

# **Greenville Police Department 2014 Internal Affairs Investigations Summary Report**



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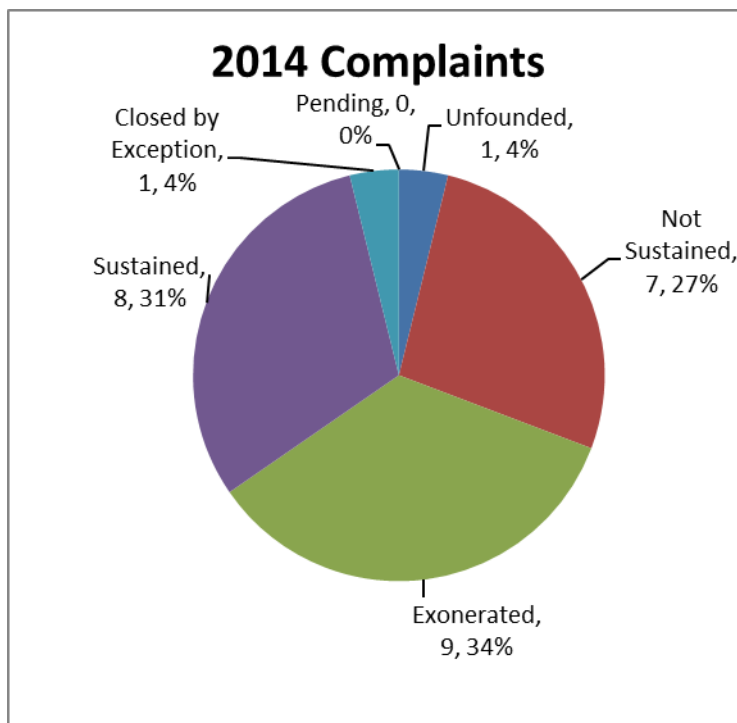
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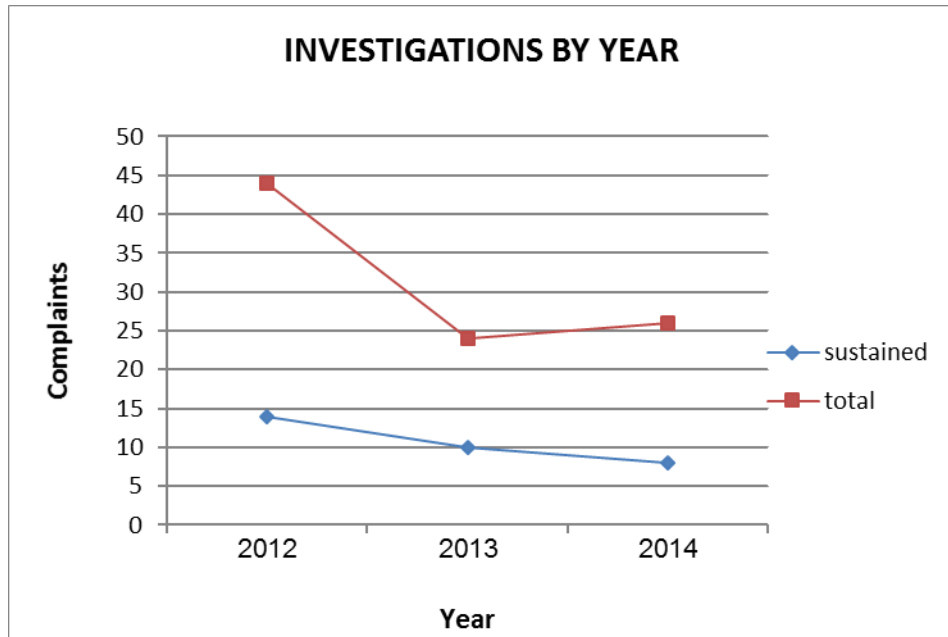
Twenty-six investigations were conducted by the Internal Affairs Unit during 2014,—an 8% percent increase over last year. The investigations accounted for fifteen citizen complaints and eleven Department-directed investigations. Eight investigations were sustained; of which, one was a citizen complaint.

	2012		2013		2014	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Unfounded	2	4.55	0	0.00	1	3.85
Not Sustained	2	4.55	4	16.67	7	26.92
Exonerated	16	36.36	5	20.83	9	30.77
Sustained	14	31.82	10	41.67	8	34.62
Closed by Exception	10	22.73	3	12.50	1	3.85
ICNBOC	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Pending	0	0.00	2	8.33	0	0.00
Policy review	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\* ICNBOC= Improper Conduct Not Based on Complaint and Policy Review were not used as complaint dispositions in 2014.



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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 nineteen investigations involving Uniform Patrol personnel, eight were the result of citizen complaints.

	2012		2013		2014	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Uniform Patrol	30	68.2%	15	62.5%	19	73.1%
Traffic	2	4.5%	0	0.0%	0	0
Warrants/Court Security	0	0%	0	0.0%	1	3.8%
Criminal Investigations	6	13.6%	3	12.5%	3	11.5%
Vice & Narcotics/CRT	4	9.1%	4	16.7%	1	3.8%
Other	2	4.5%	2	8.3%	2	7.7%
TOTAL	44	100.0%	24	100.0%	26	100.0%

### Investigations by Complainant's Race and Gender

In 2014, minority complainants accounted for fifty-three percent of complaint investigations. Citizen complaints filed by minorities showed a slight increase over 2013. Male complainants accounted for twenty-seven percent of complaint investigations which included one minority complainant. Seven of eleven female complainants were minorities. Internal Affairs investigated one complaint from an African-American female alleging slander based on race by a white male officer.

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Race/Gender of Public Complainants	2012		2013		2014	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Minority	17	38.6%	7	29.2%	8	26.9%
Non-Minority	10	22.8%	5	20.8%	7	26.9%
Department Initiated	17	38.6%	12	50.0%	11	46.2%
TOTAL	44	100.0%	24	100.0%	26	100.0%
Male	19	43.2%	3	12.5%	4	15.4%
Female	8	18.2%	9	37.5%	11	38.4%
Department Initiated	17	38.6%	12	50.0%	11	46.2%
TOTAL	44	100.0%	24	100.0%	26	100.0%

**Investigations by Employee Race and Gender**

Race/Gender of Officers	2012		2013		2014	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Minority	4	9.1%	1	4.2%	4	15.4%
Non-Minority	23	52.3%	11	45.8%	11	42.3%
*Department Initiated	17	38.6%	12	50.0%	11	42.3%
TOTAL	44	100.0%	24	100.0%	26	100.0%
Male	24	54.5%	10	41.7%	15	57.7%
Female	3	6.9%	2	8.3%	0	0%
*Department Initiated	17	38.6%	12	50.0%	11	42.3%
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**Sustained Complaints**

Eight investigations were sustained\* in 2014. None of the sustained investigations represent bias-based complaints.

IAD #	COMPLAINANT RACE	COMPLAINANT GENDER	OFFICER(S) RACE	OFFICER GENDER	NATURE OF COMPLAINT
14-01	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	INTERNAL INVESTIGATION
14-03	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	INTERNAL INVESTIGATION
14-04	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	INTERNAL INVESTIGATION
14-05	WHITE	MALE	AFRICAN-AMERICAN/WHITE	MALE	IMPROPER PROCEDURE
14-12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	INTERNAL INVESTIGATION
14-17	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	INTERNAL INVESTIGATION
14-19	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	INTERNAL INVESTIGATION
14-26	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	%
EXCESSIVE FORCE	4	15.4%
HARASSMENT	1	3.8%
IMPROPER PROCEDURE (VEHICLE TOW)	1	3.8%
LOST/MISSING MONEY	1	3.8%
RACIAL OR BIAS-BASED	1	3.8%
UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, RUDE	7	26.9%
INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS (3 EXCESSIVE FORCE)	11	42.3%
TOTAL	26	100.00%

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**Excessive Force Investigations**

IA NUMBER	DATE	TYPE OF FORCE	COMMENTS	DISPOSITION
14-06	3/08/14	JERKED ARM DURING ARREST, CAUSING MULTIPLE BRUISES	FEMALE COMPLAINANT WAS ARRESTED FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT (INTOXICATED). OFFICER SAID HE NEVER HAD TO USE ANY AMOUNT OF FORCE TO RESTRAIN SUBJECT—NOT MORE THAN THE NORMAL AMOUNT USED TO HANDCUFF AN INDIVIDUAL. NO FORCE WAS USED BECAUSE THE COMPLAINANT DID NOT RESIST. THE COMPLAINANT’S HUSBAND SAID HE PHYSICALLY PICKED HIS WIFE UP AND PUT HER OVER HIS SHOULDER TO TAKE HER OUT OF THE BAR WHERE SHE WAS INTOXICATED AND ENGAGED IN A VERBAL CONFRONTATION WITH ANOTHER FEMALE. NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT HANDCUFFING TECHNIQUE CAUSED THE BRUISING; NO DOCUMENTED VISIBLE EVIDENCE FROM DETENTION PERSONNEL.	NOT SUSTAINED
14-09	4/15/14	PUSHED HEAD INTO THE GROUND	FEMALE COMPLAINANT WAS ARRESTED FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT (INTOXICATED) FOLLOWING HER INVOLVEMENT IN AN ALTERCATION. SHE REFUSED TO ALLOW A MALE OFFICER TO SEARCH HER PERSON. SHE WAS EVENTUALLY SEARCHED AND PLACED IN THE PATROL CAR WHERE SHE WAS ABLE TO GET OUT OF THE HANDCUFFS. WHEN OFFICERS ATTEMPTED TO PLACE HANDCUFFS A SECOND TIME THE COMPLAINANT RESISTED AND SUSTAINED AN INJURY OVER HER LEFT EYE. INVESTIGATION REVEALED FORCE USED WAS REASONABLE AND NECESSARY TO CONTROL THE COMPLAINANT.	EXONERATED
14-14	7/05/14	OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING	FOLLOWING THE THEFT OF A BIKE, THE SUSPECT FLED INTO A PEP BOYS STORE STAVING OFF WITNESSES WITH TWO KNIVES. THE SUSPECT DAMAGED A CREDIT CARD MACHINE, ATTEMPTED TO STAB A GLASS DOOR, ATTEMPTED TO SET A DISPLAY ON FIRE WITH AN AEROSOL CAN AND LIGHTER, PLACED A KNIFE TO AN EMPLOYEE’S NECK CAUSING INJURY. THE SUSPECT REMAINED ERRATIC THROUGHOUT THE INCIDENT; WALKED TOWARD THE OFFICER STATING “YOU AREN’T GOING TO GET ME. YOU’LL HAVE TO SHOOT ME”; AND REFUSED TO DROP THE KNIVES. THE OFFICER DISCHARGED HIS FIREARM ONCE, STRIKING THE SUBJECT IN THE “THORACIC” AREA.	EXONERATED

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IA NUMBER	DATE	TYPE OF FORCE	COMMENTS	DISPOSITION
14-18	9/11/14	GRABBED JUVENILE (MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT) BY THE NECK, THROWN TO THE GROUND, AND PLACED IN HANDCUFFS	JUVENILE WAS INSTRUCTED BY THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER TO GET IN THE PATROL CAR; SRO WAS GOING TO TAKE THE JUVENILE HOME SINCE HE WAS DIRECTED BY SCHOOL OFFICIALS TO WALK A DIFFERENT ROUTE HOME DUE TO CAUSING TROUBLE FOR A FEMALE STUDENT. THE JUVENILE WOULD NOT FOLLOW THE SRO'S INSTRUCTIONS; WAS CLOSE TO THE GROUND AS HE PULLED AWAY FROM THE SRO; SRO RELEASED HIS GRIP AND THE JUVENILE FELL TO THE GROUND. SRO PLACED JUVENILE IN HANDCUFFS	NOT SUSTAINED
14-23	9/01/14	OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING	OFFICER WAS AMBUSHED AND SHOT IN THE LEC PARKING LOT. OFFICER FIRED HIS FIREARM, IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SUSPECT, USING HIS LESS DOMINANT HAND, BUT DID NOT SHOOT THE SUBJECT.	EXONERATED
14-24	12/24/14	ALLEGATIONS THAT OFFICERS USED EXCESSIVE FORCE TO GAIN CONTROL OF AN AUTISTIC MAN BY TASING HIM MULTIPLE TIMES.	OFFICERS GOT OUT WITH THE SUBJECT AFTER HEARING AND RECEIVING CALLS ABOUT SHOTS FIRED IN THE AREA. WHEN OFFICERS ARRIVED IN THE AREA THE SUBJECT WAS THE ONLY PERSON OUTSIDE. WHEN OFFICERS ATTEMPTED A FIELD INTERVIEW, THE SUBJECT EXHIBITED PASSIVE RESISTANCE, PLACING HIS HANDS IN HIS POCKET, AVOIDED EYE CONTACT WITH OFFICERS, AND BEGAN TO FLEE. THE SUBJECT DID NOT FOLLOW COMMANDS TO STOP RUNNING AND THE SUBJECT WAS TASED TWICE.	EXONERATED
14-25	12/30/14	PLACED COMPLAINANT'S SON IN CHOKE-HOLD WHEN HE REFUSED TO GET IN THE OFFICER'S PATROL CAR	OFFICERS WERE CONDUCTING FOOT PATROL AT SHEMWOOD CROSSING WHEN THEY OBSERVED THE SUBJECT WEARING BRIGHT COLORS CONSISTENT WITH GANG-RELATED COLORS. OFFICERS ATTEMPTED TO CONDUCT A FIELD INTERVIEW; THE SUBJECT WAS VERBALLY COMBATIVE, REFUSED TO FOLLOW OFFICERS' INSTRUCTIONS, AND EXHIBITED PASSIVE RESISTANCE. OFFICERS USED PHYSICAL ARM-STRENGTH TO PLACE THE SUBJECT IN THE PATROL CAR.	EXONERATED <b>(SUSTAINED: FAILED TO DOCUMENT FORCE ACTION)</b>

**Conclusion**

In 2014, there was a slight increase in Internal Affairs investigations compared to 2013. The investigations accounted for 15 citizen complaints, and 11 that were initiated by the Department. In 2014, Bias-based or racial profiling complaints represented approximately 7% of citizen complaints, or 4% of all investigations conducted by the Internal Affairs Unit.

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Excessive force complaint investigations represent 27% of citizen complaints, and 15% of all IA investigations. One complaint did not produce overwhelming evidence to prove or disprove the allegation of force. Two duty-related shootings were the subjects of Department-initiated/SLED investigations.

Overall, the complaint process appears to be functioning as intended. Any issues identified through the complaint process were associated with individual officers and addressed through the discipline system. At the end of the year the department moved toward enhancing the complaint process, by instituting a Chain of Command Hearing to provide accused employees the opportunity to represent themselves prior to adjudication of an investigation or an allegation of misconduct. Additionally, "Exceptionally Closed" will no longer be used as an investigation disposition. All complaint investigations will be completed, fully documented, and adjudicated, regardless of whether an employee is separated from employment with the GPD, for any reason. Implementation of the amended complaint process (Internal Investigation, Adjudication, and Employee Rights) is scheduled for July 1, 2015.