



COLLEGE STATION POLICE DEPARTMENT INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

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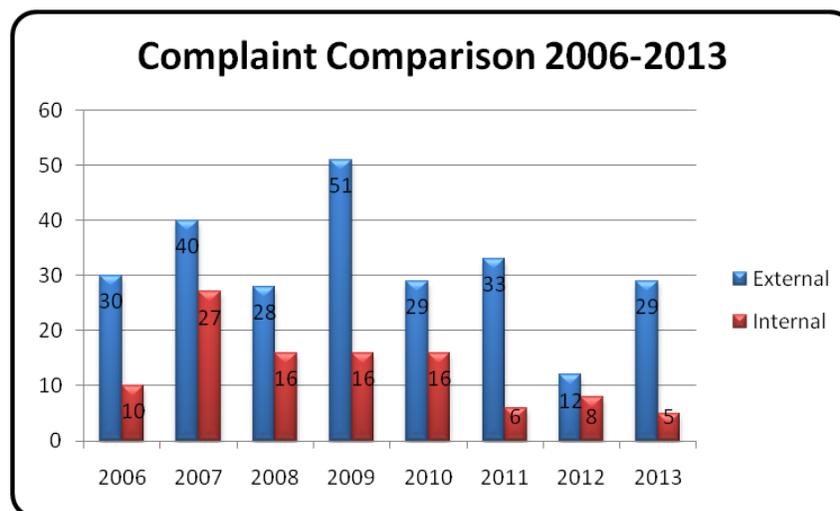
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STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

This document contains a statistical summary of 2013 internal affairs investigations as mandated by Chapter 26 Section 2 (a) (3) of the College Station Police Department Policy.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

In 2013 there were a total of 34 complaints filed with the Internal Affairs Division representing a 70% increase from 2012. Further analysis with past years however suggest that 2012 had an abnormally low number of complaints filed (possibly related to the in the line of duty death of Constable Bachmann), and that number of complaints in 2013 is well below the eight year average of 44.5.



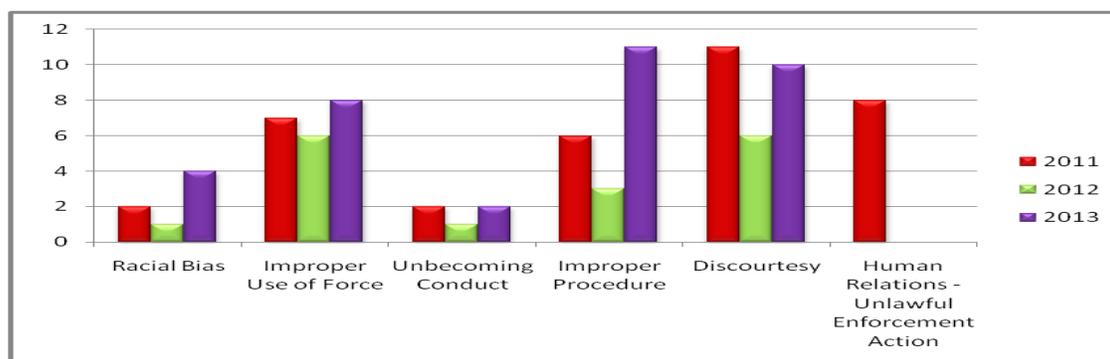
EXTERNAL COMPLAINTS 2013

In 2013, there were a total of 29 complaints with 35 allegations originating from person outside of the department. This resulted in a 142 % increase in complaints received when compared to 2012, when only 12 external complaints were received. Though alarming on face value, as previously discussed, 2012 had an abnormally low number of complaints filed.

In 2013, there were 11 allegations of Improper Procedure, which was leading type of all alleged misconduct (31%). In addition to being the most common allegation of wrong-doing, 45 % of the Improper Procedure allegations were ultimately sustained and accounted for the majority of all sustained complaints. Discourtesy was the second most common allegation of wrong doing at 29 percent. Twenty percent of all external Discourtesy complaints were sustained. There were 4 allegations of Racial Bias, 8 for Excessive Force and 2 for Unbecoming Conduct. None of the class 1 complaints resulted in a sustained finding.

2013 External Complaints (29 complaints with 35 allegations)						
Class 1	Received	Unfounded	Not Sustained	Sustained	Exonerated	Policy Failure
Racial Bias	4				4	
Improper Use of Force	8				8	
Unbecoming Conduct	2				2	
Class II	Received	Unfounded	Not Sustained	Sustained	Exonerated	Policy Failure
Improper Procedure	11			5	6	
Discourtesy	10		1	2	7	
Totals	35	0	1	7	27	0

Allegation and disposition totals are higher than complaint totals as in some complaints there were multiple allegations, or multiple employees involved.



The classification of "Human Relations- Unlawful Enforcement Action" as seen in 2011 is no longer used. The types of cases previously classified in this category are now classified as either discourtesy or improper procedure.

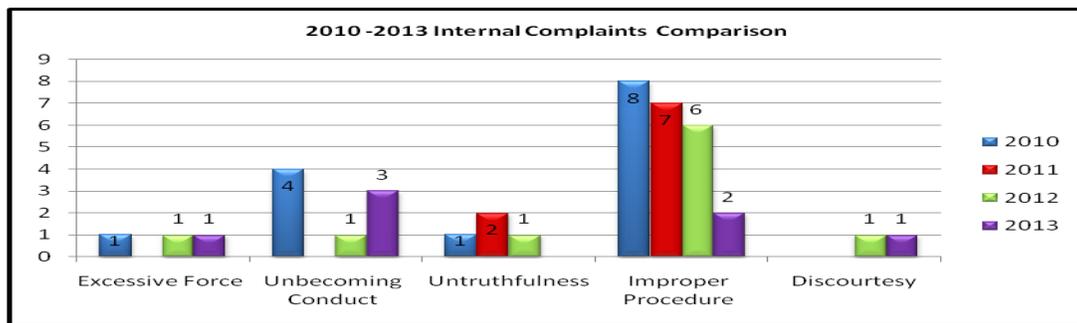
Seventy-two percent of the external complaints received involved a uniformed patrol officer. Ten percent of the cases involved personnel assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division, while Animal Control, Communications, SRO and Administration each had an employee which was the subject of an external investigation.

INTERNAL COMPLAINTS 2013

In 2013 there were a total of 5 complaints filed by personnel within the department, which is down from 8 filed in 2012. These five complaints involved personnel from throughout the department, including Uniformed Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Special Operations, and Communications. Seventy one percent of the allegations ultimately resulted in a sustained finding.

2013 Internal Complaints (5 complaints with 7 allegations)							
Class I	Received	Unfounded	Not Involved	Not Sustained	Sustained	Exonerated	Policy Failure
Excessive Force	1					1	
Unbecoming Conduct	3				3		
Class II	Received	Unfounded	Not Involved	Not Sustained	Sustained	Exonerated	Policy Failure
Improper Procedure	2				1	1	
Discourtesy	1				1		
Totals	7	0	0	0	5	2	0

Allegation and disposition totals are higher than complaint totals as in some complaints there were multiple allegations, or multiple employees involved.



CONCLUSION:

The data suggest, with the exception of 2012, which was abnormally low, the numbers of complaints have remained relatively consistent. Additionally, when compared to the amount of contact employees have with the public (47,430 calls for service; 28,192 self initiated calls, and 30,466 citations) in 2013, the ratio of contact to complaints is extremely low. The data suggest that the Uniformed Patrol Division is more likely to be the subject of an investigation than other members of the department. The Uniformed Patrol Division is however the largest division and has the most interaction with the public, so this occurrence would not be unexpected. In reviewing and compiling the data, I did not observe any patterns that indicated there was a systematic problem.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

I have no recommended changes at this time.