Racial Identifying Profile Act (RIPA)

- California Assembly Bill No. 953, which is the Racial and Identity Profiling Act requires the Attorney General to establish the Racial and Identity Profiling Advisory Board (RIPA) to eliminate racial and identity profiling and improve diversity and racial and identity sensitivity in law enforcement.

- The bill requires each state and local agency that employs peace officers to annually report to the Attorney General data on all stops, as defined, conducted by the agency’s peace officers, and require that data to include specified information, including the time, date, and location of the stop, and the reason for the stop.

- Pursuant to California Assembly Bill No. 953, “stop” means any detention by a peace officer of a person, or any peace officer interaction with a person in which the peace officer conducts a search, including a consensual search, of the person’s body or property in the person’s possession or control.
The reported data required on a detention and/or search will be:

- The time, date, and location of the stop.
- The reason for the stop.
- The result of the stop, such as, no action, warning, citation, property seizure, or arrest.
- If a warning or citation was issued, the warning provided, or violation cited.
- If an arrest was made, the offense charged.
- The perceived race or ethnicity, gender, and approximate age of the person stopped.

Also, the actions taken by the peace officer during the stop, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Whether the peace officer asked for consent to search the person, and, if so, whether consent was provided.
- Whether the peace officer searched the person or any property, and, if so, the basis for the search and the type of contraband or evidence discovered, if any.
- Whether the peace officer seized any property and, if so, the type of property that was seized and the basis for seizing the property.

- Fontana Police Bias-Based Policing (402) defines RIPA and the requirements for all sworn members of this department.

- The reporting requirements for data collection to DOJ by officers, under this section will begin on January 1, 2022.