



## **CARLISLE POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY ON BIASED LAW ENFORCEMENT PRACTICES:**

Act 1207 of 2003 (Ark. Code Ann. 12-12-1401) requires that all Arkansas law enforcement agencies have in place a policy prohibiting racial profiling on or before January 1, 2004. In order to comply with state law, Chief Frank issued General Order 2-37 on July 9, 2003. One of the requirements of the general order is that the public be made aware of the department's policy, on what has become a very sensitive and controversial issue for law enforcement. While the general order goes into much more detail and covers areas such as officer and supervisor responsibilities, training, and reporting requirements, the purpose and policy sections of the order are as follows:

### **I. PURPOSE**

- A. Members of this department shall not violate the constitutional rights of persons, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin or religion.
- B. This policy serves to (1) reaffirm this agency's commitment to unbiased law enforcement practices, (2) further clarify the circumstances in which officers may consider race or ethnicity when making enforcement decisions, and (3) reinforce procedures that assure the public this agency is providing service and enforcing laws in an equitable and lawful fashion.

### **II. POLICY - PROHIBITION AND PREVENTION OF RACIAL/BIAS PROFILING**

- A. Members of this agency shall not violate citizens' equal protection rights. Toward this end, members are prohibited from engaging in racial/bias profiling in any aspect of law enforcement activity as defined by this policy.
- B. It shall be the policy of this department that officers base pedestrian or motor vehicle stops, detentions, investigative activities, searches, property seizures, or arrests of a person upon a standard of reasonable suspicion or probable cause in compliance with the United States and Arkansas Constitutions as well as federal and state law.
- C. Members of this department shall be prohibited from utilizing race, ethnicity, national origin, or religion as the sole factors in making law enforcement decisions, except to determine whether a person matches the description of a particular suspect.