

Greenville Police Department 2016 Internal Affairs Investigations Summary Report



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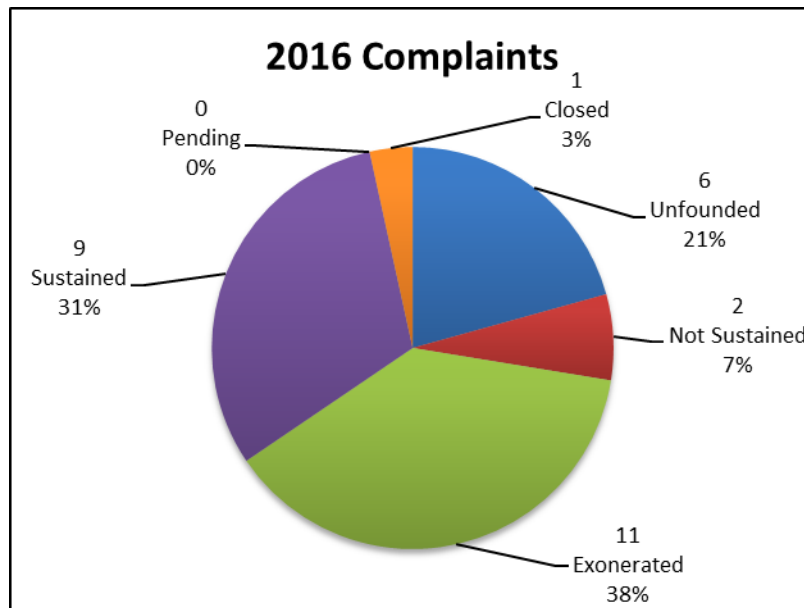


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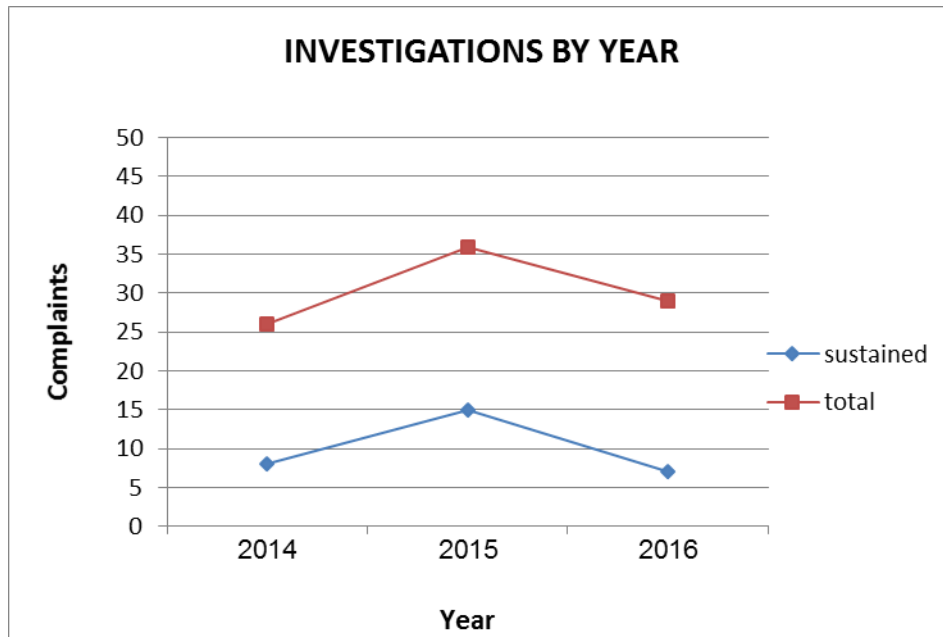
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In 2016, Internal Affairs investigated 28 of 29 complaints and allegations of misconduct; one investigation was suspended. Investigations conducted by Internal Affairs staff decreased by 22% compared to last year. Fourteen of the investigations were generated from citizen complaints; of those, 2 were sustained.

| | 2014 | | 2015 | | 2016 | |
|---------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| | Count | % | Count | % | Count | % |
| Unfounded | 1 | 3.85 | 7 | 19.44% | 6 | 20.69 |
| Not Sustained | 7 | 26.92 | 5 | 13.89% | 2 | 6.9 |
| Exonerated | 8 | 30.77 | 9 | 25.00% | 11 | 37.93 |
| Sustained | 9 | 34.62 | 15 | 41.67% | 9 | 31.03 |
| Suspended | 1 | 3.85 | 0 | 0.00% | 1 | 3.45 |
| Pending | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 26 | 100.00 | 36 | 100.00 | 29 | 100.00 |



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Uniform Patrol makes up over half of the workforce and is the source for the majority of arrests and contacts with the public. Of the 21 investigations involving Uniform Patrol officers, 12 were the result of citizen complaints.

| | 2014 | | 2015 | | 2016 | |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| | Count | % | Count | % | Count | % |
| Uniform Patrol/CBD | 19 | 73.1% | 27 | 75.0% | 21 | 72.4% |
| Traffic | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Warrants/Court Security | 1 | 3.8% | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 3.5% |
| Criminal Investigations | 3 | 11.5% | 2 | 5.6% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Vice & Narcotics/CRT | 1 | 3.8% | 2 | 5.6% | 3 | 10.3% |
| Other | 2 | 7.7% | 5 | 13.8% | 4 | 13.8% |
| TOTAL | 26 | 100.0% | 36 | 100.0% | 29 | 100.0% |

Investigations by Complainant's Race and Gender

In 2016, minority complainants accounted for 50% percent of complaint investigations and 24% of all Internal Affairs investigations. Complaints by minorities remained steady; male complainants accounted for 57% of complaint investigations and 28% of all IA investigations. Of the eight male complainants, 2 were minorities. Six investigations involved female complainants—five were minorities. Internal Affairs investigated two citizen complaints involving allegations of racial bias.

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| Race/Gender of Public Complainants | 2014 | | 2015 | | 2016 | |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| | Count | % | Count | % | Count | % |
| Minority | 8 | 30.8% | 7 | 19.4% | 7 | 24.1% |
| Non-Minority | 7 | 26.9% | 11 | 30.6% | 7 | 24.1% |
| *Department Initiated | 11 | 42.3% | 18 | 50.0% | 15 | 51.7% |
| TOTAL | 26 | 100.0% | 36 | 100.0% | 29 | 100.0% |
| Male | 4 | 15.4% | 12 | 33.3% | 8 | 27.6% |
| Female | 11 | 42.3% | 6 | 16.7% | 6 | 20.7% |
| *Department Initiated | 11 | 42.3% | 18 | 50.0% | 15 | 51.7% |
| TOTAL | 26 | 100.0% | 36 | 100.0% | 29 | 100.0% |

Investigations by Employee Race and Gender

| Race/Gender of Officers | 2014 | | 2015 | | 2016 | |
|-------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| | Count | % | Count | % | Count | % |
| Minority | 4 | 15.4% | 5 | 13.9% | 2 | 10.4% |
| Non-Minority | 11 | 42.3% | 13 | 36.1% | 12 | 37.9% |
| *Department Initiated | 11 | 42.3% | 18 | 50.0% | 15 | 51.7% |
| TOTAL | 26 | 100.0% | 36 | 100.0% | 29 | 100.0% |
| Male | 15 | 57.7% | 17 | 47.2% | 12 | 37.9% |
| Female | 0 | 0% | 1 | 2.8% | 2 | 10.4% |
| *Department Initiated | 11 | 42.3% | 18 | 50.0% | 15 | 51.7% |
| TOTAL | 26 | 100.0% | 36 | 100.0% | 29 | 100.0% |

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Sustained Complaints

Seven investigations were sustained in 2016. None of the sustained investigations represent bias-based complaints.

| IAD # | COMPLAINANT RACE | COMPLAINANT GENDER | OFFICER(S) RACE | OFFICER GENDER | NATURE OF COMPLAINT |
|-------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| 16-02 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | INTERNAL INVESTIGATION |
| 16-04 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | INTERNAL INVESTIGATION |
| 16-17 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | INTERNAL INVESTIGATION |
| 16-18 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | INTERNAL INVESTIGATION |
| 16-22 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | INTERNAL INVESTIGATION |
| 16-23 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | INTERNAL INVESTIGATION |
| 16-25 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | INTERNAL INVESTIGATION |
| 16-26 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | INTERNAL INVESTIGATION |

Breakdown of Investigations by Nature of Complaint

The chart below lists complaints by category.

| Nature of Complaint | Count | % |
|---|-------|-------|
| BIAS-BASED POLICING | 2 | 6.9% |
| EXCESSIVE OR USE OF FORCE | 4 | 13.8% |
| FAILED TO PERFORM DUTY | 1 | 3.5% |
| FALSE ARREST/UNLAWFUL SEARCH | 2 | 6.9% |
| SPEEDING | 1 | 3.5% |
| SUBMISSION OF REPORTS | 1 | 3.4% |
| TRUTHFULNESS | 1 | 3.4% |
| UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, RUDE | 2 | 6.9% |
| INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS (2 EXCESSIVE FORCE) | 15 | 51.7% |
| TOTAL | 29 | 100% |

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Excessive Force Investigations

| IA NUMBER | DATE | TYPE OF FORCE | COMMENTS | DISPOSITION |
|-----------|----------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------|
| 16-01 | 12/15/15 | TAKE-DOWN | CHIEF DIRECTED INVESTIGATION – SUBJECT ARGUMENTATIVE, NON-COMPLIANT, RESISTING ARREST | EXONERATED |
| 16-07 | 1/04/16 | SOFT EMPTY-HAND CONTROL WITH INJURY | CITIZEN COMPLAINT – YELLING PROFANITIES, WOULD NOT ALLOW BOYFRIEND TO RETRIEVE BELONGINGS | EXONERATED |
| 16-10 | 2/27/16 | SOFT EMPTY-HAND CONTROL NO INJURY | CITIZEN COMPLAINT – PLACED HIS HAND ON OFFICER’S CHEST TO STOP ENTRY TO RESIDENCE | EXONERATED |
| 16-16 | 4/23/16 | EMPTY-HAND CONTROL | CITIZEN COMPLAINT – NON-COMPLIANT WITH OFFICER’S DIRECTION TO REMOVE HIS HANDS FROM HIS POCKETS | EXONERATED |
| 16-19 | 5/22/16 | TAKE-DOWN | CITIZEN COMPLAINT – ACTIVE AGGRESSION, RESISTING ARREST | EXONERATED |
| 16-24 | 8/31/16 | TAKE-DOWN | CHIEF DIRECTED INVESTIGATION - SUBJECT NON-COMPLIANT, KICKED OFFICER TWICE | EXONERATED |

2016 COMPLAINT ANALYSIS

Citizen complaints decreased by 22% in 2016. The complaint process was amended in 2015 and continues “to provide a fair and effective process for receiving, investigating, and adjudicating complaints against police employees. The process also serves to protect employees from false allegations and ensure employees are consistently treated with fairness.” By January 2016, the Department was in full compliance with the amended policy. Although complaints and allegations of misconduct were processed and finalized within 90 days, the investigations were completed within the 60-day time frame required by policy. In September the Department acquired mediation services as an option for community members and Police employees to amicably resolve complaints. While mediation is also an alternative to a sometimes lengthy complaint investigation, the alleged misconduct and the accused employee must meet certain criteria in order to be referred for mediation. For 2016, the majority of complaints eligible for mediation and investigated at the division-level were accusations of rude or unprofessional conduct. Two complaints of rudeness/unprofessionalism went to mediation.