

WACO POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

2013 Professional Standards and Conduct Annual Statistics

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

In 2013, the Professional Standards and Conduct Unit assigned 71 control numbers. Comparatively, the Department conducted 72 internal investigations in 2012, 59 in 2011, 86 in 2010, and 89 in 2009. Of the 71 investigations conducted in 2013, 58 involved sustained complaints, three were exonerated, five were unfounded, four were not sustained, and one was cancelled. Twenty-four of the sustained investigations involved preventable crashes. Sixty-six of the investigations involved sworn officers, while the other five involved non-sworn employees. Thirty-three of the sustained complaints resulted in disciplinary action of an oral reprimand, 17 resulted in written reprimands, and eight resulted in a suspension without pay or indefinite suspension.

The Professional Standards and Conduct Unit conducted nine of last year's internal investigations, two of which included allegations of racial profiling (unfounded).

ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

Department supervisors conducted 34 Administrative Investigations in 2013. This compares to 34 in 2012, 46 in 2011, 35 in 2010, and 31 in 2009. Non-Preventable Crashes accounted for nine of last year's administrative control numbers, eight 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 three of last year's Administrative Investigations.

NON-LETHAL USES OF FORCE

The Department documented 92 non-lethal uses of force against aggressive, resistant or uncooperative persons in 2013, 68 of which involved the use or attempted use of an electronic control device (Taser). This compares to 88 uses of force in 2012, 73 of which involved a Taser, and 81 uses force in 2011, 56 of which involved a Taser.

Fifty-three different officers documented at least one use of non-lethal force in 2013; only seven officers used force more than twice. Officers used non-lethal force on 74 different persons, all of whom were male. Of the 74 recipients of non-lethal force, 29 were black, 24 were Hispanic, 20 were white, and one was Native American.

SUMMARY

Internal Investigations were down 1% from 2012 (72 to 71).

Non-Lethal Uses of Force were up 5% from 2012 (88 to 92).

Taser Usage was down 7% from 2012 (73 to 68).

Preventable Crashes were up 71% from 2012 (14 to 24).