



Connecticut Racial Profiling Prohibition Project

Thursday, November 10, 2016

10:00am – 12:00pm

Legislative Office Building, Room 1B

Draft Minutes

Present: William Dyson, Jim Fazzalano, Ken Barone, Andrew Clark, Cheryl Sharp, Chief Doug Fuchs, Lt. Marc Petrucci, Stacey Manware, Deborah DelPrete Sullivan, Aaron Swanson, Mike Lawlor, David McGuire, Subira Gordon, Spencer Hill, Tamara Lanier, Tanya Hughes, Michelle Riordan-Nold

The meeting was called to order at 10:07am

I. Welcome

Bill Dyson welcomed the advisory board and thanked them for attending. Bill also welcomed representatives from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) who were in the audience.

II. Approval of the August 11, 2016 and October 20, 2016 advisory board minutes

Tamara Lanier made a motion to approve the minutes from August 11, 2016 and October 20, 2016. The motion was seconded by David McGuire. There was no discussion and the minutes were passed unanimously.

III. Breaking Barriers Presentation (CPCA)

Chief Fuchs presented on a proposed program developed by CPCA where law enforcement officers would conduct a 20 minute presentation in driver education programs about the mechanics of a traffic stop and other related issues. One of the goals is to have patrol officers conduct these trainings as a way to develop positive interactions between law enforcement and youth in the community. This program would also help to educate students on Connecticut's Move over Law, where to pull over when you are stopped and what to do if you are involved in a motor vehicle accident. Additionally the program will discuss distracted driving and CT curfew laws. Lastly, the

program highlighted recent national conversations regarding police shootings and other highly publicized interactions between law enforcement and the public.

Following the presentation, members of the advisory board provided feedback and discussed supporting the program. Spencer Hill suggested that the presentation include information regarding a driver's right to file a complaint if they believe they were racially profiled. Tamara Lanier wanted to ensure that this program would reach audiences from all communities. She expressed concerns regarding the second half of the program that discussed more sensitive racial issues and wondered whether those were appropriate topics to be discussed in this type of training. Subira Gordon, David McGuire, Deborah DelPrete Sullivan and Tanya Hughes also expressed concerns regarding the second half of the training that focused on racial issues.

The advisory board discussed at length their concerns regarding time constraints and the program trying to cover too much heavy material in only 20 minutes. The advisory board appeared to have consensus that the first part of the program that focused on the mechanics of a traffic stop and other traffic related laws would be beneficial. The advisory board took no action on this item at this time.

IV. Update on the Data Work Group activities

Ken Barone and Jim Fazzaloro provided an update on the recent Data Working Group meeting. The work group presented a proposal to make two changes to the data collection system: (1) modify the enforcement category currently labeled "B" for "Blind Stop" to "T" for "Technology Stop" and (2) require the reporting of latitude and longitude data from departments that are already currently collecting that information.

The change in the enforcement category should help to better achieve the intent of identifying stops that were made as the result of technology (ie. radar, laser, LPR.) In addition, many departments currently collect geocoded location data, but only report it upon request. This change would require those departments to report the data monthly, but would not require departments that don't have the ability to capture geocoded data to do so. This proposal was passed unanimously.

V. CT Data Collaborative Presentation on Proposed Police Data Portal

Michelle Riordan-Nold and Ken Barone presented on a proposal to update the current data website to include the ability to provide more in-depth analysis for the public. In addition, the site would be upgraded to include a portal for law enforcement administrators to be able to analyze their own traffic stop data. The law enforcement administrator portal would include the ability to analyze data using any of our six analytical methods as well as the ability to conduct and officer level analysis. Advisory Board members asked for more time to digest the proposal and make thoughtful input.

The proposal will be discussed in more detail on a future Data Working Group meeting to seek feedback on elements that advisory board members would like to see in a modified website.

VI. Presentation on DUI Traffic Enforcement Data

Ken Barone presented data on DUI arrests as a result of motor vehicle enforcement from October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2015. His presentation also highlighted three departments that the project staff has been working with as part of the follow-up analysis who indicated specific DUI roving patrol enforcement strategies. According to the reported data there were 5,936 DUI arrests. The largest proportion of DUI arrests resulted from moving violations and speeding violation. There were over 900 DUI arrests that were not properly recorded in the database. The advisory board briefly discussed some of the data presented regarding DUI enforcement and the full presentation will be available on our website at www.ctrp3.org.

VII. General Discussion

Eight UK Police Chiefs will visit CCSU on November 16, 2016 from 10:00am to 3:00pm as part of a program sponsored by Open Society to training law enforcement around the world on developed police practices in the United States. Connecticut has been identified as a leader in the collection and analysis of traffic stop data. This is an area of interest to the visiting Chiefs. There will be an opportunity for advisory board members to visit with the guests and share their experience with the Connecticut Racial Profiling Prohibition Project.

There was no further general discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 11:55am.