

WACO POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

In 2017, the Professional Standards and Conduct Supervisor assigned eighty-three (83) control numbers compared fifty-four (54) in 2016. Of the eighty-three (83) investigations conducted in 2017, sixty-three (63) involved sustained complaints, four (4) were exonerated, seven (7) were unfounded, four (4) were not-sustained and one (1) was cancelled. Twenty-five (25) of the sustained investigations involved preventable crashes. Seventy (70) of the investigations involved sworn officers, while thirteen (13) involved non-sworn employees. Forty (40) of the sustained complaints resulted in disciplinary action of an oral reprimand, eighteen (18) resulted in written reprimands, five (5) resulted in a suspension without pay or indefinite suspension and one (1) resigned. One number was cancelled

The Professional Standards and Conduct Supervisor conducted seven (7) of last year's internal investigations. Of the eighty-three (83) total investigations conducted in 2017, seventy-eight (78) were initiated by the department and five (5) were initiated from outside the department.

ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

Department supervisors conducted twenty-three (23) Administrative Investigations in 2017 compared to twenty-five (25) in 2016. Non-Preventable Crashes accounted for fourteen (14) of last year's administrative control numbers, seven (7) involved the destruction of vicious or injured animals, two (2) involved damage to property, one (1) involved emergency vehicle operations and one (1) involved the use of deadly force where no policy violation occurred and the last investigation involved an unfounded allegation involving an internal theft..

The Professional Standards and Conduct Unit conducted one (1) of last year's Administrative Investigations.

NON-LETHAL USES OF...FORCE

The Department documented fifty-seven (57) non-lethal uses of force against aggressive, resistant or uncooperative persons in 2017, twenty-eight (28) of which involved the use or attempted use of an electronic control device (Taser) that compares to fifty-two (52) non-lethal uses of force in 2016, forty-three (43) of which involved a Taser.

Forty-four (44) different officers documented at least one use of non-lethal force in 2017, and only two (2) officers used force more than twice. Officers used non-lethal force on forty-two (42) different persons, four (4) of whom were female, nineteen (19) were black, eight (8) were Hispanic, and eleven (11) were white.

SUMMARY

Internal Investigations were up 53.7 % from 2016. (52 to 83)
Non-Lethal Uses of Force were up 6.1 % from 2016. (52 to 57)
Taser Usage was down 34.9 % from 2016 (43 to 28).
Preventable Crashes were up 78.57% from 2016 (14 to 25).

Respectfully Submitted,



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