

Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA)

403.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

On or before January 1, 2019, the Department was required to begin collecting stop data for all contacts meeting the criteria outlined in the Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA) and related regulations. Moving forward, the Department is required to annually report this data to the California Attorney General (Government Code § 12525.5).

403.1.1 DEFINITIONS

It is important to note that, while many of the terms used in association with RIPA may seem familiar, their actual meaning might be different than what has historically been held to be common law enforcement terminology. Select terms have been included below; however, personnel are encouraged to refer to the California Code of Regulations for the full list of RIPA terms and guidelines. The terms "non-force related" and "force-related" in section 403.3, as defined by the California State Legislature (AB953), may not align with Orange County Sheriff's Department reporting standards or definitions within Policy 300 – Use of Force.

The following definitions relate to terms used within this policy, as applied to RIPA stops only, and have been taken directly from the California Code of Regulations (11 CCR § 999.224):

Detention: A seizure of a person by an officer that results from physical restraint, unequivocal verbal commands, or words or conduct by an officer that would result in a reasonable person believing that they are not free to leave or otherwise disregard the officer.

Stop: (1) Any detention, as defined in these regulations, by a peace officer of a person; or (2) any peace officer interaction with a person in which the officer conducts a search, as defined in these regulations.

Search: For the purpose of RIPA, means a search of a person's body or property in the person's possession or under their control, and includes a pat-down search of a person's outer clothing as well as a consensual search, as defined in these regulations.

Custodial Setting: Correctional institutions, juvenile detention facilities, and jails, including parking lots and grounds within the perimeter of these enumerated facilities. "Custodial setting" also includes a courtroom or courthouse in the limited circumstances where a court orders a person remanded into custody. "Custodial setting" does not include home detention or any circumstances where persons are under house arrest outside of correctional institutions, juvenile detention facilities, or jails.

Please note: Peace officers shall not report stops that occur in a custodial setting. Peace officers who work in custodial settings are subject to this chapter for stops that occur in non-custodial settings (11 CCR § 999.225). For home detention or home arrest while an officer is on home detention or house arrest assignment, the following interactions with persons in the home who are not under home detention or home arrest are to be reported: the officer handcuffs or flex cuffs the person; arrests the person; points a firearm at the person; discharges or uses a firearm,

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Conducted Energy Device, impact projectile, baton or other impact weapon, or chemical spray on the person; or if a canine bit/held the person (11 CCR § 999.227 (d)(3)).

403.2 DATA REPORTING

The Director of the Records Division is the custodian of all data collected. The Director of the Records Division or his/her authorized designee shall ensure data is collected and reported in accordance with Government Code section 12525.5 and related regulations and that all data collected is used strictly within the scope of compliance with this policy. The data provided to the California Attorney General shall not include the name, address, social security number or other unique personal identifying information of persons stopped, searched, or subjected to a property seizure, and shall not include any name, badge number or PID of any peace officer collecting the data.

All RIPA data collected is public record and open to public inspection. No identifying information about the peace officers collecting the data shall be publicly disclosed.

Department Members, other than the Director of the Records Division, or his/her designee, may not access the Department's server to view RIPA data without authorization from the Sheriff. The RIPA data collected shall not be used for disciplinary purposes or for use in performance evaluations.

403.3 DATA COLLECTION

Peace Officers within the Department shall report the following information by completing all required data fields in the Department's AB953 RIPA Stop Application for each stop:

1. The time, date, duration and location of the stop.
2. The reason for the stop.
3. The result of the stop, such as, no action, warning, citation, property seizure or arrest.
4. If a warning or citation was issued, the warning provided or violation cited.
5. If an arrest was made, the offense charged.
6. If subject had limited or no English fluency.
7. If subject had a perceived or known disability.
8. The perceived race or ethnicity, gender, perceived LGBT and approximate age of the person stopped, provided that the identification of these characteristics shall be based on the observation and perception of the peace officer making the stop, and the information shall not be requested from the person stopped. For motor vehicle stops, this section only applies to the driver, unless any actions specified under subsection 7 apply in relation to a passenger, in which case the characteristics specified in this section shall also be reported for him or her.
9. Actions taken by the peace officer during the stop, to include:
 - (a) Whether the peace officer asked for consent to search the person, and, if so, whether consent was provided.

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- (b) Whether the peace officer searched the person or any property, and, if so, the basis for the search and the type of contraband or evidence discovered, if any.
- (c) Whether the peace officer seized any property and, if so, the type of property that was seized and the basis for seizing the property.

Stops involving multiple peace officers shall only require reporting by one peace officer. In most cases, this will be the peace officer making initial contact.

403.4 DATA ENTRY

Members shall complete all stop reports for stops made during their shift by the end of that shift, unless exigent circumstances preclude doing so. In such circumstances, the data shall be completed as soon as practicable.

403.5 DATA ANALYSIS

The Department has established a Working Group, consisting of representatives from S.A.F.E., Operations (patrol and transit), Investigations, Custody, Court, Training, Field Training Bureau, Records, and Technology; the Constitutional Policing Advisor; and, as needed, County Counsel. The Working Group will convene as directed by the Commander of the S.A.F.E. Division. The Working Group will be responsible for the following:

1. Reviewing the Department's RIPA data on a quarterly basis.
2. Receiving and reviewing the RIPA Board's annual report and any related information received from S.A.F.E.
3. Identifying any areas of concern with the Department's RIPA data and the RIPA Board's annual report and, as necessary, bringing those concerns to the Department's Command for direction.
4. Researching information within their expertise and returning to the Working Group with recommendations that may include, but are not limited to, policy changes and training updates.
5. Analyzing the Department's RIPA data and completing a draft of the Department's annual RIPA report for review by the Department's Command.

After approval by the Sheriff, the Department's annual RIPA report will be publicly disclosed on the Department's website.