



LAGUNA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING BULLETIN # 21-06

Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA)

This training bulletin identifies the legal obligations of the RIPA law and the rules surrounding the collection and reporting of the data to the California Department of Justice.

Beginning January 1, 2022 the Laguna Beach Police Department will begin collecting and reporting perceived demographic data on **all officer initiated pedestrian and vehicle stops** in compliance with California state law (Assembly Bill 953-Racial and Identity Profiling Act).

DEFINITION

In 2015, the California Legislature passed the Racial and Identity Profiling Act, which requires all law enforcement agencies to collect demographic data on all pedestrian and vehicle stops. Larger agencies were the first to begin reporting information in 2018. Police organizations with less than 333 officers must begin collecting demographic data on January 1, 2022.

Agency Size	Collection of Data Begins
1,000+ Police Officers	July 1, 2018
667+ Police Officers	January 1, 2019
334+ Police Officers	January 1, 2021
Less than 333 Police Officers	January 1, 2022

Information that will be collected includes the date, time, and duration of the stop; the perceived race or ethnicity of a person; gender, age, disability; whether the individual is perceived to be LGBTQ and whether the officer perceived the person to be fluent in English. Additionally, the officer will report the reason for the stop, any action that was taken, as well as the officer's assignment and years of experience.

For purposes of the act, a stop is defined as any detention of a person by a peace officer (car stops, pedestrian stops, etc.). It DOES NOT include interactions which are initiated by the public (approaching and asking officers for directions, where to park, where to eat, etc.).

NOTES

The officers will have the RIPA module on their Soma Global dashboard. After signing into the CAD/RMS system, the officers can electronically complete the form and hit the submit button.

Note: In order to maintain anonymity, there is no location on the form for the person's name.

The location of the stop is also supposed to be generic and exact addresses are not required.

For instance, 134 Main Street could actually be "100 block of Main Street." Finally, the officer's name is given a unique identifier before it is submitted to DOJ. The Police Department is required to have the ability to locate which officers completed the RIPA document, but this information is NOT forwarded to DOJ.

PROCEDURE

Upon completing a traffic or pedestrian stop, officers will be required to complete a RIPA data questionnaire. Upon submitting the form, the information will be sent to the Watch



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Commander's inbox. The Watch Commander is tasked with making sure the officers did not; identify the person stopped, identify themselves in the notes and did not provide the exact location of the contact. Once approved, the Watch Commander submits it to the California Department of Justice.

The Watch Commander is also tasked with making sure the RIPA surveys are completed by the officers. For instance, if an officer made ten traffic stops during their shift, at a minimum there would be ten RIPA reports. The officers must complete the RIPA reports prior to the end of their shifts and they cannot be held.

Once again, consensual contacts initiated by the public DO NOT count under RIPA reporting requirements. If a citizen approaches an officer to report a crime, ask directions or simply ask a question, it doesn't fall under the reporting requirements as the officer did not actively stop and detain the person.

Stops initiated by officers fall under all the RIPA reporting requirements.

TRAINING

In the final week of December, a group of trainers will show the Sergeants, Corporals and Officers how to use the RIPA reporting instrument. It will be located within the Soma platform, near the widget used for the directed patrol checks.

ATTACHMENTS

Attached to this training bulletin, you will find a hardcopy of what a STOP DATA COLLECTION FORM (RIPA) looks like. All of this information has been placed into an electronic format and added to the Soma platform. This attachment is for your reference only.