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		ALL PERSONNEL	10.11
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Order Title: TRAFFIC STOP STATISTICS		Accreditation Standard: POSTC:	Section
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		Section Title SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	
Rescinds:		Rebeca Garcia, Chief of Police	

This General Order is for departmental use only and does not apply in any criminal or civil proceeding. This General Order should not be construed as creation of a higher legal standard of safety or care in an evidentiary sense with respect to third party claims. Violations of this General Order will only form the basis for departmental administrative sanctions. Violations of law will form the basis for civil and criminal sanctions in a recognized judicial setting

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this general order is to establish a written directive that describes the Bridgeport Police Department's guidelines and procedures related to recording and retaining traffic stop statistics.

II. POLICY:

It is Bridgeport Police Department policy to comply with all Connecticut statutory requirements related to the collection and reporting of traffic stop statistics.

III. DEFINITIONS

Traffic Stop: An officer-initiated contact with a vehicle resulting in the detention of an individual and/or vehicle. Stops made as part of a checkpoint or spot check enforcement are considered officer initiated if contact with the operator is extended for any purpose.

1. General Enforcement: A stop that meets the basic traffic stop definition.
2. Blind Enforcement: Techniques including the use of radar, traffic laser, license plate recognition devices, or other similar technologies or methods. This category includes traffic stops resulting from DUI checkpoints.
3. Spot Check: Includes stops made as a result of spot checks to detect seatbelt violations, cell phone violations, or other electronic devices, but excluding stops from DUI checkpoints.

4. Geographic Location: The location where the traffic stop *occurred*.

Excluded contacts (for purposes of C.G.S. § 54-1m): The definition of “Traffic Stops” does not include: providing assistance to motorists; all contacts arising from traffic crashes; in cases where an officer initiates contact with a vehicle that has been linked to a specific incident, whether based on a motor vehicle or a criminal complaint; stops made based on the use of radiation detection devices; truck weighing operations; and commercial vehicle safety inspections are not considered traffic stops.

Data Collection: The gathering of information by a police officer on individuals subjected to traffic stops as a result of violations of the Connecticut General Statutes or similar municipal ordinance.

IV. PROCEDURES

A. Traffic Stop Data Collection

Pursuant to C.G.S. § 54-1m, data must be recorded for all traffic stops, unless the police officer was required to leave the location of the stop in order to respond to an emergency or due to some other exigent circumstances within the scope of such police officer’s duties. The **Connecticut Traffic Stop Data Collection Form** will be utilized by the officer collecting this data.

1. Officers will completely fill out this form after all traffic stops, including:
 - a. The initial statutory reason for the stop must be recorded
 - b. If different from the original reason for the stop, the resulting statutory citation must be recorded as well.
 - c. If there are multiple charges, the highest charge (as determined by the officer) should be recorded.
 - d. Officers shall note the incident number for the traffic stop on the form.
2. Officers will turn in the Traffic Stop forms prior to the end of their shifts.
 - a. Supervisors will ensure that the forms are completed correctly in the RMS (NexGen). In order for this data to be uploaded it must be complete and accurate.
 - b. Data collected on the Connecticut Traffic Stop Data Collection Form will be provided to the Office of Policy and Management on a monthly basis at a minimum. Whenever possible this data will be transmitted on a real-time basis through the best available application provided to this department by OPM.

B. TRAINING

All officers shall receive training regarding the requirements of C.G.S. § 54-1m, and the procedures set forth in this general order.