



Connecticut Racial Profiling Prohibition Project

Thursday, September 7, 2017

10:00am – 12:00pm

Legislative Office Building, Room 1C

Draft Minutes

Present: William Dyson, Jim Fazzalano, Ken Barone, Andrew Clark, Neil Dryfe, Deborah Del Prete Sullivan, Rashad Glass, Doug Fuchs, Michael Gailor, Mike Lawlor, David McGuire, Aaron Swanson, Robyn Porter, George Battle, Tanya Hughes, Jesse Kalinowski, Tamara Lanier, Michelle Riordan-Nold, David Rosado, John Marshall, Ed Hedge, Tisa Williams.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10am

I. Welcome

Bill Dyson welcomed the advisory board and thanked them for attending. He also thanked the members from NHTSA for traveling to attend this meeting and make a presentation.

II. Approval of the July 20, 2017 minutes

Michael Gailor made a motion to approve the minutes from July 20, 2017. The motion was seconded by David McGuire. There was no discussion and the minutes were passed unanimously.

III. Update on Bridgeport Data Issues

The project staff was able to meet with the command staff of the Bridgeport Police Department on August 16, 2017 to discuss the outstanding data issues. It was determined that an indeterminate number of traffic stops were likely unreported during the study period. However, the traffic stop data that was reported appeared to be accurate based on an audit by project staff. It was determined that the missing traffic stops were likely random and shouldn't have a big impact on the outcome of an analysis. The Bridgeport Police Department administration questioned the total number of missing stops that the project staff had estimated. The project staff estimated that there could be as many as

3,000 unreported stop records. The department outlined a number of new procedures that they were going to put in place to ensure that data is submitted for each stop including making a supervisor verify that officer's report all stops called into dispatch at the end of each shift. Bridgeport is also in the process of migrating to a new records management system which will eliminate this problem once it is operational.

IV. Traffic Stop Data Analysis and Findings, 2014-15 Supplemental Report Follow-Up Comments or Questions

Following the release of the July 20, 2017 supplemental report, the project staff received a formal letter from the Wethersfield Police Chief. A full copy of this letter was shared with the advisory board. There was no discussion on this item.

V. Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety Presentation by John W. Marshall, Director of the Office of Safety Programs at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

John W. Marshall, Director of the Office of Safety Programs at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) gave a presentation on the program: Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS). DDACTS is a law enforcement operational model that integrates location-based traffic crash, crime, calls for service and enforcement data to establish effective and efficient methods for deploying law enforcement resources. As stated by Director Marshall, the model affords communities the dual benefit of reducing traffic crashes and crime. A detailed explanation of the model was presented to the advisory board. Less than 10 departments in Connecticut currently utilize the DDACTS program, but the desire is to increase that number in the coming year. A brief discussion took place regarding the use of traffic stop data collected for purposes of the racial profiling project to enhance the efforts of the DDACTS program. This will be a topic further discussed as the advisory board designs an online portal for law enforcement administrators to review their traffic stop data.

VI. Update on Year 3 Data Analysis and Findings

Ken Barone informed the advisory board that all data issues for the 2015-2016 dataset appear to be resolved and an analysis of the data has begun. The project staff is targeting October 19th as the release date for the third annual report. Once the report is completed an official release date will be set.

VII. General Discussion

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.