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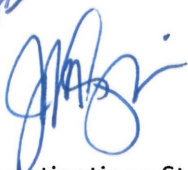
Internal Investigations Statistical Summary

(Based on 2016 Investigations)

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Pursuant to Standard Operating Procedure #7-02, the attached report bears a statistical summary of internal investigations for the calendar year of 2016. Upon your approval, this report will be published to the agency and placed on the agency's website.

Overview

All complaints made against the agency or its personnel to include anonymous complaints are investigated. Standard Operating Procedure #7-02 (Internal Investigations) provides for a tiered classification of complaints and subsequent investigations as follows:

Supervisory Investigation (SI) – Investigation of a complaint against an employee under that supervisor’s command or by other appropriate supervisory authority. Such complaints include allegations of rudeness, poor performance, driving issues, and other matters where if sustained, the potential for corrective action would not exceed the issuance of a letter of reprimand.

Internal Affairs (IA) Investigation – Investigation of a complaint against an employee or the agency by the Assistant Chief of Police or Professional Standards Lieutenant. Such investigations exceed the parameters for SI and include, but are not limited to, allegations of corruption, gross misconduct, violations of criminal law, breach of civil rights, major policy violations, excessive force, matters involving potential agency liability, and other sensitive matters.

During calendar year 2016, a total of 1 IA investigation and 24 SIs were conducted for a total of 25 internal investigations. Those investigations were based on 9 allegations from internal parties and 52 allegations from external parties (complaints sometimes bear multiple allegations and internal allegations are often the result of investigative findings and not part of an initial complaint).

During calendar year 2016, 5 SIs (and 0 IA investigations) were conducted pursuant to complaints originating internally.

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Statistical Summary of IA investigations
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One (1) IA investigation yielded a total of 19 allegations classified as follows:

Bias-Based Profiling – 1	False Arrest – 6
Excessive Force – 2	Performance – 10

The findings on the 19 allegations were as follows:

Exonerated – 8	Unfounded – 7
Misconduct Not Based on Complaint – 4	

This investigation bore an unusual number of allegations. The investigation was precipitated by the field detention and levying of charges against three (3) juveniles accused of tampering with a motor vehicle. The IA investigation resulted in the determination that a citizen provided a misidentification leading to the improper detention and charging of the juveniles in question. The various allegations made by the parents of two (2) unrelated juveniles against the five (5) different officers involved resulted in the unusual number of external (15) and internal (4) allegations investigated in this case.

Statistical Summary of SIs

Twenty-four (24) SIs yielded a total of 42 allegations (1.75 per complaint) classified as follows:

Damage to Property – 1	Performance – 22
Driving – 2	Professionalism – 4
Excessive Force - 2	Search – 7
Investigation (mishandled) – 2	Traffic Stop (unjustified) – 1
Off-Duty Conduct – 1	

The findings on the 42 allegations were as follows:

Exonerated – 6	Sustained – 13
Misconduct not Based on Compl. - 2	Unfounded – 17
Not Sustained – 4	

Twenty (20) different employees were named in SIs, 17 sworn and 3 non-sworn. The agency in general was the subject of one (1) allegation and all supervisors (generally – non-specified) on a patrol team were the subject of one allegation.

Five-Year Trend

The five-year trend indicates that serious allegations levied, having peaked in 2013, are on a three-year decline, with a 90% reduction from 2013 to 2016. Allegations classified as minor increased slightly in 2016 but remain on a leveling trend since the spike experienced in 2012.

Internal Investigations Conducted

