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2018 ANNUAL SUMMARY INTERNAL AFFAIRS

COMPLAINTS:

Between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018, the Middletown Police Department Internal Affairs Division initiated five (5) investigations.

The five (5) internal investigations were all initiated from within the department. Of those investigations, one (1) was for a violation of Department Rules and Regulations, three (3) investigations were mandatory Internal Affairs reviews of our Police Pursuit Policy, and one (1) investigation was for a violation of Department Policy.

After review, the three (3) pursuits proved to be in compliance with our Pursuit Policy. The violation of Department Policy was found to be Unsubstantiated and the violation of Department Rules and Regulations was Substantiated.

There is still one (1) Internal Affairs investigation that was initiated in 2017 that remains open due to a pending criminal case.

During this time period, there were no civilian complaints that initiated an internal investigation.

The following chart depicts the time frame of when the complaints were received, by whom they were initiated, and whether they were substantiated or not.

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Month Investigation Began	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Generated Within Department	Citizen's Complaint
January	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	A	0
March	0	A	0	0
April	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0
July	0	B	B	0
August	0	C	C	0
September	0	0	0	0
October	D	0	D	0
November	0	0	0	0
December	0	E	E	0

Key:

A= First IA started in February and ended in March. It was generated from within the department and was unsubstantiated.

B= Second IA started in July and ended in July. It was generated from within the department and was unsubstantiated.

C=Third IA started in August and ended in August. It was generated from within the department and was unsubstantiated.

D=Fourth IA started in October and ended in October. It was generated from within the department and substantiated. It resulted in a two-day suspension without pay.

E= Fifth IA started in December and ended in December. It was generated from within the department and was unsubstantiated.

The following is a breakdown of the types of complaints investigated:

Breakdown	# of incidents
Criminal Act	0
Excessive Force	0
Civil Rights	0
False Arrest	0
Discourtesy	0
Harassment	0
Conduct Unbecoming	1
Viol. Dept Policy	1
Police Pursuit Review	3
Police Veh. Accidents	0

DISCIPLINE

Description of Disciplinary Action	Action Taken
Verbal Reprimands, Counseling or Training	1
Written Reprimand	0
Administrative Leave	0
Suspension Without Pay	1
Demotion	0
Dismissal	0

The sustained investigations resulted in one (1) officer receiving a two (2) day suspension. One (1) of the pursuit investigations resulted in a Letter of Counseling even though the pursuit was found to be within policy. The Letter of Counseling concerned the initiation of the pursuit.

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The Middletown Police Department is committed to monitoring the performance of sworn and civilian department employees. The residents of Middletown delegate considerable authority to the police and expect service that is professional and consistent with department policies, rules and regulations. The Middletown Police Department will initiate complaints as well as investigate citizen complaints to include those complaints received anonymously. The goal of our police department is to build professionalism and improve the public's trust in the Middletown Police Department.

Respectfully,

Lt. Jason M. Ryan
Professional Standards Officer

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