## **Racial Profiling**

Waller County Sheriff's Deputies are strictly prohibited from engaging in racial profiling in traffic contacts, field/pedestrian contacts, and in asset seizure and forfeiture efforts. The prohibition against racial profiling does not preclude the use of race, ethnicity, or other factors in a detention decision by a peace officer. Any person who believes that a peace officer employed by the Waller County Sheriff's Office has engaged in racial profiling with respect to that person may file a complaint with the Waller County Sheriff's Office at 979-826-8282.

You will be asked to document the complaint in written form. The written complaint should include the time, date, location, and details of the incident of alleged racial profiling. The complaint must also identify or describe the officer(s) involved, describe the manner in which the officer(s) contacted the complainant, and state the address and/or phone number for a follow-up investigation.

Investigations of complaints will be conducted in a thorough and timely manner. The Waller County Sheriff's Office will inform the complainant in writing about the final disposition of the investigation.

## **Racial Biased Based Profiling.**

Is defined as a law enforcement-initiated action based on, but not limited to, an individual's race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion, economic status, age, cultural group, or any other identifiable groups; rather than on the individual's behavior or on information identifying the individual as having engaged in criminal activity. Racial profiling pertains to persons who are viewed as suspects or potential suspects of criminal behavior. The term is not relevant as it pertains to witnesses, complainants, persons needing assistance, or other citizen contacts.

## An Act Constituting Racial Profiling.

Acts initiating law enforcement action, such as a traffic stop, a subject stop, a search, issuance of a citation, or an arrest based solely upon an individual's race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion, economic status, age, cultural group, or any other identifiable groups; or on the basis of racial or ethnic stereotypes, rather than upon the individual's behavior, information identifying the individual as having possibly engaged in criminal activity, or other lawful reasons for the law enforcement action.

## For Compliments or Complaints

To make a compliment or complaint with respect to each ticket, citation, or warning issued by a Waller County Sheriff's Deputy, please contact us using the following phone number, mailing address, or email address:

1. Phone: 979-826-8282

2. Email: wallersheriff@wallercounty.us

3. Mail: Waller County Sheriff's Office, 701 Calvit Street, Hempstead, Texas 77445