

WACO POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

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

DATE: June 14, 2023

FROM: Keith Vaughan, Sergeant

SUBJECT: 2022 Annual Report

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

In 2022, the Professional Standards Supervisor assigned sixty-four (64) control numbers compared to seventy-four (74) in 2021. Of the sixty-four (64) investigations conducted in 2021, fifty-four (54) involved sustained complaints, two (2) were exonerated, six (6) were unfounded and two (2) were not sustained. Thirty-four (34) of the sustained investigations involved preventable crashes.

Of the assigned investigations, fifty-eight (58) of the investigations involved sworn officers, while six (6) involved non-sworn employees. Twenty (20) of the sustained complaints resulted in disciplinary action of an oral reprimand, twenty-five (25) resulted in written reprimands, and nine (9) resulted in a suspension without pay or indefinite suspension.

The Professional Standards and Conduct Supervisor conducted six (6) of last year's internal investigations. One (1) of which was not sustained, one (1) was unfounded, two (3) were sustained and one (1) was exonerated. There were not any allegations of racial profiling reported in 2022. Of the sixty-four (64) total investigations conducted in 2022, sixty (60) were initiated from within the department, and four (4) were initiated from outside the department.

ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

Department supervisors conducted seventeen (17) Administrative Investigations in 2022 compared to eight (8) in 2021. Non-Preventable Crashes accounted for ten (10) of last year's administrative control numbers, one (1) involved the destruction of a vicious or injured animal, and one (1) involved the use of deadly force where no policy violation occurred. The other five (5) investigations involved allegations that did not warrant a formal internal investigation.


The Professional Standards and Conduct Unit conducted three (3) of last year's Administrative Investigations.

RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE

The Department documented fifty-one (51) responses to resistance against aggressive, resistant, or uncooperative persons in 2022, forty-four (44) of which involved the use or attempted use of an electronic control device (ECD) compares to twenty-nine (29) responses to resistance involving ECD in 2021.

Forty-three (43) different officers documented at least one use of non-lethal force in 2022. Two (2) officers were determined to have used appropriate force to gain control of the suspects' resistance three or more times. One of the officers was a K9 handler whose responsibility it is to track hidden suspects, and the other officer was assigned to patrol and responded to a suspect's resistance three times. Officers used non-lethal force on fifty-one (51) different persons, two (2) of whom were female, twenty-four (24) were black, thirteen (13) were Hispanic, seventeen (17) were white, and none were Asian.

Respectfully Submitted,



Keith Vaughan, Sergeant