

# Douglas Police Department

**Who's in charge:** Kraig Fullen.

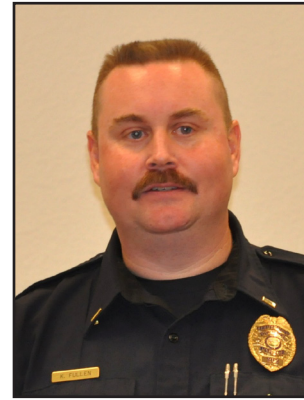
**Where he stands:** "If we don't have the public's trust, we can't do our jobs. Traffic enforcement in general has an impact on that, and safety is weighed against wanting people to come back."

**How it's documented:** Some calls to Border Patrol are documented in the agency's call notes or radio log, but these records can't be easily searched. Other calls are documented in incident reports, but those are not all given the same classification.

**What the Star reviewed:** A table showing three years' worth of incidents classified as other-agency assists, with the keyword "Border Patrol." A records supervisor then reviewed the listed reports and provided copies of those in which someone suspected of being in the country unlawfully was transferred into Border Patrol's custody.

## Findings

- Incidents involving Border Patrol dropped 22 percent from the year before SB 1070 to the year after. The number of referrals fell 48 percent.
- Traffic stops were the most common reason for police action involving Border Patrol. This was true both before and after SB 1070.
- Traffic stops initiated by Douglas police led to one-third of the department's referrals to Border Patrol since January 2010. Another third was due to assisting Border Patrol operations.
- Six of the 16 traffic stops the Star reviewed took place after SB 1070. The reasons for the traffic stops were scattered, and there were no real patterns. The reasons included windows too darkly tinted, improper turns and speeding.
- Police questioned passengers during five of the six traffic stops in which people were referred to BP. In one case, five passengers were lying on the floor of the vehicle. In two cases, police asked the passengers for ID after the driver was unable to provide a driver's license.



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## Overview

Sworn officers: 34

Documented immigration-related incidents in the year after SB 1070 took effect provided: 81

Share of total incidents: <1%