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## Identification During Traffic Stops and Other Stops

### **I. Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is intended to provide directives to police officer identification during traffic stops consistent with Maryland State Law.

### **II. Policy:**

**A.** At the commencement of a traffic stop or other stop, absent exigent circumstances, a police officer shall:

1. display proper identification to the stopped individual; and
2. provide the following information to the stopped individual:
  - a. the officer's name;
  - b. the officer's identification number issued by the law enforcement agency the officer is representing;
  - c. the name of the law enforcement agency the police officer is representing; and
  - d. the reason for the traffic stop or other stop.

**B.** Maryland State Law provides that a police officer's failure to comply with the above requirements:

1. may be grounds for administrative disciplinary action against the officer; and
2. may not serve as the basis for the exclusion of evidence under the exclusionary rule.

**Note:** Most language in this document is taken directly from the Annotated Code of Maryland, Criminal Procedure, Article 2, Section 209.

**Effective Date:** This document shall go into effect on July 1, 2022.