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Pete Ricketts, Governor

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TO: Media

FROM: Don Arp, Jr.  
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RE: Traffic Stop Report

The Crime Commission has released **Traffic Stops in Nebraska** as the most recent summary of data covering 428,249 traffic stops reported for 2018. The report includes current and historical traffic stop data submitted to the Nebraska Crime Commission by law enforcement. In addition to statewide statistics there are views of various stages of the processing of traffic stops. Data reported describes the race of the driver, the reason for the stop, the primary disposition or outcome of the stop, and whether or not searches were conducted.

- Of the total traffic stops reported, 66.4% are Nebraska State Patrol or agencies in Douglas, Lancaster and Sarpy Counties. Overall, 35.1% of the stops made statewide were by the Patrol. The Omaha Police Department, Lincoln Police Department and the Nebraska State Patrol accounted for 56.3% of stops.
- For 2018 the Crime Commission received a total of eleven reports from four agencies of the public making allegations of racial profiling. All the agencies involved conducted internal investigations. In all eleven instances the officer was exonerated or the allegations were deemed unsubstantiated.
- The breakdown of types of stops and related data by race has stayed relatively consistent throughout the reported years, with certain variations showing in searches and the dispositions of stops.

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- Since 2006 the search rates have been a steady trend for all races with a few minor variations. Stops of Asian/Pacific Islanders involved searches less often than the overall population from 2006-2018. Stops involving Black, Hispanic or Native American/Alaskan Natives more often resulted in searches being conducted compared to searches among all drivers.
- In 2018 there were 197 law enforcement agencies that participated in the data collection process. Agencies that did not report any data come from sparsely populated areas – two counties covering less than 600 inhabitants, one city (5,000-plus inhabitants), four 2nd class cities (800 to 5,000 inhabitants), and four from villages (100-800 inhabitants).
- While data reported by a particular agency is available from the Crime Commission, individual agencies should be contacted regarding their procedures and specific reports.
- The full report is available on the Crime Commission's website along with data by agency and county. <https://ncc.nebraska.gov/>  
<https://ncc.nebraska.gov/news/2015-traffic-stops-nebraska-report-released>  
<https://ncc.nebraska.gov/stat-reports>  
<https://ncc.nebraska.gov/traffic-stops-nebraska>

If you have any questions, please contact me at 402-471-2195.

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