

WACO POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Sheryl Victorian Ph.D., Chief of Police

DATE: May 30, 2022

FROM: Keith Vaughan, Sergeant

SUBJECT: 2021 Annual Report

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

In 2021, the Professional Standards Supervisor assigned seventy-four (74) control numbers compared to seventy-six (76) in 2020. Of the seventy-four (74) investigations conducted in 2021, sixty-two (62) involved sustained complaints, five (5) were unfounded, three (3) were not sustained, and six (6) were either canceled or the employee under investigation resigned. Twenty (20) of the sustained investigations involved preventable crashes. Sixty-one (61) of the investigations involved sworn officers, while thirteen (13) involved non-sworn employees. Thirty-six (36) of the sustained complaints resulted in disciplinary action of an oral reprimand, seventeen (17) resulted in written reprimands, and seven (7) resulted in a suspension without pay or indefinite suspension. One (1) employee resigned while the investigations they were involved with were ongoing.

The Professional Standards and Conduct Supervisor conducted six (6) of last year's internal investigations. Two (2) of which were unfounded and four (4) were sustained. There were not any allegations of racial profiling reported in 2021. Of the seventy-four (74) total investigations conducted in 2021, sixty-nine (69) were initiated from within the department and five (5) were initiated from outside the department.

ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS


Department supervisors conducted eight (8) Administrative Investigations in 2021 compared to nineteen (19) in 2020. Non-Preventable Crashes accounted for two (2) of last year's administrative control numbers, and four (4) involved the destruction of a vicious or injured animal, The Professional Standards supervisor investigated one (1) use of deadly force where no policy violations were found. The other investigation involved allegations that did not warrant a formal internal investigation.

RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE

The Department documented fifty-three (53) responses to resistance against aggressive, resistant, or uncooperative persons in 2021, twenty-nine (29) of which involved the use or attempted use of an electronic control device (ECD) that compares to thirty-two (32) responses to resistance involving ECD in 2020.

Forty (40) different officers documented at least one use of non-lethal force in 2021, and only one (1) officer used force more than three times. Officers used non-lethal force on fifty (50) different persons, five (5) of whom were female, twenty-five (25) were black, nine (9) were Hispanic, and sixteen (16) were white.

Respectfully Submitted,



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