

# Sheriff



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Subject: Annual Administrative Review of Traffic Stops

This review is provided in accordance with General Order 2.06 – Biased Based Profiling and the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation standard 2.06 E. Information documented in this report was derived from the review of agency traffic stop data, traffic citations and warnings, citizen complaints, and data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Data for deputies involved in traffic stops, traffic warnings, and traffic citations were determined to be unremarkable except for the disparity between the percentage of citations and warnings issues to Hispanic/Latino drivers during traffic stops. The review of the data is as follows:

2025		White	Black	Asian	Hispanic	*Other
County Diversity		69.7%	10.6%	3.6%	12.3%	3.8%
Traffic Stops	11012	57.6%	17.0%	1.9%	19.8%	3.7%
Citations Issued	7230	52.5%	17.1%	1.5%	24.7%	4.1%
Written Warnings	3782	67.3%	16.7%	2.7%	10.4%	2.9%

\*includes other, unknown, and unidentified

The above data reflected an ongoing trend with the rate of which Hispanic/Latino drivers were issued traffic citations in relation to the number of warnings given. Hispanic/Latino drivers continue to exhibit a much higher rate of citations for no driver license. This is a criminal citation and much less likely to be handled by issuing a warning.

There were 11 complaints made by citizens stemming from traffic stops in 2025. Only one alleged the traffic stop was a result of racial discrimination/bias. A review of the traffic stop including a review of the Body Worn Camera (BWC) video showed the member acted lawfully and within policy; the complaint was exonerated. Nine complaints alleged the member was unprofessional. A review of the traffic stops including BWC videos showed the members acted lawfully and within policy in seven of the nine traffic stops; six complaints were unfounded, one complaint was exonerated, one complaint resulted in remedial training for a member for not properly activating their BWC, and one member received remedial training for using profane



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language during the traffic stop. Lastly, a citizen complained they were stopped unlawfully. A review of the traffic stop including a review of the BWC video showed the member acted lawfully and within policy; the complaint was unfounded.

The review of General Orders 2.06 - Bias Based Profiling and 22.01 - Traffic Law Enforcement found them to be in compliance with Florida Statutes.