

Annual Internal Affairs Statistical Summary

2023

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 2023. 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.

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 the members of the Department.

This agency will investigate all allegation so 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 the Officers will be safeguarded as required by Chapter 12 of the Florida State Statutes.

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 finding 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 2023 is as follows:

Complaints Filed

Citizen Complaint	12
Internal Affairs*	2
Total Complaints Investigated	14

Complaints Generated

Internal	14
External	
Total	14

Complaint Dispositions

Exonerated	4
Unfounded	7
Not Sustained	1
Sustained	1
Total	13*

*Internal Affairs investigation IA23-001 is pending a final disposition due to ongoing criminal proceedings. This investigation has been tolled pending the closing of the criminal case.

Nature of Complaints

Rudeness
Failure to Act
Discrimination
Excessive Use of Force
Civil Rights Violation
Abuse of Position
Abusive Language
Improper Procedure
Criminal Violation

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. "

End of report.