York University Research Team to assist with Traffic Stop Race Data Collection Project

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(Ottawa)—The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) is pleased to announce that a York University Research Team has been hired to assist with our Traffic Stop Race Data Collection Project (TSRDCP), being implemented in the spring of 2013.

The research team has been engaged to aid in the development of the methodology to collect and analyze race-based data, consistent with the settlement agreement between the Ottawa Police Services Board (OPSB) and the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC).

A selection panel consisting of members of the Ottawa Police Service, the Ontario Human Rights Commission, and the community, chose this team. They are:

Dr. Lorne Foster — a Professor and Director of the Graduate Program in Public Policy Administration and Law.

Dr. Lesley Jacobs — a Professor of Law & Society and Political Science, Academic Director/Executive Director of the Canadian Forum on Civil Justice, and Co-Director of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada's funded Cost of Justice project.

Dr. Bobby Siu — a Professor of the Graduate Program in Public Policy Administration.

Collectively, the Research Team brings a combination of research experience and knowledge on the issues of race and ethnic relations, human rights, data collection, empirical research, social justice and public policy.

In addition to assisting with the development of the methodology, the Research Team will also be helping the OPS in conducting a series of consultations with all stakeholders, including the community and OPS members. Stay tuned for details on upcoming opportunities.

For more information on the Traffic Stop Race Data Collection Project, to send your comments or subscribe to updates, please visit ottawapolice.ca/race. You can also Tweet us @OttawaPolice using #Race Data or direct any questions you may have to the Project Lead, Insp. Pat Flanagan, by email or by phone at 613-236-1222, ext. 3471.

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