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Representatives Ajello and Cruz,

I testified before the House Judiciary Committee on February 11, 2026, in opposition of 2026 Bill H-7353. During my testimony I mentioned annual reports that document motor vehicle stops and components of the stops. Both of you requested these reports. I have attached the requested documents; the Barrington Police Department's annual Administrative Review of Biased-Based Policing Practices. I hope you find these documents helpful. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact me.

I apologize for the delayed response to your request.

Respectfully,

Col. Michael E. Correia
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MEMO

To: Chief Michael E Correia

From: Lt. Wesley G McCoy Jr

Date:

Re: 2023 Annual Administrative Review of Biased-Based Policing Practices

In accordance with Barrington Police Department Policy 320.02 (Mutual Respect in Policing) and RIPAC Standard 2.8, Section D, an annual administrative review has been conducted for the 2023 calendar year. This review examines agency practices, including traffic stop data and citizen concerns, to ensure compliance with prohibitions against biased-based policing.

A comprehensive review of the department's reporting systems for the 2023 calendar year was performed to identify any allegations of disparate treatment or biased policing.

- **Internal Affairs Investigations:** A review of Internal Affairs files revealed 1 investigation for the year 2023; however, this report was not associated with biased-based policing.
- **Guardian Tracking System:** A check of the Guardian Tracking System confirmed that the department received 0 complaints or reports from citizens involving biased-based policing concerns in 2023.
- **Formal Written Complaints:** No formal written complaints were filed against the department regarding biased-based policing during this period.
- **Asset seizure and forfeiture:** There were no asset or forfeitures in 2023.

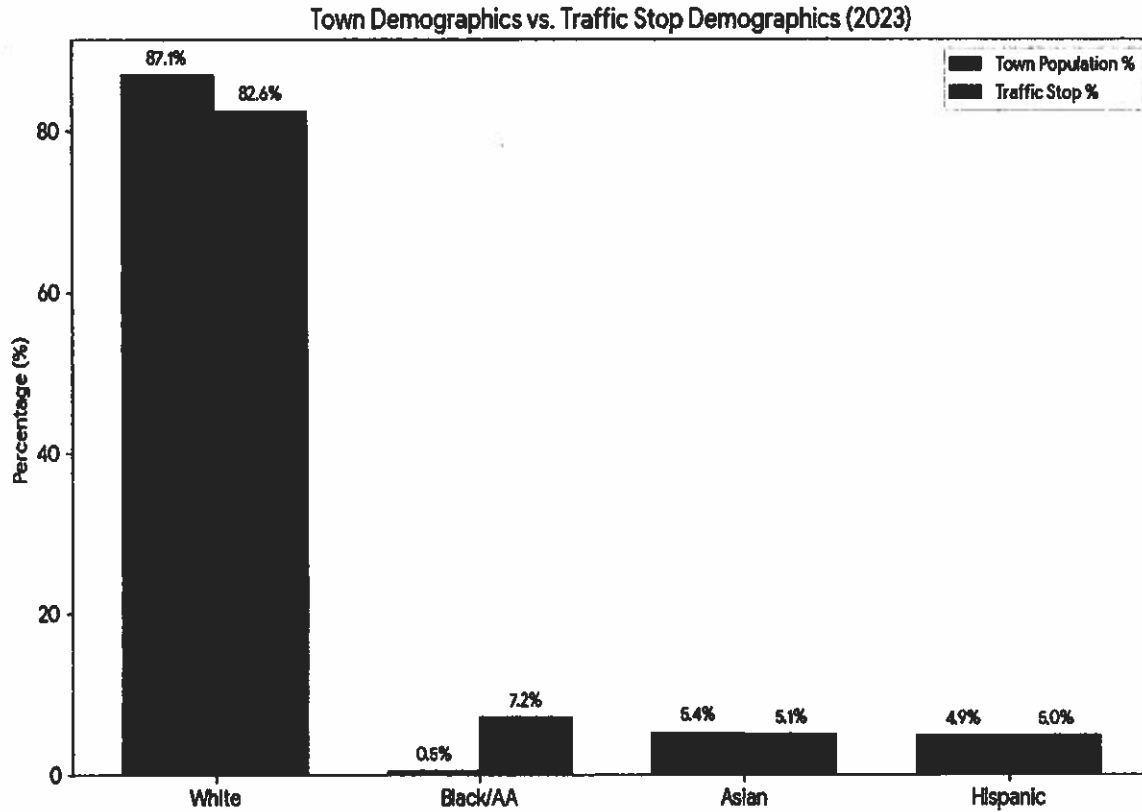
According to the U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts for the Town of Barrington, the estimated population as of April 1, 2020, was 17,153. The demographic breakdown of the community is as follows:

- White alone: 87.1%
- Two or More Races: 5.9%
- Asian alone: 5.4%
- Hispanic or Latino: 4.9%
- Black or African American alone: 0.5%
- American Indian and Alaska Native alone: 0.0%

Footnote: ¹ Note: Percentages may sum to over 100% because Hispanics may be of any race and are therefore also included in applicable race categories (e.g., White, Black, or Asian).

Traffic Stop Data Analysis (2023)

The department maintains a detailed record system to monitor all traffic contacts, including the race of the operator, the reason for the stop, and the final outcome.



Total Traffic Stops (2023): 3,605

Race	Total Stops	Residents	Non-Residents	Resident %	Non-Resident %
White	2,976	1,120	1,856	37.6%	62.4%
Black/African American	260	35	225	13.5%	86.5%
White Hispanic	193	13	180	6.7%	93.3%
Asian/Pacific Island	123	61	62	49.6%	50.4%
Black Hispanic	42	3	39	7.1%	92.9%
Native American	11	4	7	36.4%	63.6%

Stop Reason and Outcomes

- Primary Reason for Stop: Across all racial demographics, Violations were the overwhelming reason for traffic stops, accounting for 95.0% (3,424) of all contacts. Investigatory stops accounted for 4.8% (173), while Assists made up less than 1% (8).
- Enforcement Actions:

- Citations: Issued in 31.4% (1,133) of all stops. The rate was highest for Asian/Pacific Island motorists (37.4%) and Black/African American motorists (35.4%), and lowest for Native American motorists (18.2%).
- Warnings: These were the most frequent outcome, representing 67.7% (2,442) of all stops.
- Arrests: Motorist arrests remained rare, occurring in less than 1% (15) of all stops.
- Duration of Stops: Efficiency in traffic contacts remained high, with 98.1% (3,535) of all stops concluded within 15 minutes.

Search Activity and Results

Of the 3,605 stops conducted in 2023, only 14 searches were performed, representing approximately 0.4% of all traffic contacts.

- Search Demographics: Searches involved 10 White motorists, 2 White Hispanic motorists, 1 Black/African American motorist, and 1 Asian/Pacific Island motorist.
- Search Justification: The most common reason for a search was Incident to Arrest (61.1%), followed by Probable Cause (16.7%).
- Search Results: Of the searches conducted, 66.7% resulted in no contraband being found. In cases where items were seized, Drugs/Drug Paraphernalia (20.0%) and Alcohol (13.3%) were the primary items recovered.
- Search Scope: The search was limited to the Driver in 64.7% of cases and the Vehicle in 35.3% of cases. No searches of passengers were recorded in 2023.

Policy and Training Compliance

- Directive Review: A review of Policy 320.02 (Mutual Respect in Policing) was conducted. The policy continues to govern the prohibition against biased policing in traffic contacts, field contacts, and asset seizure.
- Policy Updates: There were no changes made to the policy during this review cycle.
- Training: All sworn personnel completed initial training and annual refresher training to reinforce the prohibition against biased-based policing. This training covers legal aspects and the effects of bias on community trust.

Conclusion

The analysis of the 2023 traffic data, internal affairs records, and community feedback does not reveal any issues concerning disparate treatment. While the total volume of traffic stops increased to 3,605 for the year, the department's enforcement patterns remained consistent across all demographic groups.

- Regional Travel Patterns: While the percentage of stops for Black/African American motorists (7.2%) is higher than the local resident population (0.5%), 86.5% of those stopped were non-residents.
- Non-Resident Data: Similarly, 93.3% of White Hispanic motorists stopped were non-residents, further indicating that the data reflects regional travel patterns rather than biased enforcement.

- **Search and Seizure:** Search activity remains minimal, with only 14 searches conducted out of 3,605 stops (0.4%), the majority of which were searches incident to arrest.
- **Public Trust:** The department received 0 complaints regarding biased-based policing, and no formal written complaints or internal investigations related to disparate treatment were recorded for the year.

The Barrington Police Department continues to utilize training and policy oversight to ensure that all members of the community and the traveling public are treated with fairness and respect.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt. McCoy



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In accordance with Barrington Police Department Policy 320.02 (Mutual Respect in Policing) and RIPAC Standard 2.8, Section D, an annual administrative review has been conducted for the 2024 calendar year. This review examines agency practices, including traffic stop data and citizen concerns, to ensure compliance with prohibitions against biased-based policing.

A comprehensive review of the department's reporting systems for the 2024 calendar year was performed to identify any allegations of disparate treatment or biased policing.

- **Internal Affairs Investigations:** A review of Internal Affairs files revealed 0 investigations related to biased-based policing for the year 2024.
- **Guardian Tracking System:** A check of the Guardian Tracking System confirmed 1 entry involving a citizen concern. The report involved a traffic stop where the operator expressed dissatisfaction with the officer's demeanor, perceiving the interaction as disrespectful. This matter was handled at the first-line supervisor level over the phone and did not arise to a formal Internal Affairs complaint.
- **Formal Written Complaints:** No formal written complaints were filed against the department regarding biased-based policing during this period.
- **Asset seizure and forfeiture:** There were no assets or forfeitures in 2024.

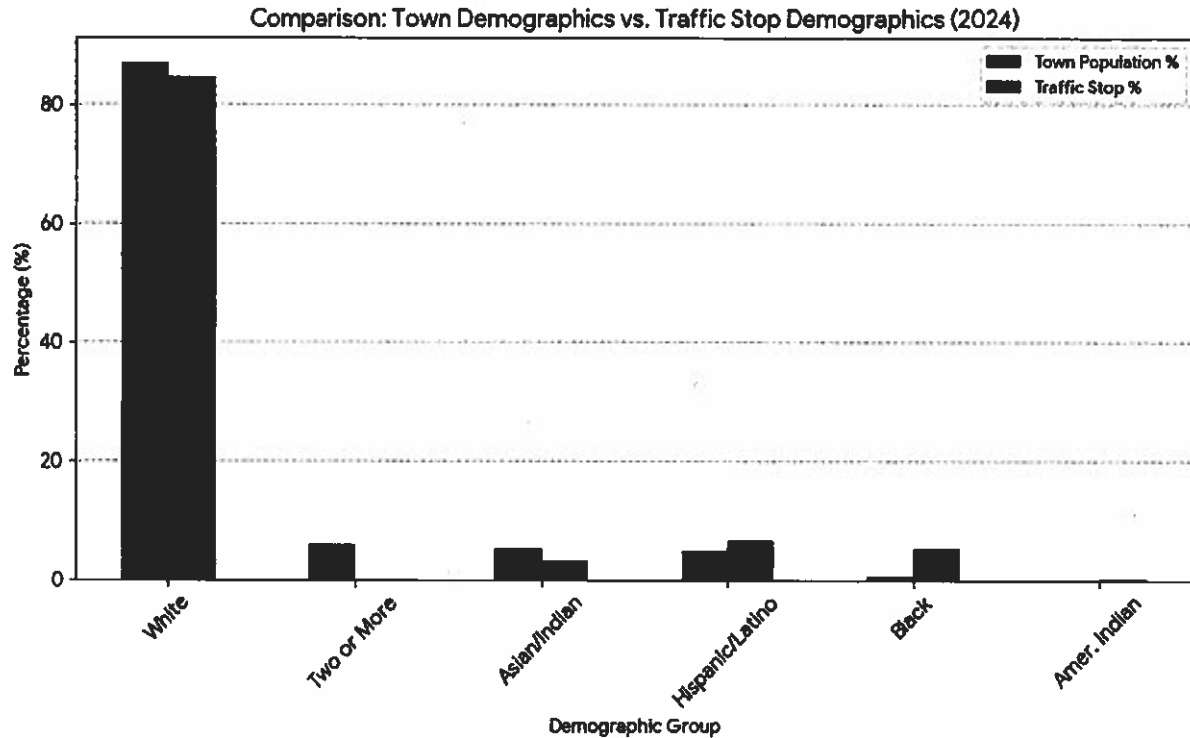
According to the U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts for the Town of Barrington, the estimated population as of July 1, 2024, was 17,027. The demographic breakdown of the community is as follows:

- **White alone:** 87.1%
- **Two or More Races:** 5.9%
- **Asian alone:** 5.4%
- **Hispanic or Latino:** 4.9%
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Traffic Stop Data Analysis (2024)

The department maintains a detailed record system to monitor all traffic contacts, including the race of the operator, the reason for the stop, and the final outcome.



Total Traffic Stops (2024): 2,061

<u>Race</u>	<u>Total Stops</u>	<u>Residents</u>	<u>Non-Residents</u>	<u>Resident %</u>	<u>Non-Resident %</u>
<u>White</u>	<u>1,746</u>	<u>755</u>	<u>991</u>	<u>43.2%</u>	<u>56.8%</u>
<u>Black</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>20.7%</u>	<u>79.3%</u>
<u>White Hispanic</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>10.5%</u>	<u>89.5%</u>
<u>Asian/Indian</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>62.5%</u>	<u>37.5%</u>
<u>Black Hispanic</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>6.5%</u>	<u>93.5%</u>
<u>Amer. Indian</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>50.0%</u>	<u>50.0%</u>

Stop Outcomes and Duration

- Reason for Stop: The vast majority of stops across all demographics were for Violations (98.3%), followed by Investigatory (1.5%) and Assists (< 1%).
- Searches: Of the 2,061 stops conducted in 2024, 12 searches were performed (approx. 0.58%). All searches were conducted on White motorists and were classified as "Incident to Arrest" with a search scope of "Driver".
- Citations vs. Warnings: Black motorists received citations in 18.5% of stops and warnings in 81.5%. White motorists received citations in 26.1% of stops and warnings in 73.6%.
- Duration: 97.6% of all stops were completed within 0-15 minutes, indicating consistent efficiency in traffic contacts regardless of operator race.

Note: The search data (100% conducted on White motorists) is a strong statistical indicator of non-bias against minority groups for this reporting period

Policy and Training Compliance

- Directive Review: A review of Policy 320.02 (Mutual Respect in Policing) was conducted. The policy continues to govern the prohibition against biased policing in traffic contacts, field contacts, and asset seizure.
- Policy Updates: There were no changes made to the policy during this review cycle.
- Training: New sworn personnel completed initial training. Annual refresher training was completed with all sworn personnel to reinforce the prohibition against biased-based policing. This training covers legal aspects and the corrosive effects of bias on community trust.

Conclusion

The analysis of the 2024 traffic data, internal affairs records, and community feedback does not reveal any issues concerning disparate treatment. While the total number of stops increased to 2,061, the department maintained a high level of efficiency, with 97.6% of all contacts concluded within 15 minutes.

The data shows that 100% of the searches conducted were performed on White motorists under the authority of "Incident to Arrest," and no searches were conducted on minority motorists during this period. Furthermore, while Black motorists represent a portion of total stops, 79.3% of those individuals were non-residents. This continues to suggest that traffic enforcement data is heavily influenced by regional travel patterns and the demographic composition of those commuting through Barrington, rather than biased enforcement practices.

Respectfully submitted,
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MEMO

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A comprehensive review of the department's reporting systems for the 2025 calendar year was performed to identify any allegations of disparate treatment or biased policing.

- **Internal Affairs Investigations:** A review of Internal Affairs files revealed 0 investigations related to biased-based policing for the year 2025.
- **Guardian Tracking System:** A check of the Guardian Tracking System confirmed that the department received 0 complaints or reports from citizens involving biased-based policing concerns in 2025.
- **Formal Written Complaints:** No formal written complaints were filed against the department regarding biased-based policing during this period.
- **Asset seizure and forfeiture:** There were no asset or forfeitures in 2025.

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Traffic Stop Data Analysis (2025)

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Total Traffic Stops (2025): 2,883

Race	Total Stops	Residents	Non-Residents	Resident %	Non-Resident %
White	2,459	1,011	1,448	41.10%	58.90%
Black/African American	189	45	144	23.80%	76.20%
White Hispanic	132	24	108	18.20%	81.80%
Asian/Pacific Island	79	49	30	62.00%	38.00%
Black Hispanic	19	2	17	10.50%	89.50%
Native American	5	2	3	40.00%	60.00%

Stop Outcomes

- Reason for Stop: The vast majority of stops across all demographics were for Violations (98.6%), followed by Investigatory (1.3%) and Assists (< 1%).
- Searches: Of the 2,883 stops conducted in 2025, 0 searches were performed unless it was a search incident to arrest.
- Citations vs. Warnings: Black/African American motorists received citations in 20.1% of stops and warnings in 79.4%. White motorists received citations in 28.8% of stops and warnings in 70.8%.
- Duration: 99.3% of all stops were completed within 0-15 minutes, indicating consistent efficiency in traffic contacts regardless of operator race.

Policy and Training Compliance

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- Policy Updates: There were no changes made to the policy during this review cycle.
- Training: All sworn personnel receive initial training and annual refresher training to reinforce the prohibition against biased-based policing. This training covers legal aspects, the corrosive effects of bias on community trust.

Conclusion

The analysis of the 2025 traffic data, internal affairs records, and community feedback does not reveal any issues concerning disparate treatment. While the percentage of stops for Black/African American motorists (6.6%) is higher than the local resident population (0.5%), 76.2% of those stopped were non-residents. This suggests the data reflects regional travel patterns rather than biased enforcement.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt. McCoy