



## IDOT TRAFFIC STOP DATA TASK FORCE

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### PUBLIC COMMENT COVER PAGE

**THE ATTACHED IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE  
“PRELIMINARY REPORT” PUBLISHED ON 07/06/2015  
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 understand that the Task Force will likely attach as separate appendices the Statistics Subcommittee Report and public comments to its final report. I would like to suggest you consider adding another appendix entitled Traffic Stop Forms. This appendix would include all documentation forms that may be used by the UPD when conducting traffic stops. These should include citation ticket, warning ticket, reporting forms, etc.

I feel this is important for several reasons. First I think the public should have easy access and knowledge of the forms being used by the UPD during traffic stops. This fits one of your goals, public education and engagement. Secondly, the forms are the means of collecting and reporting the circumstances/nature of the traffic stop. This information is important to citizens. Thirdly, it is from these forms that the UPD gathers and reports its traffic stop data to the State. One must ask, do these forms adequately and accurately gather the required data for reporting? Public review of these forms would benefit this process by making it more transparent and strengthen community relations. ***Finally, and most importantly,*** the Task Force has recommended recent changes to the tickets and forms. The goal was to collect more local and specific types of data that will better inform the UPD and public to assess whether future policy decisions for improving policing strategies and tactics regarding traffic stops are warranted. Question: was this accomplished through the changes made?

I would suggest these forms be posted as soon as possible to the Task Force's website with a request for public comment. A brief comment explaining the changes already enacted would give some context and be extremely helpful to improving the public's understanding of what the Task Force is trying to accomplish. Certainly there are citizens or community groups who would like to comment on these changes before your report is finalized. In fact it is possible a couple of excellent suggestions could come forward that as a Task Force you might want to add to your recommendations.

Hopefully you can add this recommendation to your agenda to review on August 19.

Respectfully,  
Durl Kruse

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