

# **Connecticut Racial Profiling Prohibition Project**

Thursday, March 7, 2013 10am – 12pm Central Connecticut State University, Student Center, Bellin Gallery

### **Draft Minutes**

Present: Deborah DelPrete Sullivan, Mike Gailor, Andrew Clark, Aaron Swanson, Ken Barone, Doug Fuchs, Dan Stebbins, Jim Fazzalaro, Sean Thakkar, Stephen Cox, Chris Sedelmaier, John DeCarlo, Art Kureczka, Dean Esserman, Lynn Blackwell, Mark Panaccione, Gary Holder-Winfield, Gabriel Cano, Tom Maziarz, Cheryl Sharp, Bill Dyson, Mike Lawlor

The meeting was called to order at 10:15am

I. Welcome on behalf of Co-Chairs William Dyson and John DeCarlo

John DeCarlo welcomed members to this joint working group meeting. He thanked everyone for their time and commitment to this project.

II. Approval of January 10, 2013 minutes

A motion was made by Chris Sedelmaier and seconded by Mike Gailor to approve the minutes from January 10, 2013. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

III. Draft revisions for proposed legislation

Ken Barone provided an update to the advisory board regarding the recommended revisions to the Alvin W. Penn Act. The recommended changes included:

- 1. Expanding agencies with traffic stop enforcement power to collect trafficstop information.
- 2. Clarifies the geographic location of the stop
- 3. Change Officer information to be reported to unique ID
- 4. Collect additional post-stop information
- 5. Add an exception for collecting data for officers who need to leave the scene of a traffic stop due to exigent circumstances.

6. Clarify reporting requirements for law enforcement agencies.

# IV. Updated list of traffic stop data elements

Jim Fazzalaro presented a comprehensive list of traffic stop data elements that the working group has proposed for collection on July 1, 2013. The list also includes suggested universal codes for adoption by police agencies to collect information. There was no discussion on the current list.

### V. CJIS recommendations update

The below recommendations were discussed by the advisory board regarding the integration of the Criminal Justice Information System into the data collection process.

- 1. To require all police agencies to give CJIS direct access to the data from their CAD, RMS or other electronic system to further the project. This transmission of data will be constructed with direct input from CPCA as to the mechanism for achieving this goal to ensure that protected files and data are maintained in accordance with CGS.
- 2. Designate CJIS as a public safety agency.
- 3. Specify that CJIS should have access to DMV data necessary to have direct access to the appropriate data fields required for analysis of traffic stop data.
- 4. Provide CJIS with access to the Public Safety Data Network for purposes of performing its expected role in collection and analysis of traffic stop information.

There was consensus among the advisory board on support for point one listed above. DMV had expressed concern over allowing CJIS to have access to DMV records. State Police and the Chief State's Attorney all expressed concern designating CJIS as a public safety agency and cautioned against moving on that item prior to the FBI weighing in. This discussion was tabled for a future meeting and no consensus was formed on points 2, 3, or 4.

- VI. Benchmarking State Police
  - a. Post-Stop Analysis Only
  - b. Estimated Driving Population + Post Stop Analysis (Washington State Model)
  - c. Estimated Driving Population + Post Stop Analysis (Rhode Island Model)

Ken Barone introduced three different approaches for benchmarking state police traffic stop information on limited access highways. The concepts will be discussed in further detail in the April working group meeting.

## VII. Complaint Notice Instructions

Concept language for the complaint notice to be provided to motorists was introduced to the advisory board. The proposed language is, "This notice is being provided to you pursuant to Public Act 12-74. For instructions on how to file a complaint if you believe you have been stopped, detained, or subject to search solely because of your membership in a protected class or if you would like to file a commendation please visit <a href="https://www.ctrp3.org">www.ctrp3.org</a>." There was consensus to table the proposed language and have the data working group discuss this during the March and April meeting.

### VIII. Public Awareness Update

Andrew Clark provided an update on the status of the public awareness initiatives which will include future public forums prior to July 1, 2012. The project staff is also preparing informational brochures, public service announcements and training videos. The PSA was presented to the advisory board as well.

## IX. Training Update

A training working group meeting has been scheduled for March 19, 2013 to be held at CT POST. This meeting is open to all advisory board members.

### X. General Discussion

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:20pm.

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