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Race Codes Must be Entered on All Citations

Officers are not expected to ask motorists what racial category they fall into. Instead, officers should use their judgment. A code **must** be entered in the race box. Officers are not to leave the box blank unless the citation is mailed. If mailed, Officers must check the "Owner" and "Mailed to Violator" boxes. Officers are not to write "Unknown" in the race box.

Any citation with the race code left blank or marked "Unknown" will be returned to the issuing Officer and that Officer's Bureau Commander will be notified.

If an Officer inadvertently marks the wrong race code and the operator objects, the Officer may change it and put his/her initials on the citation. The Officer **shall** then submit a "Dear Chief" report to the Traffic Bureau indicating the reason for the change.

The six race codes are derived from the U.S. Census Bureau and the National Crime Information Center.

- **"A" for Asian or Pacific Islander:** any person whose ancestry is any of the original peoples or the Far East and Southeast Asia, including Mongolia, China, North and South Korea, Japan, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, Myanmar, Malaysia, Philippine Islands and Indonesia. Pacific Islander includes any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands.
- **"B" for Black:** any person whose ancestry is in any of the original peoples of Sub-Saharan Africa.
- **"H" for Hispanic:** any person whose ancestry is to Spanish speaking cultures of Mexico, Central and South America, Puerto Rico or the Caribbean.
- **"I" for American Indian or Alaskan Native:** any person whose ancestry is in any of the original peoples of the North.
- **"M" for Middle Eastern or East Indian:** any person whose ancestry is any of the Arabic peoples of North Africa including Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Libya, and Egypt. This also includes a person whose ancestry is any of the original peoples of: Israel, Jordan, Turkey, Armenia, Lebanon, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Oman, Yemen, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and India.
- **"W" for White:** any person whose ancestry is any of the original peoples of Europe.