

WACO POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

2014 Professional Standards and Conduct Annual Statistics

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

In 2014, the Professional Standards and Conduct Unit assigned 71 control numbers. Comparatively, the Department conducted 71 internal investigations in 2013, 72 in 2012, 59 in 2011, and 86 in 2010. Of the 71 investigations conducted in 2014, 52 involved sustained complaints, seven were exonerated, five were unfounded, five were not sustained, and three were cancelled. 21 of the sustained investigations involved preventable crashes. 67 of the investigations involved sworn officers, while the other four involved non-sworn employees. 29 of the sustained complaints resulted in disciplinary action of an oral reprimand, 17 resulted in written reprimands, and nine resulted in a suspension without pay or indefinite suspension.

The Professional Standards and Conduct Unit conducted nine of last year's internal investigations. One investigation is still open and has been sent to the chain of command for their recommendation. That case is not included in the disciplinary numbers listed above.

ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

Department supervisors conducted 34 Administrative Investigations in 2014. This compares to 34 in 2013, 34 in 2012, 46 in 2011, and 35 in 2010. Non-Preventable Crashes accounted for 11 of last year's administrative control numbers, 14 involved the destruction of vicious or injured animals, and eight 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 86 non-lethal uses of force against aggressive, resistant or uncooperative persons in 2014, 65 of which involved the use or attempted use of an electronic control device (Taser). This compares to 92 non-lethal uses of force in 2013, 68 of which involved a Taser, and 88 uses of force in 2012, 73 of which involved a Taser.

52 different officers documented at least one use of non-lethal force in 2014, and only seven officers used force more than twice. Officers used non-lethal force on 71 different persons, four of whom were female. Of the 71 recipients of non-lethal force, 35 were black, 14 were Hispanic, and 22 were white.

SUMMARY

Internal Investigations remained the same as in 2013 (71).

Non-Lethal Uses of Force were down 6% from 2013 (86 to 92).

Taser Usage was down 3% from 2013 (73 to 68).

Preventable Crashes were up 71% from 2013 (14 to 24).