

2023 INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

Introduction

Between January 1st, 2023, and December 31st, 2023, the Smithfield Police Department Internal Affairs Officer received five (5) formal complaints, two (2) more than received in 2022. All five (5) complaints were received from citizens. The following is an outline of complaints the Internal Affairs Officer investigated in 2023: The five (5) claims involved sworn patrol officers.

Month	Rank	Age	Experience (Years)	Nature of Violation(s)	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Other
March	Sergeant	46	22	Courtesy Towards the Public		x	
May	Patrol Officer	28	2	Truthfulness Courtesy Towards the Public		x	
May	Lieutenant Sergeant	42 40	20 17	Neglect of Duty		x	
September	Patrol Officer Sergeant	39 37	7 14	Improper use of Restraining device (Handcuff to tight)		x	
October	Sergeant Patrol Officer	41 24	17 10m nth	Courtesy Towards the Public		x	

Employee Typology

In 2023, sworn officers, at the time of the investigation, had between 2 and 24 years of service.

Outcomes/Discipline

All five (5) investigations were unsubstantiated.

Conclusion

There were five (5) internal affairs cases in 2023, consistent with the past several years. This year's summary of Internal Affairs Investigations has not revealed any general patterns or trends. The Smithfield Police Department is committed to monitoring the performance of its employees, as well as investigating complaints forwarded by the general public, to ensure that all employees are providing its citizenry with a service that is professional and consistent with Department Policies, General Orders, Special Order, Rules and Regulations. The Department continues to post Citizen Complaint Procedures on the Department website and in the station lobby.

Respectfully,

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