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2023 Internal Affairs Summary Report

During 2023, three (3) internal affairs complaints were lodged by citizens against members of the department. The disposition categories are:

1. Sustained-	The investigation proved the allegation by a preponderance of evidence.
2. Exonerated-	The alleged incident did occur, but the actions of the officer were legal, proper and justified.
3. Not Sustained-	The investigation failed to disclose sufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegation.
4. Unfounded-	The alleged incident did not occur.
5. Administratively Closed-	In some cases, the complaint or investigation is closed prior to reaching a disposition. An example would include a situation where a complainant voluntarily requests that a complaint be withdrawn.

The dispositions of the 2023 complaints are as follows:

•	Sustained-	1
•	Exonerated-	<u>2</u>
•	Not Sustained-	<u>0</u>
•	Unfounded-	<u>0</u>
•	Administratively Closed-	<u>0</u>
•	Open Investigations-	<u>0</u>

During 2023, five (5) investigations were conducted which stemmed from internal complaints filed within the organization. These internal complaints usually originate from a supervisor detecting officer performance deficiencies, a policy violation or an investigation of a motor vehicle crash involving an officer while on duty driving a department vehicle.

The dispositions of the cases are as follows:

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•	Sustained-	<u>3</u>
•	Exonerated-	1

• Unfounded- <u>0</u>

Not Sustained-

• Administratively Closed- <u>0</u>

• Open Investigations- **0**

In accordance with the reporting requirements outlined in the New Jersey Attorney General Guidelines governing Internal Affairs Policy and Procedures, there were no complaints where a fine or suspension of six (6) days or more were assessed to a member of the agency in the year 2023.