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Office of the State Comptroller review finds State Police continuing to comply with professional standards concerning racial profiling

OSC's latest review focused specifically on procedures for documenting and reviewing motor vehicle stops and post-stop enforcement activity.

An Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) review released today found that the New Jersey State Police continues to comply with standards designed to ensure motor vehicle stops are conducted professionally and without regard to race.

Under state law, OSC is required to periodically review the performance of the State Police and its efforts to prevent racial and other forms of discrimination in its policies, practices and procedures. This is the third in a series of OSC reviews of State Police practices.

The review determined that, in general, the State Police is properly documenting motor vehicle stops and ensuring that immediate supervisors are reviewing individual troopers' actions while also looking for patterns of problematic behavior that should be modified.

The 16-page review also includes a series of recommendations to further improve practices in the areas of follow-up and documentation of motor vehicle stops.

Specifically, OSC recommends that supervisors work to carefully identify errors in motor-vehicle stop procedure and ensure that remedial action and training are provided where appropriate. The State Police should also ensure the necessary forms are filed for every stop and should work to solve technical problems that interfere occasionally with audio and video recordings of stops, OSC found.

OSC also continued to evaluate the Office of Law Enforcement Professional Standards (OLEPS), which is charged with overseeing the actions of the State Police. OSC noted that OLEPS' published oversight reports effectively identified deficiencies in State Police operations that mirrored OSC's findings, and that the State Police is taking action to make changes recommended by OLEPS.

"We thank the State Police for their cooperation with our review," Acting State Comptroller Marc Larkins said. "This report, along with OLEPS' reports, highlights the continued efforts of the State Police to ensure conformity with professional policing standards."

OSC will continue to monitor State Police operations as required by the Law Enforcement Professional Standards Act.

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