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Allegations of anti-cabbie racism rejected by Toronto Police Association

Toronto Police Association President, Dave Wilson, says a report claiming Toronto police officers treat cabbies badly because of racial bigotry is an unsubstantiated “smear campaign” against police.

Wilson says that the report itself is seriously flawed.

Wilson notes the findings are based on the opinions of just 33 out of 10,000 Toronto cabbies, less than a third of one per cent of cab drivers in Toronto.

The report itself admits that “the sample size was not large enough to obtain statistically certain results,” nor does it make public the 65 questions that the 33 Toronto drivers were asked.

“And yet it appears that some city politicians are trying to give this report some sort of credibility, this is absolutely astounding given the tiny sample size and the fact that we do not even know what questions were asked,” added Wilson.

“We do not know if the questions were unfair, biased, or designed to lead those interviewed to the preferred conclusions of the authors. Police officers enforce traffic laws. Some cab drivers contravene these laws and as a result receive tickets. The truth is that no one should be surprised in today’s environment that some drivers would try and hide their behaviour behind politically explosive issues like racism or racial profiling.”

“The Toronto Police Services Board should refuse to accept or give any credence to this report,” concludes Wilson.

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