

# ***DOWNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT***

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## **AB953: Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA)**

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In 2015, California passed the Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA). The bill required each state and local agency that employs peace officers to annually report specified demographic data on all stops to the Attorney General. In addition, the RIPA act created a RIPA Board, which was primarily tasked with making data collection and analysis recommendations to the Attorney General's Office. In addition to reviewing agency data, the Board issues an annual report which includes detailed findings on the past and current status of racial and identity profiling.

Beginning with the six largest California police/sheriff's agencies, stop data collection began on July 1, 2018, and has been phased in according to agency size, with smaller agencies (less than 334 officers) required to collect and report data starting January 1, 2022. Effective immediately all sworn personnel will receive in-house training on RIPA requirements with specific instruction on how officers are to collect and input the data. The information collected is based on the officer's perception of the individual's identity (i.e. race, gender, sexual orientation, age and several other factors) and the actions taken by the officer during the stop.

All data will be input into a data collection application (Brazos), either on the patrol vehicle's mobile data terminal, or on a station computer with the Brazos app. Circumstances and officer safety considerations may not always allow for the immediate input of data into Brazos. Officers will have the option to document the data on a temporary collection form and later enter it into Brazos, but this must be completed prior to leaving at the end of their shift. The RIPA Temporary Forms shall be shredded once the data is transferred to Brazos. In the near future, designated personnel will be receiving electronic ticket writers that will be capable of collecting this data and transferring it to Brazos.

Detailed instructions will be covered during in-house training and are available for future reference. See attached: CA Code of Regulations (Title 11, Div. 1, Ch. 19).