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SUBJECT: The Duluth Police Department Releases 2022 Stop Data Report

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NATURE OF INCIDENT:

CASE NO.:

INCIDENT DATE:

INCIDENT TIME:

INCIDENT LOCATION:

The Duluth Police Department Releases 2022 Stop Data Report

The Duluth Police Department is releasing the first comprehensive stop data report. Data in this report was collected in 2022.

“As a police department, it is important for us to be transparent with our community in order to build trust. This report is one piece of information that helps to reinforce our commitment to that work,” said Chief Mike Ceynowa. “Traffic and subject stops are an integral part of keeping our community safe and how these stops are conducted matter to those who live, work, and visit our city.”

The stop entry data comes from ‘stop data reporting’ which is entered by officers during a traffic stop, subject stop, or suspicious activity. Officers are required to complete a stop data form that has multiple mandatory fields including the subject’s race and gender. Chief Ceynowa emphasizes that “this information comes from the officer’s perceived perception of the subject’s race and gender. Race and gender information during a stop is not associated to an individual’s police department record unless they are arrested, a victim, or a suspect in a crime.”

The report includes demographic breakdowns of the 5,944 stop data entries collected in 2022. Data from this report, along with recommendations from the Racial Bias Audit, will be utilized to help us to continue to improve our practices and services to our community.

Stop data will be posted on the Duluth Police Department’s website on a quarterly basis. We will also release a comprehensive report annually explaining traffic and subject stops conducted by Duluth Police Officers.

To review both documents, visit our website at: <https://duluthmn.gov/police/public-reports-and-transparency/stop-data/>

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