ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR
STATEWIDE TRAFFIC STOP DATA (RACE DATA) COLLECTION
UPDATE: 03/06/2013

• Each department should manually transmit their race records to the RIDOT server at a minimum of every two weeks.

• Pedestrian stops conducted by officers on foot do not warrant a race record.

• Responding to a crash is considered a “motorist assist”. A motorist assist does not warrant a race record unless it leads to a secondary action (e.g. citation, warning, arrest, search).

• The “Prior Record” option in the data collection module refers to “criminal” record.

• The “Resident” field is based on whether the driver is a permanent resident of the municipality where the stop is taking place.

• Officers will not select “Special Detail/Directed Patrol” unless the stop is conducted during a Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) effort. NRT-related stops are the only stops that will use the special detail option for “Basis for Stop”.

Unless the stop is NRT-related, please choose a Basis for Stop from the drop down menu. These include:

- Speeding
- Seat Belt
- Other Traffic Violation
- Equipment/Inspection Violation
- Violation of City/Town Ordinance
- Call for Service*
- APB
- Suspicious Person
- Motorist Assist/Courtesy*

* Race records are only created during circumstances when a secondary action (e.g. citation, warning, arrest, search) is taken.

Examples: If an officer working an overtime Click It Or Ticket detail stops a driver for a seat belt violation, the basis for stop will be “Seat Belt”. If an officer working an NRT patrol stops a driver for an equipment violation, the basis for stop will be “Special Detail/Directed Patrol”.

It is requested that all departments fully implement these guidelines no later than March 15, 2013.

Thank you very much for your ongoing participation.
Additional Clarification:

Previously, an officer may have selected “Special Detail” when working on a specially directed overtime (e.g. Click It Or Ticket, Driver Sober or Get Pulled Over, Obey the Sign or Pay the Fine). Moving forward, “Special Detail” should only be selected during an NRT patrol.

The NRT detail is a collaborative effort between the Rhode Island State Police and the Providence and Central Falls Police Departments with the goal of reducing crime, specifically crimes of violence involving firearms and crimes involving the consumption of alcohol. Troopers are paired with local officers in State Police cruisers and patrol high crime areas of their cities.