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Subject: Internal Affairs Report for 2007

The New Bern Police Department is required by CALEA standards to prepare an annual statistical summary of internal affairs investigations to identify training needs with respect to the general orders of the department. Therefore this report is submitted to document this assessment.

Analysis:

During 2007 a total of 19 internal affairs complaints were filed with the department. Of the 19 internal affairs complaints filed 14 (73.7%) were investigated by the Internal Affairs Unit and 5 (26.3%) were investigated at the division level. The 19 internal affairs complaints filed involved a total of 24 (17.0%) department employees.

Of the 19 (100%) alleged policy violations in 2007, 9 (47.4%) were found to be sustained, 8 (42.1%) were unfounded, 1(5.5%) was withdrawn, and 1(5.5%) was exonerated.

The following table shows the number of complaints reported by type of alleged policy violation and the findings of the investigations.

<u>Type</u>	<u># Unfounded</u>	<u># Exonerated</u>	<u># Sustained</u>	<u># Withdrawn</u>
Arrest, Search and Seizure	1		3	
Discourtesy	3	1		
Excessive Force	1			
Insubordination				1
Obedience to Regulation			1	
On/Off Duty	1			
Permitting Escape			1	
Prompt Performance of Duty			1	
Public Criticism of Department	1			3
Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles			1	
Threatening/Intimidating Other Employees	1		2	1
Total (19)	8	1	9	1

Assessment:

Review of the internal affairs complaints filed shows that officers are generally making sound decisions with respect to department policies and philosophy concerning relations with the public and other employees. Officers are knowledgeable in the areas of the Department's General Orders and the procedures that are in place to address policy violations.

Recommendations:

This assessment did not reveal any significant areas of concern for the department in the area of policy violations, or our current training outline as it pertains to the general orders of the department. As long as the training section continues to provide the quality of in service training in the area of human relations and department policy, then we should not expect to see an increase in this area.