



# CITY OF ARANSAS PASS

## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Item for the City Council Meeting of [01/22/2018]

Date: Monday, January 8, 2018  
To: Gary Edwards, City Manager  
From: Chief Eric Blanchard  
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**Title:** Police Department's racial profiling report for year 2017.

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**CAPTION:**

Presentation by the Chief of Police on the 2017 Aransas Pass police department racial profiling report.

**PURPOSE:**

Aransas Pass Police Department is required to document all traffic stops made where a citation or arrest are made. We are required to capture the violator's information as it pertains to their race and sex along with information about the officer's knowledge and activities during the stop. That information is then compiled and used in a yearly report that must be published online through the State. These reports are due by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The collection tools used are automated for controlled accuracy with the data. That data is then turned over to our racial profiling auditor who uses it to generate the report but also requires other data to ensure the PD follows the law.

**BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The federal and state governments enacted rules to combat racial by government officials. One of those rules requires documentation of traffic stops, and requires that a public report be made yearly. However, the overall goal and focus of the law along with our department policy is to suppress racial profiling through education and early

detection, invention. If matters of racial profiling are reported or detected, they are dealt with thoroughly and expeditiously by my command staff. In 2017, we did not receive any racial profiling complaints. Further, the report from our auditor shows the PD remains in compliance.

**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

This report and presentation complies with law and policy of the police department.

**EMERGENCY/NON-EMERGENCY:**

Not an emergency.

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Police Department

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

AransasPassPDRreport2017.pdf