



SHERIFF S. DUANE LEWIS

BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2019 ANNUAL INTERNAL AFFAIRS STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Berkeley County Sheriff's Office Policy

"It is the policy of the agency to accept all complaints of alleged employee misconduct; to conduct a fair and impartial investigation of the complaint; to determine whether the complaint is valid or invalid; and, where indicated, take appropriate action."

Category Definitions

- I Participation in Criminal Actions on or off duty*
- II Excessive Force*
- III Unlawful arrest, search or seizure*
- IV Harassment – Improper police action based on discrimination*
- V Demeanor – Offensive or abusive language, actions which have the appearance of a conflict of interest.*
- VI Serious Policy Violation – Insubordination, false statements, improper activities on or off duty, etc.*
- VII Minor Policy Violations - Tardiness, uniform or vehicle appearance, etc.*
- VIII Miscellaneous – All other*

Internal Affairs Investigations & Citizen Complaints

Category	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
2019	1	2	2	2	4	5	0	0	16

These numbers include (3) use of force reviews, (3) misconduct investigations, and (1) deadly force review. The use of force reviews may involve 1-5 deputies.

Supervisor Actions

Category	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
2019	0	3	0	1	1	6	4	0	15

During year 2019 there were 13 Supervisor Actions commenced by first line supervisors.

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Findings

Internal Affairs Investigations

Year	Not Involved	Unfounded	Not Sustained	Exonerated	Sustained	Pending	Total
2019	0	2	1	1	4	0	8

During year 2019 there were 8 Internal Affairs cases opened, involving 12 employees. It is noted that some cases involve more than one employee and or category.

Citizen Complaints

Year	Not Involved	Unfounded	Not Sustained	Exonerated	Sustained	Pending	Total
2019	0	4	1	4	1	0	10

During year 2019 there were 8 Citizen Complaint cases opened, involving 10 employees. It is noted that some cases involve more than one employee and or category.

Findings Definitions

- Not Involved - The alleged activity or conduct did not involve agency personnel.
- Unfounded - The allegation is false or not factual.
- Not Sustained - There is insufficient evidence either to prove or disprove the allegation.
- Exonerated - The incident occurred but was lawful and proper.
- Sustained - The allegation is supported by sufficient evidence to justify a reasonable conclusion that the allegation is factual.

Corrective Action

Year	Counseling	Letter of Reprimand	Letter of Suspension	Demotion	Termination / Resignation	Pending	Total
2019	3	6	5	2	3	0	19

Notes: All corrective actions were issued to sworn deputies. The 2019 numbers include internal actions taken by first line supervisors, and command authority.