

WACO POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

In 2018, the Professional Standards and Conduct Supervisor assigned seventy-seven (77) control numbers compared eight-three (83) in 2017. Of the seventy-seven (77) investigations conducted in 2018, fifty-six (56) involved sustained complaints, nine (9) were exonerated, ten (10) were unfounded and three (3) were cancelled. Seventeen (17) of the sustained investigations involved preventable crashes. Sixty-Seven (67) of the investigations involved sworn officers, while ten (10) involved non-sworn employees. Twenty-two (23) of the sustained complaints resulted in disciplinary action of an oral reprimand, twenty-three (23) resulted in written reprimands, seven (7) resulted in a suspension without pay or indefinite suspension and four (4) resigned.

The Professional Standards and Conduct Supervisor conducted seventeen (17) of last year's internal investigations, one of which included a unfounded allegation of racial profiling. Of the seventy-seven 77 total investigations conducted in 2018, fifty-six (56) were initiated by the department and twenty-one (21) were initiated from outside the department.

ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

Department supervisors conducted twenty-five (25) Administrative Investigations in 2018 compared to twenty-three (23) in 2017. Non-Preventable Crashes accounted for eighteen (18) of last year's administrative control numbers, four (4) involved the destruction of vicious or injured animals, two (2) 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 three (3) of last year's Administrative Investigations.

NON-LETHAL USES OF...FORCE

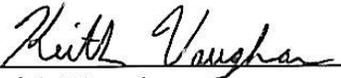
The Department documented forty-nine (49) non-lethal uses of force against aggressive, resistant or uncooperative persons in 2018, thirty-four (34) of which involved the use or attempted use of an electronic control device (Taser) that compares to fifty-two (52) no-lethal uses of force in 2017, thirty-one (31) of which involved a Taser.

Thirty-nine (39) different officers documented at least one use of non-lethal force in 2018, and only two (2) officers used force more than twice. Officers used non-lethal force on forty-seven (47) different persons, two (2) of whom were female, twenty (20) were black, thirteen (13) were Hispanic, and fourteen (14) were white.

SUMMARY

Internal Investigations were down 7.2% from 2017. (83 to 77)
Non-Lethal Uses of Force were down 5.8% from 2017. (52 to 49)
Taser Usage was up 9.6% from 2017 (31 to 34).
Preventable Crashes were down 32% from 2017 (25 to 17).

Respectfully Submitted,



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