

# WACO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MEMORANDUM

2016 Professional Standards and Conduct Annual Statistics

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### *INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS*

In 2016, the Professional Standards and Conduct Unit assigned 54 control numbers. Comparatively, the Department conducted 87 internal investigations in 2015, 71 in 2014, 71 in 2013, 72 in 2012, and 59 in 2011. Of the 54 investigations conducted in 2016, 43 involved sustained complaints, 2 were exonerated, 6 were unfounded, 9 were not sustained, and 0 were cancelled. 16 of the sustained investigations involved preventable crashes. 49 of the investigations involved sworn officers, while 5 involved non-sworn employees. 17 of the sustained complaints resulted in disciplinary action of an oral reprimand, 12 resulted in written reprimands, and 12 resulted in a suspension without pay or indefinite suspension.

The Professional Standards and Conduct Unit conducted 9 of last year's internal investigations, 0 of which included allegations of racial profiling.

Of the 54 total investigations conducted in 2016, 47 were initiated by the department and 7 were initiated from outside the department.

### *ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS*

Department supervisors conducted 25 Administrative Investigations in 2016. This compares to 33 in 2015, 34 in 2014, 34 in 2013, 34 in 2012, and 46 in 2011. Non-Preventable Crashes accounted for 14 of last year's administrative control numbers, 7 involved the destruction of vicious or injured animals, and 2 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 1 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 2016, 45 of which involved the use or attempted use of an electronic control device (Taser). This compares to 57 non-lethal uses in 2015, 47 of which involved a Taser, 87 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 48 different persons, two of whom were female. Of the 48 recipients of non-lethal force, 21 were black, 14 were Hispanic, and 13 were white.

### *SUMMARY*

Internal Investigations were down 38% from 2015 (87 to 54).

Non-Lethal Uses of Force remained the same as 2015 (57 to 57).

Taser Usage was down 4% from 2015 (47 to 45).

Preventable Crashes were up 33% from 2015 (12 to 16).