

Article - Transportation

25-113.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Law enforcement agency" means an agency that is listed in § 3-101(e) of the Public Safety Article and that, in accordance with subsection (c) of this section, is subject to the provisions of this section.

(3) "Law enforcement officer" means any person who, in an official capacity, is authorized by law to make arrests and who is an employee of a law enforcement agency that is subject to this section.

(4) "Maryland Justice Analysis Center" means the center operated by the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland, College Park.

(5) "Police Training Commission" means the unit within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services established under § 3-202 of the Public Safety Article.

(6) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, "traffic stop" means any instance when a law enforcement officer stops the driver of a motor vehicle and detains the driver for any period of time for a violation of the Maryland Vehicle Law.

(ii) "Traffic stop" does not include:

1. A checkpoint or roadblock stop;
2. A stop of multiple vehicles due to a traffic accident or emergency situation requiring the stopping of vehicles for public safety purposes; or
3. A stop based on the use of radar, laser, or vascar technology.

(b) The Police Training Commission, in consultation with the Maryland Justice Analysis Center, shall develop:

(1) A model format for the efficient recording of data required under subsection (d) of this section on an electronic device, or by any other means, for use by a law enforcement agency;

(2) Guidelines that each law enforcement agency may use as a management tool to evaluate data collected by its officers for use in counseling and improved training;

(3) A standardized format that each law enforcement agency shall use in reporting data to the Maryland Justice Analysis Center under subsection (e) of this section; and