

Council Business Meeting

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Agenda Item	Report on Statistical Transparency Of Policing (STOP) Program	
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SUMMARY

Staff is coming before the Council to give an update on the first year of data collection under 2017 HB 2355.

POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED

N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

Council directed staff to return with a report on the first year of data collected under the STOP program. This presentation will cover (almost) the first year from November 28, 2018 thru November 15, 2019.

BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In 2017, the State of Oregon adopted a new law under House Bill 2355 that requires all police agencies in the state to self-report information on officer-initiated stops. The information collected pertains to the detained person's perceived race, ethnicity and gender, as well as date, time, location of the state, under what (state, local, etc.) authority the stop was conducted and whether a search was conducted. The new law further mandated that all police departments start participating in the reporting system by July 1, 2020. Departments the size of Ashland were required to start reporting by July 1, 2019. However, because Ashland Police Department (APD) was eager to engage in this step toward greater transparency, the Department volunteered to start earlier, and "went live" on November 28, 2018. Police staff will provide a report on the results of the first year of data collection.

FISCAL IMPACTS

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS

No action is needed by Council.

REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS

N/A