



IDOT TRAFFIC STOP DATA TASK FORCE

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**THE ATTACHED IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
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BY THE URBANA IDOT TRAFFIC STOP DATA TASK FORCE**

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TASK FORCE INFORMATION:

The I.D.O.T. Traffic Stop Data Task Force was established by Urbana City Council Resolution NO. 2014-01-002.

The Task Force is charged with identifying and studying any racial disparities that may exist in local traffic stop data supplied annually to the City by the Illinois Department of Transportation (I.D.O.T.), and attempting to find the source and cause of any disparity. The Task Force is directed to examine multiple aspects of the traffic stop data, including race, driver age, residence, stop time, stop location, the reason for the stop, vehicle age, and any other information the Task Force finds to be useful. The Task Force will also look beyond traffic stop data to consider census and unemployment data, high school graduation rates, and incarceration statistics from the September 2013 study of the Champaign County justice system.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TASK FORCE:

On the web, visit <http://urbanaininois.us/boards/idot-traffic-stop-data-task-force>; or

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Hello All,

I would like to submit another suggestion for you to consider next Wednesday.

On page 6, Summary of Recommendations I suggest the first key recommendation be divided into two separate parts.

Bullet One: The Police Department should continue and expand the programs it has already initiated during the existence of the Task Force, particularly trainings on implicit bias and the collection and monitoring of additional traffic stop data (beyond IDOT requirements) to help identify and eliminate racial disparities.

Bullet Two (NEW): The Police Department should continue to review all traffic stops identified as having an investigatory component with officers to assess the motivations, efficacy and outcome of the traffic stop.

Rationale for Breaking the Bullet into Two Parts:

I'm not sure it is necessary for the UPD to review all stops which is implied in the first recommendation especially those that are just "safety stops" in nature . Research has shown racial disparities are minimal in these types of stops. The review should primarily focus on those traffic stops that have an investigatory component to them. By breaking the initial recommendation into these two parts you eliminate a lot of unnecessary work for the UPD and redirect MORE STRONGLY the focus on the real issue, that of determining whether investigatory stops are working and/or negatively impacting racial disparities.

Thank you again for your consideration,
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