



# WORTHINGTON DIVISION OF POLICE

## Memorandum

*Integrity, Respect, Commitment, Honesty, Professionalism*

To: **Chief Robert Ware, II**

From: **Lt. Michael Holton**

Date: **January 15, 2021**

Subj: **Field Interview (FI) Data Review for 2020**

Please refer to the table for race and gender information of individuals that were FI (Field Interview) during 28 field contacts with officers in the City of Worthington during time period January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020. This data has been extrapolated from the division’s Record Management System (RMS). As the RMS has been in service for nineteen years, there are limitations to the detail provided by system queries. Be advised that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the overall number of Field Interviews (FI) is lower than the Worthington Division of Police normally conducts during a 12-month period. For example, 383 field interviews were conducted in 2019.

To maintain the five reporting categories as identified by NCIC and the Ohio Collaborative, the following adjustments were made and included in the “Unknown” male or female category:

- One Field Interview card was entered for a female in which the race was not noted
- One Field Interview card was entered for a male Hispanic (Hispanic is an ethnicity, not a race of people)

One Field Interview card was excluded from the data set as neither race nor gender was noted.

**Field Interviews (FI) - 2020  
01-01-20 through 12-31-20**

| Race                    | Male      | Percent of total | Female   | Percent of total |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------|------------------|
| White                   | 11        | 39.28%           | 5        | 17.88%           |
| Black                   | 10        | 35.71%           | 0        | 0.00%            |
| Asian                   | 0         | 0.00%            | 0        | 0.00%            |
| Indian                  | 0         | 0.00%            | 0        | 0.00%            |
| Unknown                 | 1         | 3.57%            | 1        | 3.57%            |
| <b>Field Interviews</b> | <b>22</b> |                  | <b>6</b> | <b>Total: 28</b> |

It is a requirement that the sex and race category be completed, and they are identical to the categories defined by NCIC. The same judgment used when issuing a traffic citation or a summons is used to determine the appropriate category when completing an FI. The definitions from NCIC are listed below:

| <b>Value</b>        | <b>Definition</b>   |
|---------------------|---|
| I = Indian          | American Indian or Alaskan Native – a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Americas and maintaining cultural identification through tribal affiliations or community recognition |
| A = Asian           | Asian or Pacific Islander - a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands                                      |
| B = Black           | Black - a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa   |
| W = White           | White - a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East  |
| U = Race is unknown | Unknown   |