

Austin Police Department

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Title: AVOIDING RACIAL PROFILING MODEL POLICY Minn.Stat. 626.8471, subd. 4		Application: All Personnel

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Austin Police Department to reaffirm our commitment to impartial policing and to reinforce procedures that serve to assure the public we are providing service and enforcing laws in a fair and equitable manner to all.

DEFINITION:

Racial profiling has the meaning given to it in Minn. Stat. 626.8471, Sub. 2. Which states: “Racial profiling”, means any action initiated by law enforcement that relies upon the race, ethnicity, or national origin of an individual rather than:

1. The behavior of that individual; or
2. Information that leads law enforcement to a particular individual who has been identified as being engaged in or having been engaged in criminal activity.

Racial profiling includes use of racial or ethnic stereotypes as factors in selecting whom to stop and search. Racial profiling does not include law enforcement’s use of race or ethnicity to determine whether a person matches a specific description of a particular subject.

PROCEDURES:

A. Policing impartially, not racial profiling, is standard procedure for this agency meaning:

1. Investigative detentions, pedestrian and vehicle stops, arrests, searches and property seizures by peace officers will be based on a standard of reasonable suspicion or probable cause in accordance with the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution and peace officers must be able to articulate specific facts, circumstances and conclusions that support reasonable suspicion or probable cause for investigative detentions, pedestrian and vehicle stops, arrests, nonconsensual searches and property seizures;

