

Annual Internal Affairs Statistical Summary

2015

Background

In accordance with General Order #104, this document has been prepared to provide a statistical summary of complaints filed against members of the Aventura Police Department in 2015. This summary is in compliance with CALEA Standard 52.1.5 that requires "*The Agency compiles annual statistical summaries, based upon records of internal affairs investigations, which are made available to the public and agency employees*". A copy of this document will be placed on the Internal Affairs section of the police website where it can be viewed by employees and members of the public.

Policy

It is the policy of the Aventura Police Department to make information available to the public containing procedures for registering a complaint against the agency or its employees and promptly and thoroughly investigating any allegations of misconduct or biased based profiling by members of the Department.

Procedure

This agency will investigate all allegations of misconduct made against the agency or its employees regardless of their source. Anonymous complaints are difficult to investigate; however, this agency will assess and review each anonymous complaint for substance and validation before disregarding it for lack of a credible complaint.

Minor complaints, referred to as Citizen Complaints, may be investigated by the employee's supervisor. Examples include discourtesy, improper conduct, violation of ethics, or improper procedures.

Major complaints are of a more serious nature that may or may not involve a violation of law. Examples include excessive force, bias-based profiling, or official misconduct.

In all cases, the rights of Officers will be safeguarded as required by Chapter 112 of Florida State Statutes.

Conclusion of Fact

Investigations, once completed, will include a "Conclusion of fact" containing one of the following findings:

1. **SUSTAINED** - The allegation has been investigated and the facts show that the allegation is true and the action taken was not consistent with Agency policy.
2. **NOT SUSTAINED** - The allegation has been investigated and there is insufficient proof to confirm or refute the allegation.
3. **EXONERATED** - The allegation has been investigated and the facts indicate that the action taken was consistent with Agency policy.
4. **UNFOUNDED** - The allegation has been investigated and either the allegation is demonstrably false or there is no credible evidence to support it.
5. **POLICY FAILURE** - At the conclusion of an Internal Affairs investigation, the investigator or supervisor shall note, after the findings and charges, if any, have been recorded, whether any policy failure contributed or caused the incident. If there is a policy failure, the final report must include a description of the failure and a recommendation for change to remedy that defect.

The summary of complaints for 2015 is as follows:

Complaints Filed

Citizen Complaint	19
Internal Affairs*	7
Total Complaints Investigated	26

Complaints Generated

Internal	5
External	21
Total	26

Complaint Dispositions

Exonerated	5
Unfounded	12
Not Sustained	3
Sustained	6
Total	26

Nature of Complaints

Conduct Unbecoming/Rudeness/Misconduct
Failure to Act
Improper Procedure
Excessive Force
Untruthful Statements
Citation Dispute
Harassment
Discrimination

Note:

This statistical summary only reflects the number of complaints filed against employees. There may be several different allegations per complaint filed. In the event there is at least one allegation which is sustained within a complaint, the overall disposition of that complaint will be carried as "sustained."