

HIGHLAND PARK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



2014 CONTACT DATA ANNUAL REPORT

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Honorable Mayor and Town Council
Town of Highland Park
4700 Drexel Drive
Highland Park, Texas 75205

Dear Mayor and Council:

In accordance with the Texas Racial Profiling Law (S.B. No. 1074) the Highland Park Department of Public Safety has collected law enforcement contact data for the purpose of identifying and responding to concerns regarding racial profiling. The findings of this report will serve as evidence that the Highland Park DPS is in full compliance with our agency's policies and procedures, CALEA accreditation standards, and applicable state and federal law regarding our contacts with all individuals.

Although the state now requires a standardized report format from all law enforcement agencies, we are continuing to present this report to our governing body in a familiar format. This format will aid in the comparison with past years data for analysis.

The Department continued its use of a digital recording system for patrol vehicles and will begin using body worn recorders in 2015. This allows for continuous reviews of traffic related contacts and the monitoring of officer's conduct. Supervisors conduct random and routine quarterly reviews of videos of officer contacts with the public.

The Highland Park DPS will continue to collect data regarding citizen contacts as required. We will continue to analyze this data for issues or trends that could become concerns for the public and take action as required to maintain our status as a professional law enforcement agency.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Vinson', is written over a white background.

Chris Vinson
Director of Public Safety



Tier 1 Data 2014

The following information pertains to Highland Park “Traffic” Stops where Citations were issued and where searches were made or where a “Traffic” stop was made and a custodial arrest was made as a result of the Traffic charge.

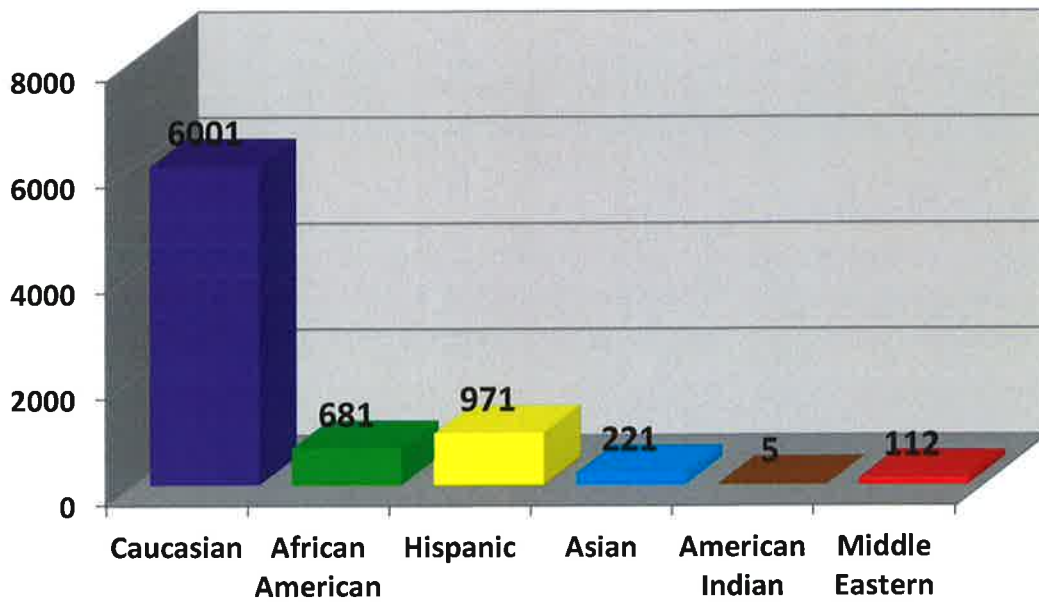
Table 1. General Demographics of Contacts where Citations were issued and Searches were made.

Race/Ethnicity*	Citations Issued		Total Searches		Consensual Searches		Custody Arrest	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Caucasian	6001	75	178	49	5	42	65	59
African American	681	8.5	68	19	3	25	15	14
Hispanic	971	12	111	31	4	33	29	26
Asian	221	2.8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Native American	5	0.06	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middle Eastern	112	1.4	4	1	0	0	1	1
Total	7991	100	361	100	12	100	110	100

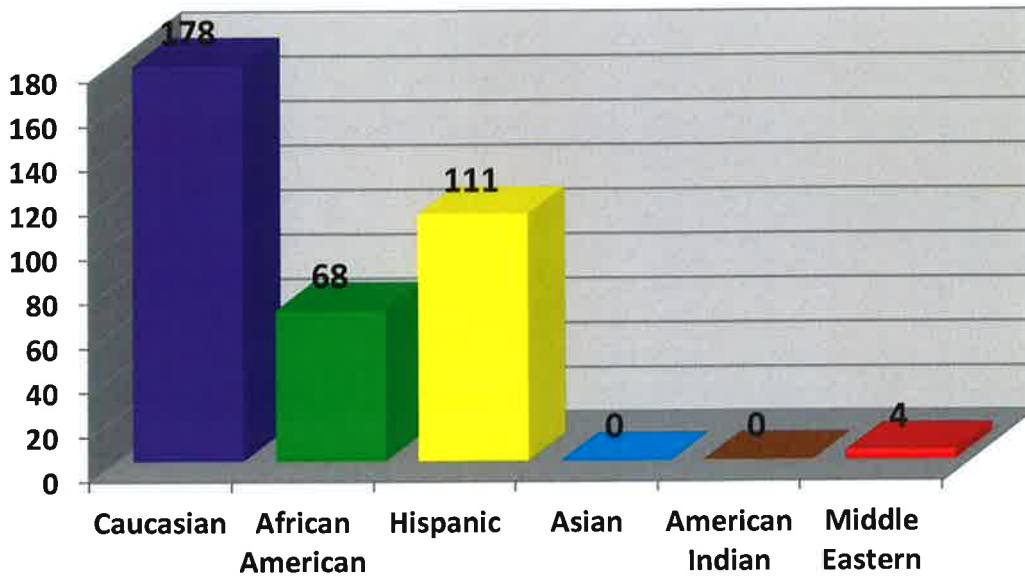
*Race/Ethnicity is defined by Senate Bill 1074 as being of a “particular descent, including Caucasian, African American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American and Middle Eastern”.

2014 TIER 1 DATA CHARTS

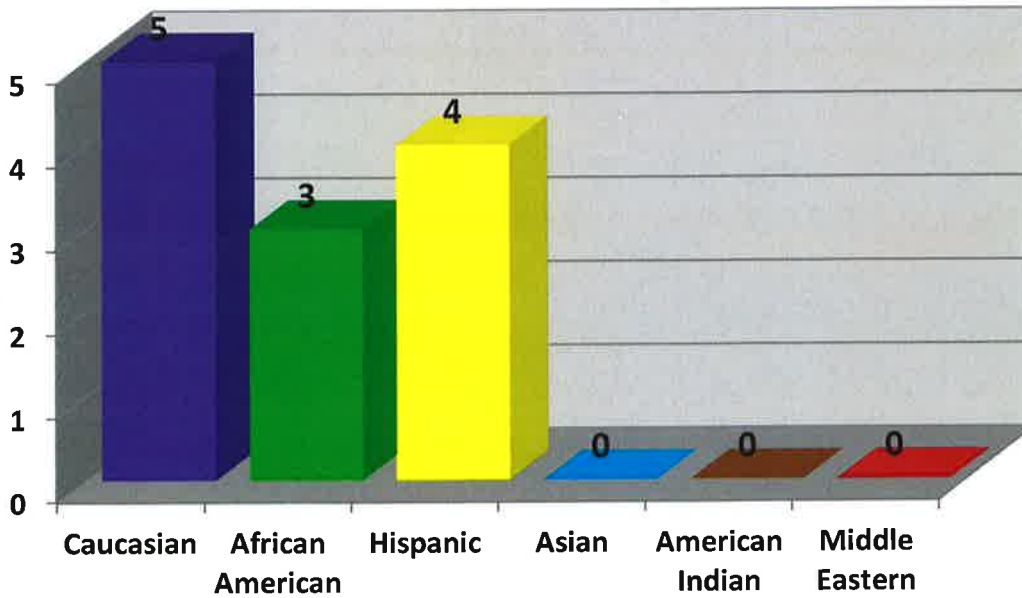
Citations Issued in 2014



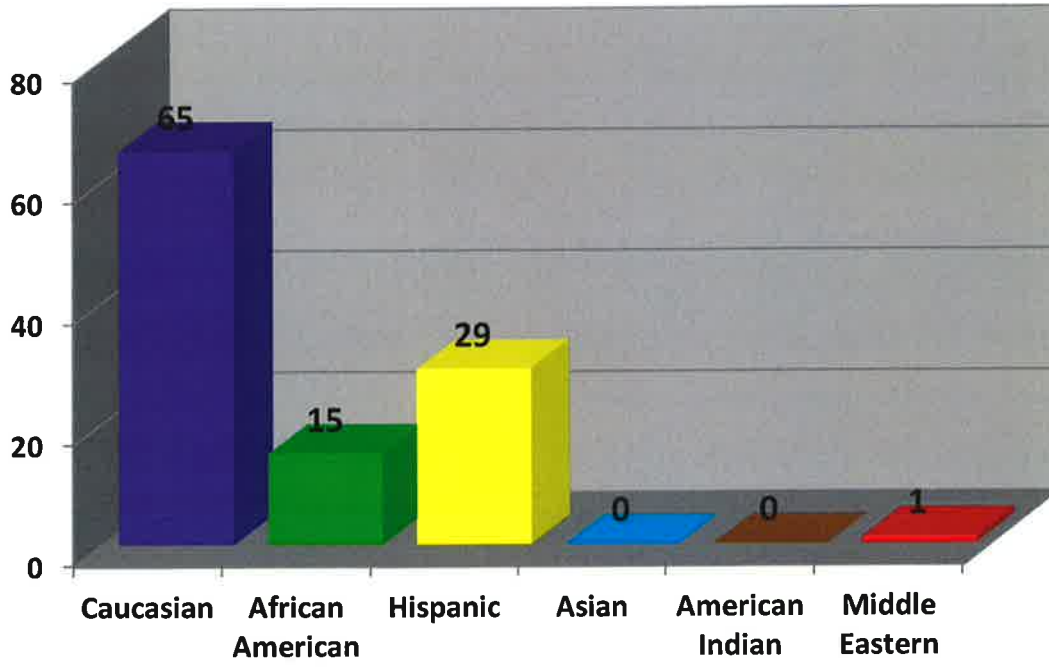
Total Vehicle Searches Conducted in 2014



Consensual Vehicle Searches conducted in 2014



Custodial Arrests in 2014



HISTORICAL DATA

Five-Year Tier 1 Data Comparison

Comparison of Five Year Traffic-Related Contact Information (1/1/10-12/31/14)

Race/ Ethnicity*	Traffic-Related Contacts with Citation Issued					Searches					Arrests				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Caucasian	81%	79%	78%	75%	75%	57%	55%	52%	42%	49%	56%	53%	63%	66%	59%
African American	6%	6%	7%	9%	8.5%	16%	12%	13%	19%	19%	16%	12%	12%	10%	14%
Hispanic	9%	10%	11%	12%	12%	26%	33%	33%	36%	31%	27%	35%	24%	23%	26%
Asian	3%	3%	2.3%	2.6%	2.8%	0.25%	0.0%	0.6%	1.6%	0.0%	.25%	0.0%	.74%	.87%	0.0%
Native American	0.09%	0.01%	0.01%	.02%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Middle Eastern	0.7%	1%	1.1%	1.3%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	1%	1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.74%	0.0%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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The Department of Public Safety has chosen to report traffic and pedestrian stop data in the format of a five year comparison. For the previous five years this data has been very stable and indicative of consistently nonbiased activity by the HPDPS officers.

Although the percentages of searches for each race/ethnicity has remained stable, the overall total number of searches for each race/ethnicity has declined by 56% from 826 in 2013 to 361 in 2014.

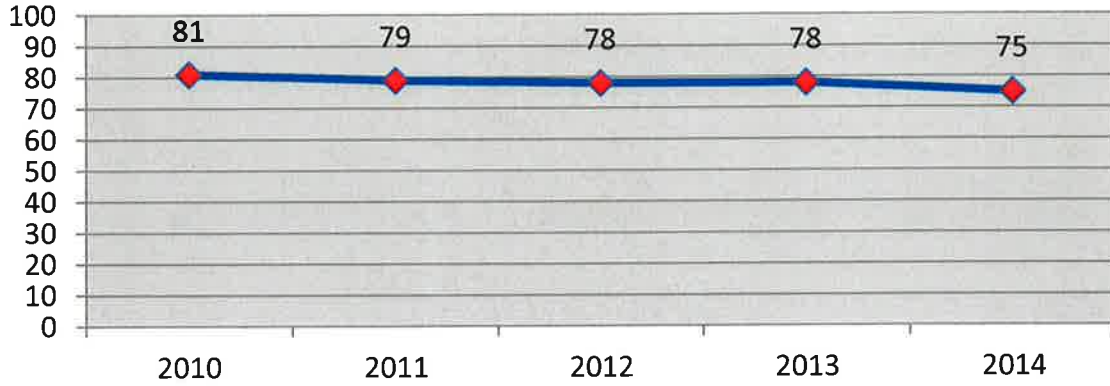
Analysis of the above data has identified the possible reasons for this change:

In March of 2012 until April of 2014, the Highland Park Department of Public Safety closed the holding facility for demolition and rebuild. During this time, the department was utilizing the Addison Police Department holding facility to hold prisoners arrested by this department. In order to not overwhelm the Addison facility and personnel with Highland Park arrestees, the Department as a rule stopped arresting persons who had a single misdemeanor warrant issued by an agency other than Highland Park and modified the arrest policy for two violations that in previous years would have resulted in an arrest. The first violation is "No Driver's License" and the second is "Driving While License Invalid". When an officer encountered either of these violations and there are no other mitigating circumstances which would warrant an arrest the officers issued the violator a citation and impounded the vehicle in lieu of arrest.

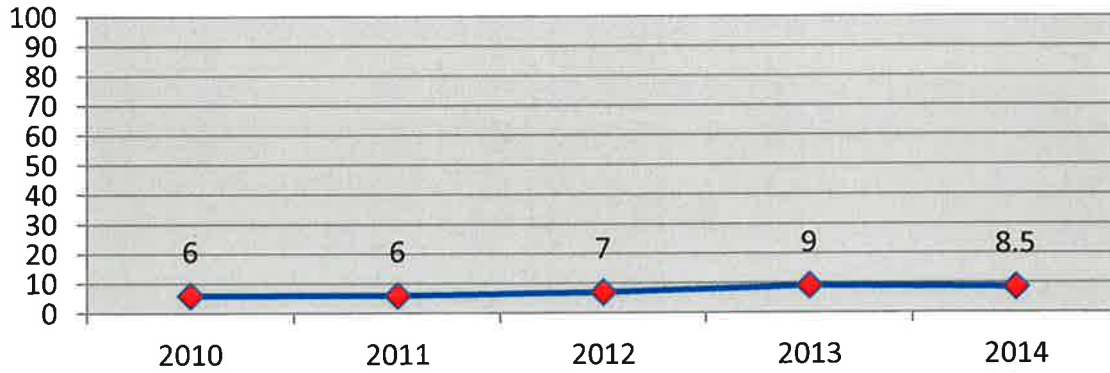
During a manual review of incidents occurring in 2013 involving impounded vehicles where the driver was not arrested, it was discovered that there was a training issue among officers utilizing the APS electronic citation system which resulted in an over reporting of searches which were actually inventories. Once this was discovered officers were re-trained in the use of the electronic citation system. The APS system was replaced in September 2014 with the Brazos electronic citation system. The Brazos system program was specifically designed to separate the search and inventory fields to minimize the chance of an incorrect entry in the inventory and search fields. The Brazos system also has better database tools which makes researching and tracking inventories and searches more efficient.

**FIVE YEAR TREND
TRAFFIC RELATED CONTACTS
(% of Total Traffic Contacts by Race)**

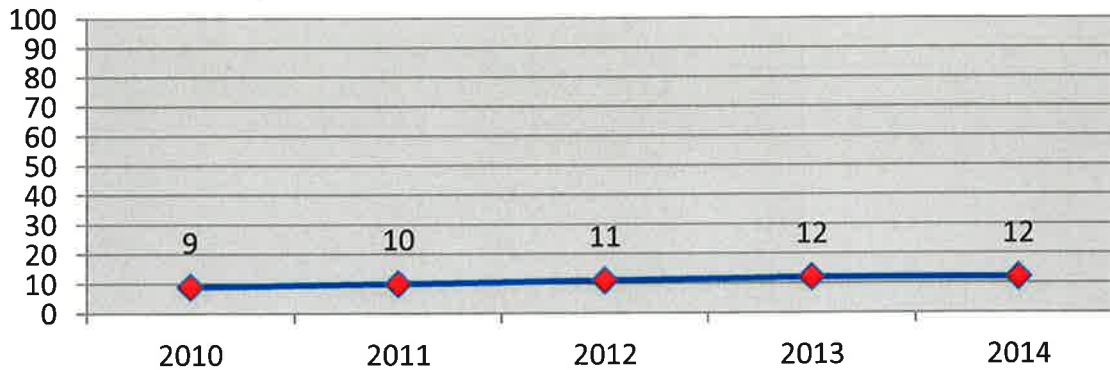
Caucasian



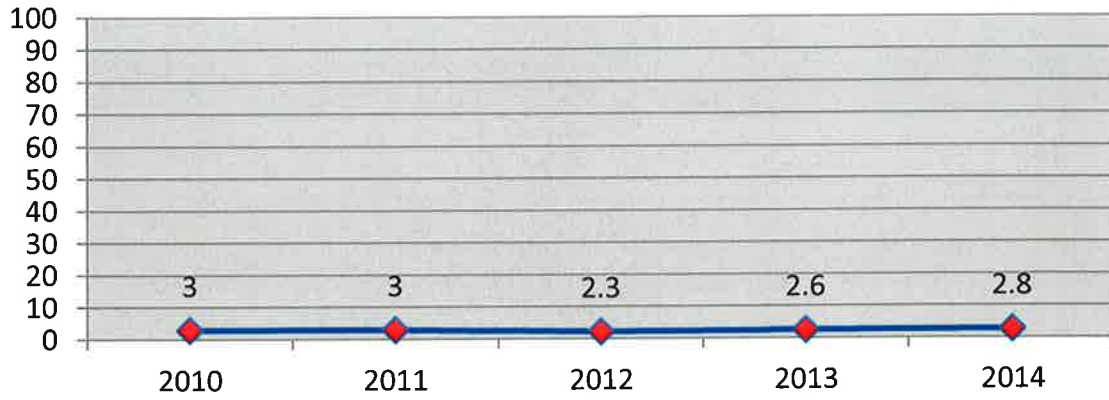
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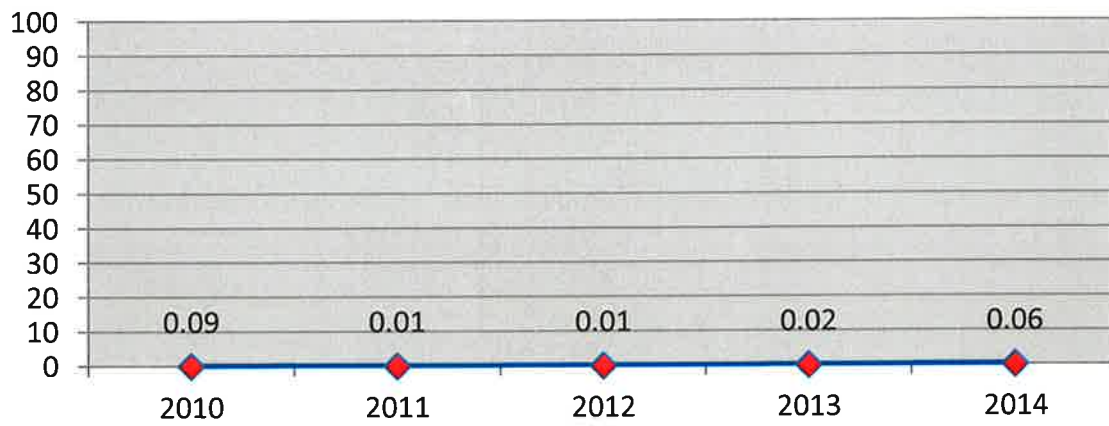
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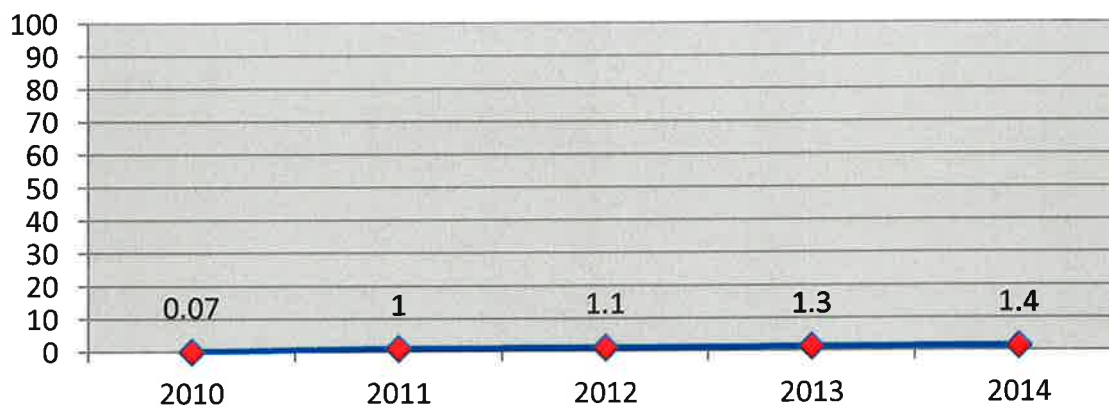
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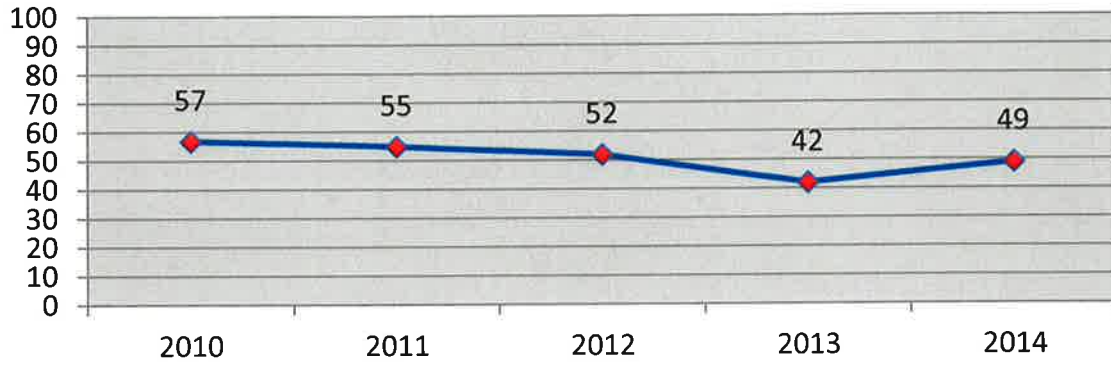


Middle Eastern

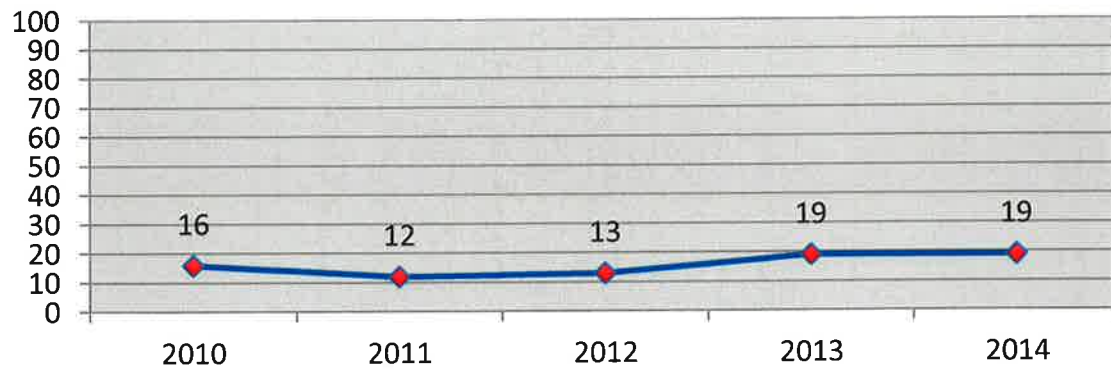


FIVE YEAR TREND SEARCHES (% of Total Searches by Race)

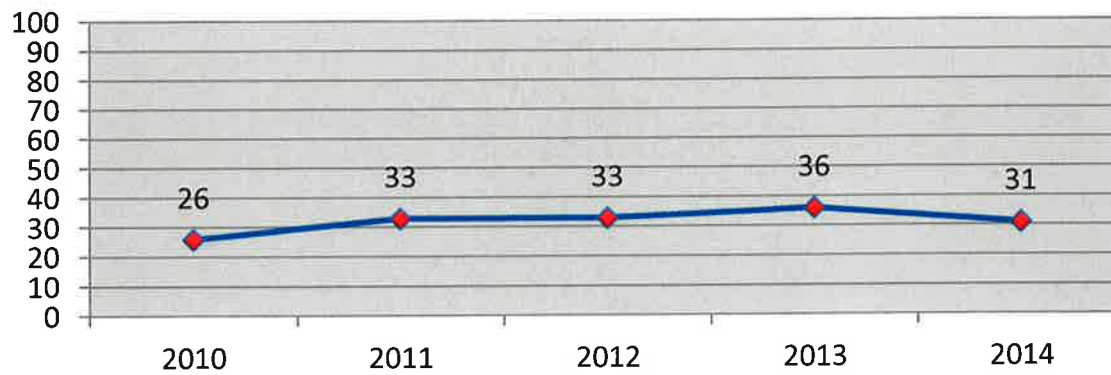
Caucasian



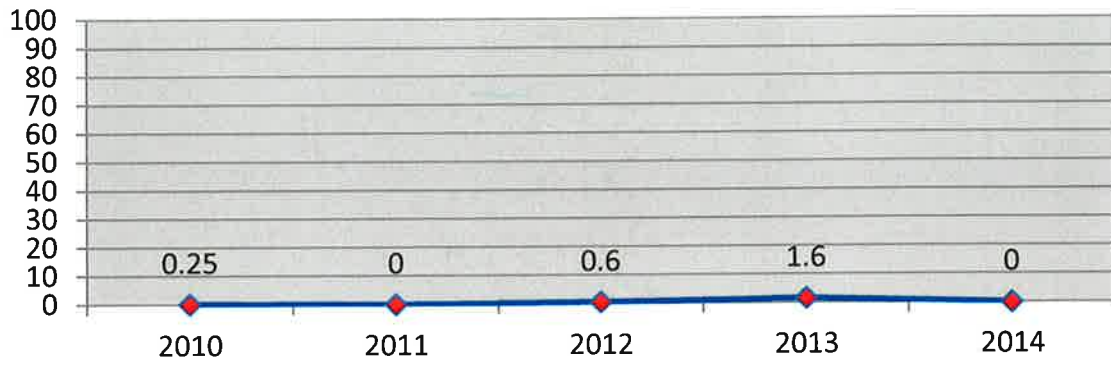
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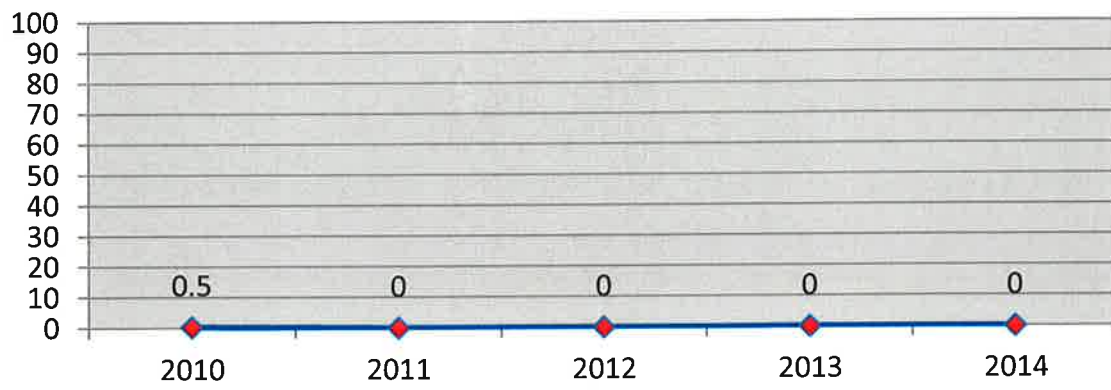
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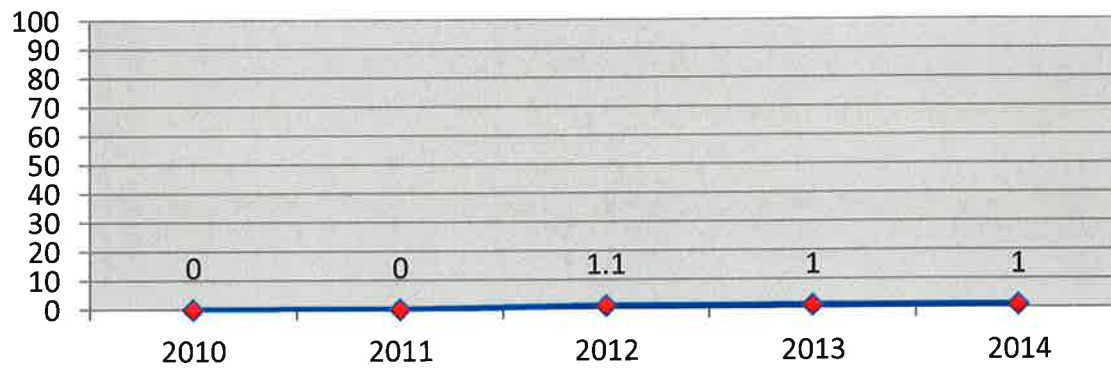
Asian



Native American

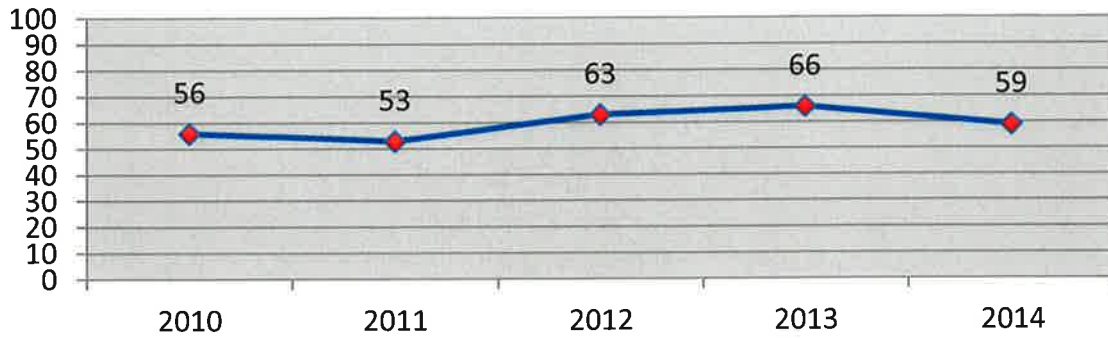


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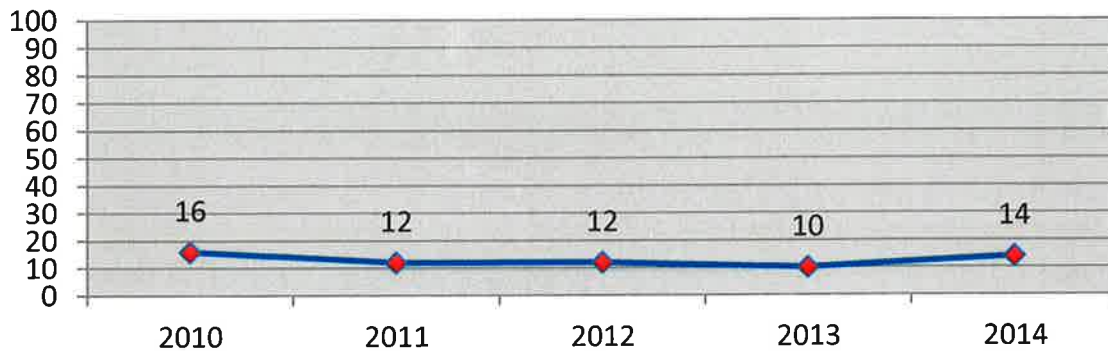


FIVE YEAR TREND ARRESTS (% of Total Arrests by Race)

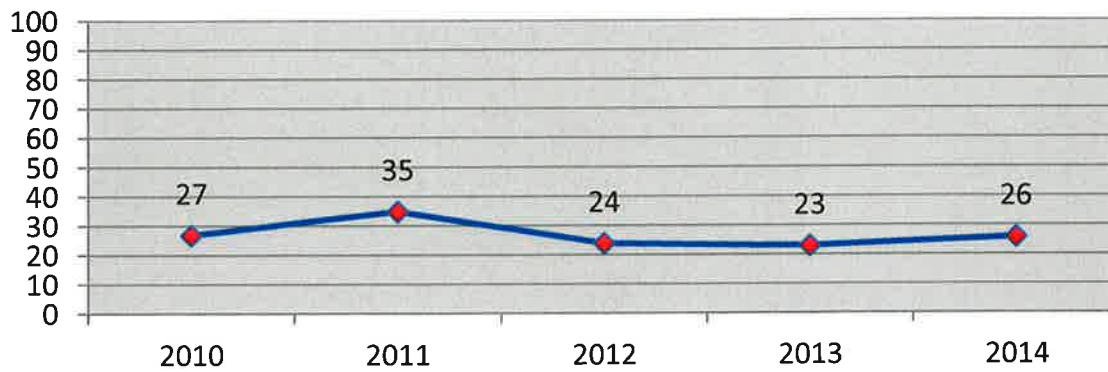
Caucasian



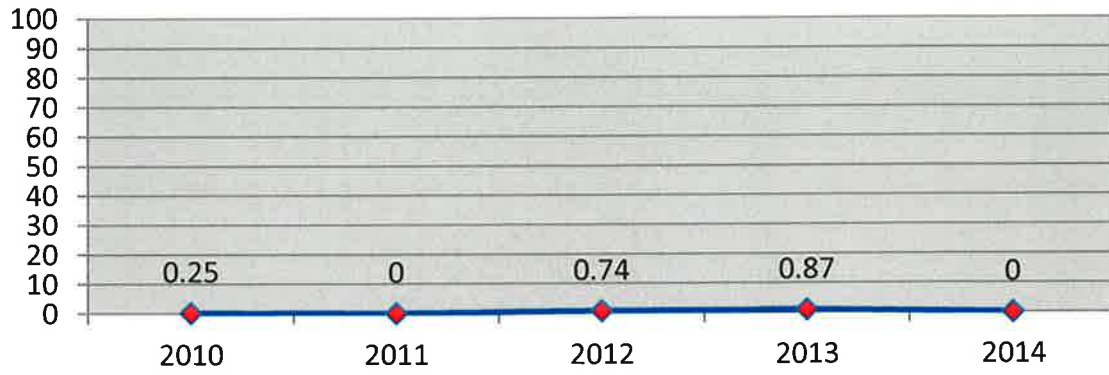
African American



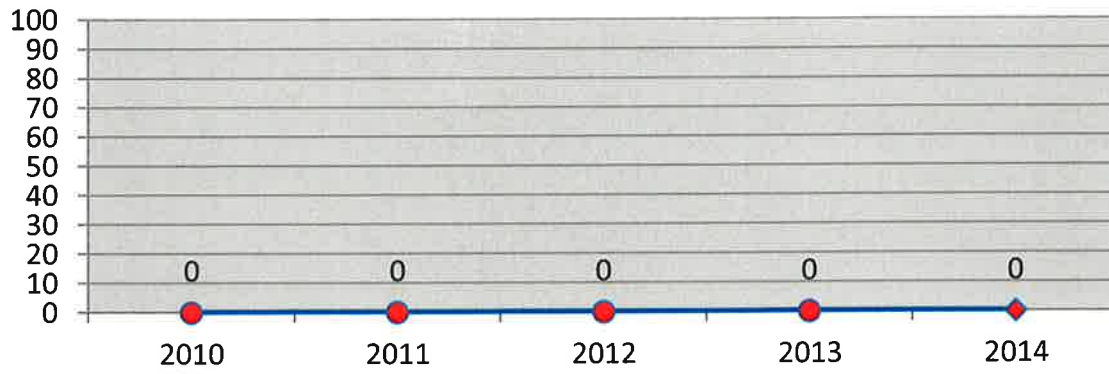
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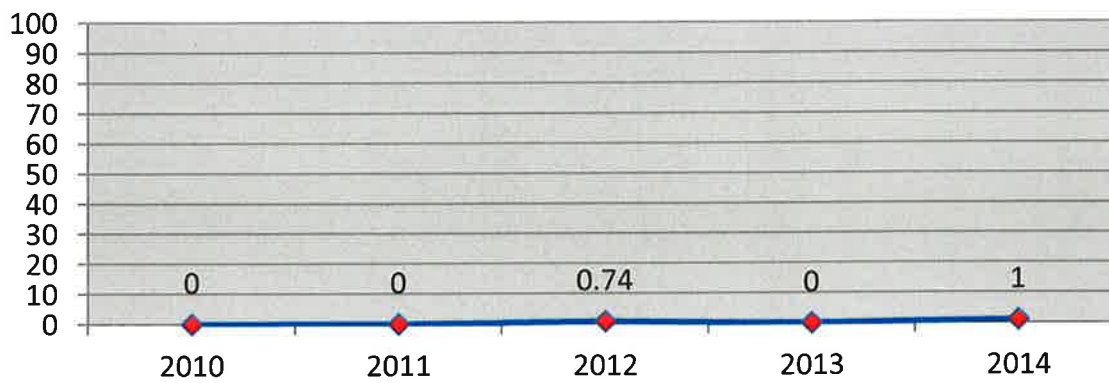
Asian



Native American



Middle Eastern



ANALYSIS OF COMPLAINTS

Pursuant to the Texas Racial Profiling Law (S.B. No. 1074) and the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 2.13, the Highland Park Department of Public Safety provides public education relating to the department's complaint process by providing annual training to all operations and support services personnel on complaint procedures, providing Citizen Interaction Forms with instructions in the lobby of the department, as well as providing the form on the Town website. The following information contains data regarding citizen complaints of "bias" or "racial" profiling allegations received during the calendar year of 2014. Pursuant to the Texas Racial Profiling Law and the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. Bias Based Profiling Standards, all complaints were investigated and summaries of complaints are contained herein.

2014 COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Date	Complainant	Race/Sex	Log Number
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For calendar year 2014, the Highland Park Department of Public Safety received zero (0) complaints of Racial/Bias Based profiling.

HPDPS RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the findings introduced in this report, the Director of Public Safety, along with command staff, will continue with aggressive tracking and monitoring measures to identify and address potential racial profiling problems by:

- **Continue adhering to State standards involving training of all sworn personnel regarding bias based profiling.**
- **Continue to monitor officer's video recordings of traffic stops quarterly and randomly for compliance with Departmental directives regarding bias based profiling.**
- **Continue to disseminate information to all officers regarding the guidelines of behavior acceptable under the Texas Racial Profiling Law.**
- **Continue to monitor the Department's Early Warning System to determine complaint trends. The Early Warning System is a program intended as a supportive intervention to assist employees that engage in behavior that may have negative consequences.**
- **Continue to respond to any and all complaints in a prompt and efficient manner.**