance Commissioner Criminal
Mountlake Terrace Police Department	Investigations Unit
Normandy Park Police Department	WA State Gambling Commission
Oak Harbor Police Department	WA State Parks
Okanogan County Sheriff's Office	Wahkiakum County Sheriff's Office
Omak Police Department	Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office
Oroville Police Department	Walla Walla Police Department
Othello Police Department	Washington State University Police Department
Pasco Police Department	Washougal Police Department
Pend Oreille County Sheriff's Office	West Richland Police Department
Pierce County Sheriff's Department	Western Washington University Police
Port Angeles Police Department	Department
Port of Pasco Police Department	Westport Police Department
Port Orchard Police Department	Winthrop Marshal's Office
Port Townsend Police Department	Woodland Police Department
Poulsbo Police Department	Yelm Police Department
Prosser Police Department	

**The following locations are under contract with one of the
aforementioned agencies or as noted:**

Almira	Marcus
Bingen	Northport
Carbonado	Oakville
Cashmere	Pateros
Cathlamet	Pierce Transit
Chelan	Pomeroy
Conconully	Republic
Concrete	Riverside
Creston	Roslyn
Davenport	Sprague
Edgewood	Springdale
Entiat	Tonasket
Grandview	Toppenish
Harrington	Twisp
Hoh Tribe	University Place
Hunts Point	Wilbur
LaCenter	Wilkeson
LaConner	Woodway
Leavenworth	Yarrow Point