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GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Racial Profiling Report

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Texas state law requires that on or before March 1st of each year, law enforcement agencies must submit a report on motor vehicle stops for the previous calendar year to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and their governing body. The Gainesville Police Department supports this mandate, which prohibits racial profiling in Texas and provides transparency for Departmental operations.

The Gainesville Police Department has a policy in place that is consistent with all state and federal laws. This policy also includes provisions for citizens to contact the department should they feel a Gainesville Police Officer stopped them because of their race or ethnicity. If you believe you were stopped based on your race, you may request a Personnel Complaint Form. If a disagreement is over the issuance of a citation, that complaint will need to be addressed with the municipal court.

If you believe an officer stopped you based on race, you can request to speak to the on-duty supervisor to discuss the situation and try to resolve it. If the issue is not resolved after discussing it, upon request, the supervisor shall provide the person with a Personnel Complaint Form. The form may be completed and given to the supervisor at the scene or it can be taken home and completed. The form can either be brought to the Police Department or mailed to the Chief of Police.

The Gainesville Police Department takes racial profiling very seriously and will investigate all complaints made against an officer. Any officer found to be involved in any type of racial profiling shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination. If the investigation reveals a false complaint has been made, charges may be filed against the person submitting the complaint.

The Gainesville Police Department strives for professionalism and transparency. The Chief of Police wants to know about both positive and negative contacts with his officers and personnel. If you have any comments, you can contact the Chief of Police in the following ways.

1. Mail – 201 Santa Fe Street, Gainesville, Texas 76240.
2. Telephone – (940) 668-7777.
3. E-mail – GPD@gvps.org

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