

Racial Profiling Is Prohibited

Policy: The Sansom Park Police Department complies with the Racial Profiling Provisions of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Articles 2.131 through 2.138, that prohibits racial profiling by police officers.

The Sansom Park Police Department has a policy, Code of Conduct 507.00, **RACIAL PROFILING**, concerning the prohibition of racial profiling as set out in State and Federal laws concerning racial profiling and discriminatory practices in general. Discrimination in any form, including racial profiling, is strictly **prohibited** and the department will take immediate and appropriate action to investigate allegations of discrimination. This policy applies to all employees of the Sansom Park Police Department.

What is Racial Profiling?

Racial profiling is any law enforcement initiated action based on an individual's race, ethnicity, or national origin rather than on the individual's behavior or information identifying the individual as having engaged in criminal activity.

Examples of racial profiling include, but are not limited to the following:

- Initiating a traffic stop on a particular vehicle because of the race, ethnicity, or national origin of the driver of a vehicle
- Stopping or detaining the driver of a vehicle based on the determination that a person of that race, ethnicity, or national origin is unlikely to own or possess that specific make or model of vehicle
- Stopping or detaining an individual based on the determination that a person of that race, ethnicity, or national origin does not belong in a specific part of town or a specific place.

Racial Profiling Complaint Process:

Persons who believe officers have used racial profiling against them may file complaints according to the guidelines set forth in the procedures listed in ***Commendations/Complaints*** link.