#### 2021 Racial or Other Bias-Based Policing Annual Report

# **General Information**

Law Enforcement Agency Reporting: Lawrence Police Department

Reporting Period: July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

## **Complaints**

Number of racial or other bias-based policing complaints received for this reporting period: 3

Local Identifier do not use names	Date Complaint Received	Action Taken	Date Complaint Closed	Disposition
20-5	08/14/2020	Investigated by OPA	03/23/2021	Sustained
20-6	10/22/2020	Investigated by OPA	06/25/2021	Exonerated
PC21-017	04/13/2021	Waiting on court proceedings prior to start of investigation		

# **Questions**

- 1. Have all of law enforcement officers serving in the agency who were not exempted from annual training by the Commission on Police Standards and Training completed training required in K.S.A. 22-4610 subsection (c)(2)(A)?: **YES**
- 2. Does the agency have a policy prohibiting racial or other biased-based policing?:
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- 3. Does the agency mandate specific discipline for sustained complaints of racial or other bias-based policing?: **YES**
- 4. Does the agency have a racial or other bias-based policing community advisory board?: **YES**
- 5. Does the agency have a racial or other biased-based policing comprehensive plan?: **NO**
- 6. Does the agency collect extra pedestrian or traffic stop data, pursuant to the racial and other biased-based policing statute (beyond standard citation data)?: **YES**

### **General Information**

Law Enforcement Agency Reporting: Lawrence Police Department

Reporting Period: July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

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Name of Official preparing the report: Sergeant David Ernst

Date Submitted: 7/10/2020 8:52:53 AM

## **General Information**

Law Enforcement Agency Reporting: Lawrence Police Department

Reporting Period: July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

## **Complaints**

Number of racial or other bias-based policing complaints received for this reporting period: 1

Local Identifier do not use names	Date Complaint Received	Action Taken	Date Complaint Closed	Disposition
18-14		Investigation by Office of Professional Accountability.	05/31/2019	Exonerated

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Name of Official preparing the report: Sergeant David Ernst

Date Submitted: 7/12/2019 9:35:48 AM

### **General Information**

Law Enforcement Agency Reporting: Lawrence Police Department

Reporting Period: July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

## **Complaints**

Number of racial or other bias-based policing complaints received for this reporting period: 2

Local Identifier do not use names	Date Complaint Received	Action Taken	Date Complaint Closed	Disposition
17-10	08/18/2017	Investigation by Office of Professional Accountability.	09/11/2017	Exonerated
17-11	10/24/2017	Investigation by Office of Professional Accountability.	11/13/2017	Exonerated

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Name of Official preparing the report: Sergeant David Ernst

Date Submitted: 7/9/2018 9:02:26 AM

### **General Information**

Law Enforcement Agency Reporting: Lawrence, Kansas Police Department

Reporting Period: July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

# **Complaints**

Number of racial or other bias-based policing complaints received for this reporting period: 0

Local Identifier do not use names	Date Complaint Received	Action Taken	Date Complaint Closed	Disposition

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Name of Official preparing the report: David Hogue

Date Submitted: 7/6/2017 10:22:57 AM

# **General Information**

Law Enforcement Agency Reporting: Lawrence Police Department

Reporting Period: July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

# **Complaints**

Number of racial or other bias-based policing complaints received for this reporting period: 2

Local Identifier do not use names	Date Complaint Received	Action Taken	Date Complaint Closed	Disposition
Case 16- 6	April 21, 2016	An individual alleged an officer initiated a traffic stop on her daughter and accused the daughter of drinking and using drugs based on her race and ethnicity. The investigation showed the officer conducted the traffic stop based on traffic violations. Evidence showed that due to the time of the traffic stop, weather conditions and the location of the officer as the vehicle traveled in front of the officer, the officer was unable to determine the race, gender or ethnicity of the driver until contact was made at the driver's window. The officer asked if the driver had been drinking but did not make any accusations of alcohol/drug use nor investigated further beyond the initial questions.	June 13, 2016	Unfounded
16-7	June 2, 2016	An individual alleged an officer initiated a traffic stop based on her race. An initial investigation was begun, but suspended when complainant filed a case with the	N/A	Suspended due to complaint filed with Attorney General's

	Attorney General's Office. The Department is cooperating with	Office.
	the investigation.	

#### Questions

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Name of Official preparing the report: Laurie S. Powell

Date Submitted: 7/29/2016 10:47:37 AM

K.S.A. 22-4610 (d)(1) Each law enforcement agency shall compile an annual report of all complaints of racial profiling received for the period of July 1 to June 30 and shall submit the report on or before July 31 to the office of the attorney general for review. (2) The annual report shall include: (A) The number of racial or other biased-based policing complaints received; (B) the date each racial or other biased-based policing complaint is filed; (C) action taken in response to each racial or other biased-based policing complaint; (D) the disposition of each racial or other biased-based policing complaint; (E) the date each racial or other biased-based policing complaint is closed; (F) whether or not all agency law enforcement officers not exempted by Kansas commission on peace officers' standards and training received the

training required in subsection (c)(2)(A); (G) whether the agency has a policy prohibiting racial or other biased-based policing; (H) whether the agency policy mandates specific discipline for sustained complaints of racial or other biased-based policing; (I) whether the agency has a community advisory board; and (J) whether the agency has a racial or other biased-based policing comprehensive plan or if it collects traffic or pedestrian stop data.

# **General Information**

Law Enforcement Agency Reporting: Lawrence Police Department

Reporting Period: July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

# **Complaints**

Number of racial or other bias-based policing complaints received for this reporting period: 2

Local Identifier do not use names	Date Complaint Received	Action Taken	Date Complaint Closed	Disposition
15-03	1/27/2015	An individual alleged an officer initiated a traffic stop on him based on his race and ethnicity. The investigation showed the officer conducted the traffic stop based on an equipment violation. Evidence showed that due to the time of the traffic stop and the location of the officer as the vehicle traveled past the officer, the officer was unable to determine the race, gender or ethnicity of the driver until contact was made at the driver's window.	4/16/2015	Exonerated
15-05	3/6/2015	An individual alleged an officer initiated a traffic stop based on his race. However, the complainant admitted to violating the several traffic offenses the officer reportedly observed. The subject also believed the officer checked his driver's license for validation and warrants solely based on race. The investigation revealed the officer had sufficient probable cause to initiate the traffic stop and that checking the driver's license is common practice among all law enforcement officers	6/15/2015	Unfounded

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Name of Official preparing the report: Sergeant Casey Cooper

Date Submitted: 7/7/2015 1:57:14 PM

# **General Information**

Law Enforcement Agency Reporting: Lawrence Police Department

Reporting Period: July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

# **Complaints**

Number of racial or other bias-based policing complaints received for this reporting period: 1

Local Identifier do not use names	Date Complaint Received	Action Taken	Date Complaint Closed	Disposition
14-02	3/25/2014	An individual alleged he had been stopped based on him and his vehicle being racially profiled by the officer. The subject was stopped based on the officer not observing the subject's seat belt "properly fastened" to the driver. When the officer made initial contact with the driver it was discovered the seat belt was fastened, but was tucked below the driver's arm. During the investigation the subject admitted the shoulder belt was down near his elbow and not around his chest, which confirmed the officer's statement of not observing the seat belt going across the driver's body, leading to reasonable suspicion/probable cause for the traffic stop.	5/23/2014	Unfounded

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Name of Official preparing the report: Sergeant Casey Cooper

Date Submitted: 7/25/2014 8:45:57 AM

# **General Information**

Law Enforcement Agency Reporting: Lawrence Police Department

Reporting Period: July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013

# **Complaints**

Number of racial or other bias-based policing complaints received for this reporting period: 3

Local Identifier do not use names	Date Complaint Received	Action Taken	Date Complaint Closed	Disposition
12-20	9/17/2012	An individual alleged he was subjected to a direct line of questioning due to his ethnicity during a traffic stop for a violation. The investigation revealed the Officer collected FIC information in accordance with her investigatory duty after stopping the subject for a traffic violation. The subject admitted to the traffic violation.	10/10/2012	Exonerated
13-9	5/29/2013	An individual alleged he had been followed to his residence from his place of business and eventually stopped in the driveway of his home. The subject admitted to the traffic violation and the investigation showed the officer was on a separate traffic stop only minutes before stopping this subject and thus could not have followed him as described.	7/1/2013	Exonerated
13-13	6/25/2013	An individual alleged he and his three passengers were stopped based on their race, believing the officer could not have witnessed a City Ordinance violation for loud sound amplification, because the vehicle had a factory stereo. The subject questioned the officers	7/17/2013	Exonerated

motives in asking a passenger what he was doing with his hands during the stopped and questioned why the officer did not stop another vehicle with a similar violation. The investigation showed the subjects radio could be heard at more than three times the ordinance limit. The passenger questioned by the officer about his movements admitted to a furtive movement that would draw an officers attention and it was learned the officer did contact the other vehicle at the conclusion of his initial traffic stop	
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#### Name of Official preparing the report: Sergeant Anthony Brixius

Date Submitted: 7/18/2013 9:22:38 AM

## **General Information**

Law Enforcement Agency Reporting: Lawrence Police Department

Reporting Period: July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

### **Complaints**

Number of racial or other bias-based policing complaints received for this reporting period: 1

Local Identifier do not use names	Date Complaint Received	Action Taken	Date Complaint Closed	Disposition
Office of Professional Accountability Case 11-11		The complaint was investigated via interviews and observation of the officers's in-car video system.	July 29, 2011	The officer was exonerated of any wrong-doing in the case. There was no evidence of racial bias or racial profiling.

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Name of Official preparing the report: Sergeant Max Miller, Office of Professional Accountability

Date Submitted: 7/25/2012 10:41:36 AM