

Sabine County Sheriff's Office

Racial Profiling Report

01/01/2015----12/31/2015

History of the of Sabine County, Texas

The county of Sabine was founded in 1835 by a dozen families that moved to the area searching for better living conditions. The name of the county was no doubt taken from the name of the river that marks the eastern boundary. El Camino real, present State Highway 21, was a determining factor in the location of the first settlers in Sabine County. Sabine County is one of the original thirteen counties of the State of Texas. According to prominent historians, reports claim sightings of Western vigilantes such as "Billy the Kid" in the Sabine County area. Other famous people include Davey Crockett, William Travis, and Sam Houston all have been known to visit and meet in Sabine County.

Today, Sabine County enjoys the benefits of offering a character of a rural community with proximity to a major metropolitan area. Houston is only 175 miles away from the Sabine County area. Further, it benefits from the frequent visit of tourists who often find Sabine county attractive for its warm hospitality and excellent cuisine. With a population of approximately 10,500 residents, Sabine National Forrest, Toledo Bend Lake, and Sam Rayburn Lake, Sabine County is an excellent choice for anyone looking for a home away from home.

Sabine County Sheriff's Office Background

The Sabine County Sheriff's Office was founded in 1858 when the county seat was moved from Milam to Hemphill. At the time, the Sabine County Sheriff's Office was made up of a sheriff and a jailer, who frequently updated the list of vigilantes in the area. Today, the Sabine County Sheriff Office is made up of 8 commissioned officers. The Sabine County Sheriff and his deputies are committed to performing their jobs in a professional manner while serving the residents of Sabine County.

In 2002, The Sabine County Sheriff's Office adopted a policy, in accordance to the Texas Law on Racial Profiling, banishing racial profiling practices among all Sabine County Sheriff's Office deputies.

Video Policy

Each motor vehicle regularly used by this department to make traffic and pedestrian stops is equipped with a video camera and transmitter-activated equipment; and

Each traffic and pedestrian stop made by an officer of this department that is capable of being recorded by video and audio, or audio, as appropriate, is recorded.

It is the policy of this department that it is to retain the video and audiotapes, or the audiotape of each traffic and pedestrian stop for at least ninety (90) days after the date of the stop. If a complaint is filed with this department alleging that one of our officers has engaged in racial profiling with respect to a traffic or pedestrian stop, this department retains the video and audiotapes, or the audiotape of the stop until final disposition of the complaint.

Supervisors ensure that officers of this department are recording their traffic and pedestrian stops. A recording of each officer will be reviewed at least once every ninety (90) days.

*If the equipment used to record audio and/or video of traffic or pedestrian stops is malfunctioning or otherwise not operable, the officer making the stop is encouraged to properly record and report the information as required.



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You have chosen to report as TIER 1 - Partial Exemption from Racial Profiling Reporting. You are reporting that agency vehicles used to conduct motor vehicle stops are equipped with video and audio equipment and those videos are maintained for 90-days or, in accordance with the Texas State Code of Criminal Procedures Article 2.135(a)(2), your agency has requested and not received funds to install the recording equipment.

Step 1: Please verify the following mandatory information and add contact information for questions by the general public about your Agency's report:

Department Name: SABINE CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Agency Number: 403100

Chief Administrator Name:

Input By: THOMAS MADDOX

Contact information released to the General Public for Questions about Report (you must provide at least one form of contact):

Telephone:

Email address:

Leave telephone and email blank if the General Public should only contact your Agency by mail for questions about your report.

Mailing address:

Address Line 2:

City:

State Abbreviation:

Zip Code:

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Step 2: Please select the reason you are filing as partially exempt:

- All cars regularly used for motor vehicle stops are equipped with video camera and transmitter-activated equipment and each motor stop is recorded and the recording of the stop is retained for at least 90 days after the stop.
- In accordance with 2.135(a)(2) the agency has requested and not received funds to install the recording equipment.

Step 3: Click the option you wish to use to report your racial profiling data:

I wish to fill out the online form for my Agency's Tier 1 report

I wish to upload a PDF of my Agency's Tier 1 report



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Step 4: Please fill out all boxes. If zero, use 0. The total on lines 4, 11, 14 and 17 must be equal. The total on line 20 must equal line 15.

SABINE CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE Motor Vehicle Racial Profiling Information

Number of motor vehicle stops:

1. citation only
2. arrest only
3. both
4. Total (lines 4, 11, 14 and 17 must be equal)

Race or Ethnicity:

- 5. African
- 6. Asian
- 7. Caucasian
- 8. Hispanic
- 9. Middle Eastern
- 10. Native American

11. Total (lines 4, 11, 14 and 17 must be equal)

Race or Ethnicity known prior to stop?

- 12. Yes
- 13. No

14. Total (lines 4, 11, 14 and 17 must be equal)

Search conducted?

- 15. Yes
- 16. No

17. Total (lines 4, 11, 14 and 17 must be equal)

Was search consented?

- 18. Yes
- 19. No

20. Total (must equal line 15)

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You have chosen to report as Partially Exempt from Racial Profiling Reporting. Please review the information in the table below that will be provided to the general public via our web site about your report. If all data is correct, please check the certification statement and submit your report.

Your report is not filed until you check the check box for certification statement below and click the submit button.

If you notice an error, [please click here to go back to the public information form and correct the error.](#)

Please note as soon as you click the "Submit Agency 2015 Report" button below, information in this box will be posted on our web site for public viewing at this link: [Texas Law Enforcement Agency Racial Profiling Reports Submitted to TCOLE.](#)

Agency Name	Filing Status	Reason for Filing as Tier 1 or Tier 2	Chief Administrator and Agency Contact information*	Date Filed	Online Electronic Report	Agency Supplied Report
SABINE CO. SHERIFF'S	Partially Exempt (Tier 1)	Audio/Video Equipped	THOMAS N. MADDOX Phone: 409 787-2266	02/19/2016	View	

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**Should you have any questions about the content of the report please use the agency contact information provided.*

Article 2.132 CCP Law Enforcement Policy on Racial Profiling

Article 2.132(b) CCP Law Enforcement Policy on Racial Profiling SABINE CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE has adopted a detailed written policy on racial profiling. Our policy:

- (1) clearly defines acts constituting racial profiling;
- (2) strictly prohibit peace officers employed by the SABINE CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE from engaging in racial profiling;
- (3) implements a process by which an individual may file a complaint with the SABINE CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE if the individual believes that a peace officer employed by the SABINE CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE has engaged in racial profiling with respect to the individual;
- (4) provides public education relating to the agency's complaint process;
- (5) requires appropriate corrective action to be taken against a peace officer employed by the SABINE CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE who, after an investigation, is shown to have engaged in racial profiling in violation of the SABINE CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE's policy adopted under this article;
- (6) require collection of information relating to motor vehicle stops in which a citation is issued and to arrests made as a result of those stops, including information relating to:
 - (A) the race or ethnicity of the individual detained;
 - (B) whether a search was conducted and, if so, whether the individual detained consented to the search; and
 - (C) whether the peace officer knew the race or ethnicity of the individual detained before detaining that individual; and
- (7) require the chief administrator of the agency, regardless of whether the administrator is elected, employed, or appointed, to submit an annual report of the information collected under Subdivision (6) to:
 - (A) the Commission on Law Enforcement; and
 - (B) the governing body of each county or municipality served by the agency, if the agency is an agency of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state outlines performance of the officers' official duties.

Electronic Signature

I hereby certify that these policies are in effect and agree I am submitting this Racial Profiling Report to TCOLE on behalf of SABINE CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE's Chief Administrator on this date, 02/19/2016.

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Summary Statement

The findings suggest that the Sabine County Sheriff's Office does not currently experience a problem regarding racial profiling practices. This is supported by the fact that it has not received complaints from community members regarding officers misconduct associated with racial profiling practices.

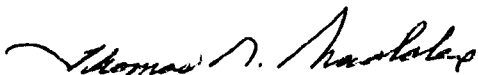
The continuing effort to collect police contact data will assure an on-going evaluation of the Sabine County Sheriff's Office practices. Thus, allowing for the citizens of Sabine County to benefit from professional and courteous service from their Sheriff's Office.

Recommendations

Based on the findings introduced in this report, the Sheriff, along with command staff, have agreed to adopt the following measures aimed at addressing potential racial profiling problems:

- Provide further racial sensitivity training to its police personnel.
- Disseminate information to all officers regarding the guidelines of behavior acceptable under the newly adopted Texas Racial Profiling Law.
- Keep commissioner's court and other county officials of measures being implemented at the Sabine County Sheriff's Office.
- Provide information to the local newspapers and radio stations of activities performed by the Sabine County Sheriff's Office.
- Further educate the public about the racial profiling law and the process in which they may file a complaint against a member of this office when he/she feels they have been subjected to racial profiling.

Sincerely,



Thomas N. Maddox, Sheriff