

# **WACO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **MEMORANDUM**

### **INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS**

In 2019, the Professional Standards and Conduct Supervisor assigned eighty-eight (88) control numbers compared seventy-seven (77) in 2018. Of the eighty-eight (88) investigations conducted in 2019, sixty-one (61) involved sustained complaints, four (4) were exonerated, eight (8) were unfounded, two (2) were not sustained and two (2) were cancelled. Twenty-five (25) of the sustained investigations involved preventable crashes. Seventy-eight (78) of the investigations involved sworn officers, while ten (10) involved non-sworn employees. Twenty-nine (29) of the sustained complaints resulted in disciplinary action of an oral reprimand, twenty (20) resulted in written reprimands, five (5) resulted in a suspension without pay or indefinite suspension. Three employees resigned while the investigations they were involved with were ongoing. Due to these resignations, fourteen (14) internal investigations were closed.

The Professional Standards and Conduct Supervisor conducted nine (9) of last year's internal investigations, one of which included an unfounded allegation of racial profiling. Of the eighty-eight (88) total investigations conducted in 2019, eighty-one (81) were initiated from within the department and seven (7) were initiated from outside the department.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS**

Department supervisors conducted nine (9) Administrative Investigations in 2018 compared to twenty-five (25) in 2018. Non-Preventable Crashes accounted for five (5) of last year's administrative control numbers, one (1) involved the destruction of a vicious or injured animal, one (1) involved the use of deadly force where no policy violation occurred. The other two (2) investigations involved unfounded allegations that did not warrant a formal internal investigation.

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

### **NON-LETHAL USES OF...FORCE**

The Department documented sixty (60) non-lethal uses of force against aggressive, resistant or uncooperative persons in 2019, thirty-three (33) of which involved the use or attempted use of an electronic control device (Taser) that compares to thirty-four (34) non-lethal uses of force in 2018.

Fifty-eight (58) different officers documented at least one use of non-lethal force in 2019, and only two (2) officers used force more than twice. Officers used non-lethal force on fifty-two (52)

different persons, two (2) of whom were female, twenty (20) were black, seventeen (17) were Hispanic, and ten (10) were white.

**SUMMARY**

Internal Investigations increased 6.2% from 2018. (83 to 88)  
Non-Lethal Uses of Force remained the same at fifty-two (52)  
Taser Usage decreased 2.9% from 2019 (34 to 33).  
Preventable Crashes remained the same at twenty-five (25).

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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