

# WACO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MEMORANDUM

2015 Professional Standards and Conduct Annual Statistics

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### *INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS*

In 2015, the Professional Standards and Conduct Unit assigned 87 control numbers. Comparatively, the Department conducted 71 internal investigations in 2014, 71 in 2013, 72 in 2012, and 59 in 2011. Of the 87 investigations conducted in 2015, 63 involved sustained complaints, seven were exonerated, six were unfounded, five were not sustained, and seven were cancelled. Thirty-one of the sustained investigations involved preventable crashes. Seventy-three of the investigations involved sworn officers, while fourteen involved non-sworn employees. Thirty-seven of the sustained complaints resulted in disciplinary action of an oral reprimand, twenty resulted in written reprimands, and six resulted in a suspension without pay or indefinite suspension.

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

Of the 87 total investigations conducted in 2015, seventy-eight was initiated by the department and nine were initiated from outside the department.

### *ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS*

Department supervisors conducted 33 Administrative Investigations in 2015. This compares to 34 in 2014, 34 in 2013, 34 in 2012, and 46 in 2011. Non-Preventable Crashes accounted for 12 of last year's administrative control numbers, 11 involved the destruction of vicious or injured animals, and five 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 five of last year's Administrative Investigations.

## *NON-LETHAL USES OF FORCE*

The Department documented 57 non-lethal uses of force against aggressive, resistant or uncooperative persons in 2015, 45 of which involved the use or attempted use of an electronic control device (Taser). This compares to 86 non-lethal uses of force in 2014, 65 of which involved a Taser, and 92 uses of force in 2013, 68 of which involved a Taser.

40 different officers documented at least one use of non-lethal force in 2015, and only four officers used force more than twice. Officers used non-lethal force on 49 different persons, two of whom were female. Of the 49 recipients of non-lethal force, 21 were black, 14 were Hispanic, and 13 were white.

## *SUMMARY*

Internal Investigations were up 23% from 2014 (71 to 87).

Non-Lethal Uses of Force were down 33% from 2014 (86 to 57).

Taser Usage was down 30% from 2014 (65 to 45).

Preventable Crashes were up 9% from 2014 (11 to 12).