



SHERIFF S. DUANE LEWIS

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2020 ANNUAL INTERNAL AFFAIRS STATISTICAL SUMMARY

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Berkeley County Sheriff's Office Policy

"It is the policy of the agency to accept all complaints of alleged employee misconduct; to conduct a fair and impartial investigation of the complaint; to determine whether the complaint is valid or invalid; and, where indicated, take appropriate action."

Category Definitions

- I Participation in Criminal Actions on or off duty
- II Excessive Force
- III Unlawful arrest, search or seizure
- IV Harassment – Improper police action based on discrimination
- V Demeanor – Offensive or abusive language, actions which have the appearance of a conflict of interest.
- VI Serious Policy Violation – Insubordination, false statements, improper activities on or off duty, etc.
- VII Minor Policy Violations - Tardiness, uniform or vehicle appearance, etc.
- VIII Miscellaneous – All other

Internal Affairs Investigations & Citizen Complaints

| Category | I | II | III | IV | V | VI | VII | VIII | Total |
|----------|---|----|-----|----|---|----|-----|------|-------|
| 2020 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 28 |

These numbers include (2) use of force reviews, (3) misconduct investigations, and (2) deadly force review. The use of force reviews may involve 1-5 deputies.

Supervisor Actions

| Category | I | II | III | IV | V | VI | VII | VIII | Total |
|----------|---|----|-----|----|---|----|-----|------|-------|
| 2020 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 13 | 0 | 19 |

During year 2020 there were 17 Supervisor Actions commenced by first line supervisors.

Findings

Internal Affairs Investigations

| Year | Not Involved | Unfounded | Not Sustained | Exonerated | Sustained | Pending | Total |
|------|--------------|-----------|---------------|------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| 2020 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 0 | 20 |

During year 2020 there were 14 Internal Affairs cases opened, involving 18 employees. It is noted that some cases involve more than one employee and or category.

Citizen Complaints

| Year | Not Involved | Unfounded | Not Sustained | Exonerated | Sustained | Pending | Total |
|------|--------------|-----------|---------------|------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| 2020 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 15 |

During year 2020 there were 14 Citizen Complaint cases opened, involving 21 employees. It is noted that some cases involve more than one employee and or category.

Findings Definitions

Not Involved - The alleged activity or conduct did not involve agency personnel.

Unfounded - The allegation is false or not factual.

Not Sustained - There is insufficient evidence either to prove or disprove the allegation.

Exonerated - The incident occurred, but was lawful and proper.

Sustained - The allegation is supported by sufficient evidence to justify a reasonable conclusion that the allegation is factual.

Corrective Action

| Year | Counseling | Letter of Reprimand | Letter of Suspension | Demotion | Termination / Resignation | Pending | Total |
|------|------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------|---------------------------|---------|-------|
| 2020 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 20 |

Notes: All corrective actions were issued to sworn deputies. The 2020 numbers include internal actions taken by first line supervisors, and command authority.