

WACO POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

2012 Professional Standards and Conduct Annual Statistics

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

In 2012, the Professional Standards and Conduct Unit assigned 72 control numbers. Comparatively, the Department conducted 59 internal investigations in 2011, 86 in 2010, 89 in 2009, and 70 in 2008. Of the 72 investigations conducted in 2012, 54 involved sustained complaints, eight were exonerated, four were unfounded, two were not sustained, and four were cancelled. Fourteen of the sustained investigations involved preventable crashes. Sixty-five of the investigations involved sworn officers, while the other seven involved non-sworn employees. Twenty-eight of the sustained complaints resulted in disciplinary action of an oral reprimand, 18 resulted in written reprimands, and eight resulted in a suspension without pay or indefinite suspension.

The Professional Standards and Conduct Unit conducted 15 of last year's internal investigations, only one of which included an allegation of racial profiling (unfounded).

ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

Department supervisors conducted 34 Administrative Investigations in 2012. This compares to 46 in 2011, 35 in 2010, 31 in 2009, and 39 in 2008. Non-Preventable Crashes accounted for 15 of last year's administrative control numbers, four involved the destruction of vicious or injured animals, and nine involved damaged vehicles or property. The remaining investigations pertained to other miscellaneous Department business where no policy violation occurred.

The Professional Standards and Conduct Unit conducted two of last year's Administrative Investigations.

NON-LETHAL USES OF FORCE

The Department documented 88 non-lethal uses of force against aggressive, resistant or uncooperative persons in 2012, 73 of which involved the use or attempted use of an electronic control device (Taser). This compares to 81 uses of force in 2011, 56 of which involved a Taser, and 98 uses of force in 2010, 67 of which involved a Taser.

Fifty-one different officers documented at least one use of non-lethal force in 2012; only six officers used force more than twice. Officers used non-lethal force on 78 different persons; 72 males and six females. Of the 78 recipients of non-lethal force, 43 were black, 21 were Hispanic, and 14 were white.

SUMMARY

Internal Investigations were up 22% from 2011 (59 to 72).

Non-Lethal Uses of Force were up 9% from 2011 (81 to 88).

Taser Usage was up 30% from 2011 (56 to 73).

Preventable Crashes were down 30% from 2011 (20 to 14).