

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY  
Police Department

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Scott Shelton  
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FROM: Curtis A. Hayes  
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RE: 2010 Annual Statistical Summary of Internal Affairs Investigations

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Pursuant to General Order 300-22 I have completed an annual statistical summary of the Internal Affairs Investigations and Supervisor Inquires completed by members of our agency in 2010. It should be noted that there may be multiple allegations contained in each complaint. During calendar year 2010, we initiated eight (8) Internal Investigations involving approximately eight (8) different members of our department. Within the eight total complaints filed, there were fifteen (15) total allegations. The number of allegations is determined by the number of different accusations as well as any other possible policy violations identified during the investigation. Of the investigations initiated by our agency seven (7) involved complaints from citizens and one (1) involved complaint investigations initiated from within the agency. Seven (7) of the investigations involved sworn police officers and one (1) involved a telecommunicator. No employees were involved in more than one investigation during calendar year 2010.

A comparison of internal investigations for the last three years reveals the following:

<u>CALENDAR YEAR</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>INTERNAL AFFAIRS</u>	<u>SUPERVISOR INQUIRIES</u>	<u>INTERNAL COMPLAINANT</u>	<u>CITIZEN COMPLAINANT</u>
2008	13	3	10	2	11
2009	10	4	6	3	7
2010	8	4	4	1	7

Review of data revealed a 20 percent decrease in the total number of complaints filed on members of this agency from 2009 to 2010 statistics. The number of citizen complaints from 2009 to 2010 remained the same. The number of Internal Affairs Investigations initiated from within the Police Department decreased by 66 percent from three IAs in 2009 to one in 2010. It represents a 50 percent decrease from two years ago. Although a seemingly large percentage decrease, this statistic is not necessarily significant when considering the relatively low number of overall complaints.

The following is a statistical summary of the investigations initiated during calendar year 2010. These statistics are based on the number of various allegations (15) contained within the eight investigations conducted.

<u>NATURE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>NOT-SUSTAINED</u>	<u>SUSTAINED</u>	<u>EXONERATED</u>	<u>UNFOUNDED</u>
Conduct Unbecoming	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Violations	1	0	0	1	0
Abuse of Authority / Criminal Procedures	2	0	0	1	1
Damage to Property	0	0	0	0	0
Attitude & Demeanor	3	1	0	1	1
Use of Force Policy Violation	3	0	1	2	0
Bias-based Profiling/ Discrimination	1	0	0	1	0
Failure to Provide Medical Aid	2	1	0	0	1
Insubordination	0	0	0	0	0
Supervision	0	0	0	0	0
Minor Policy Violations	3	1	2	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>

*Definitions applicable to the above listed categories:*

Unfounded – The investigation indicates that the alleged act(s) or omission(s) complained of did not occur or did not involve police personnel.

Not Sustained – The investigation indicates there was insufficient evidence either to prove or disprove the allegation(s).

Exonerated – The investigation indicates that the act(s) or omission(s) did occur, but were justified, lawful and proper.

Sustained – The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to prove the allegation(s) clearly.

The number of complaints categorized as Abuse of Authority/Criminal Procedure decreased from three in 2009 to two in 2010. There were four (4) such allegations in 2008. Complaints in this category include such issues as: unjustified vehicle stops, unlawful search, improper arrest, removal/destruction of evidence, and unjustified criminal charges. There were three (3) allegations of use of unnecessary or excessive force by ECU police officers in 2010 compared to zero in 2009 and two (2) in 2008. The most prevalent citizen complaint over the past three years has been Inappropriate Attitude and Demeanor. In 2010, however, the Department only received three (3) such complaints. In 2009 there were four (4) and in 2008 there were ten (10) Attitude and Demeanor complaints received. In 2010 none of the Attitude and Demeanor complaints were sustained, compared to one in 2009 and five in 2008.