

CITY OF RICHMOND

INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

2019 ANALYSIS OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS

ISSUE:

This document contains an analysis of complaints that were received by the

Internal Affairs Division in 2019.

DISCUSSION

In 2019, the Internal Affairs Division received a total of 109 complaints/investigations, which included 107 formal and 2 informal. As the table below shows there was a 23.24% decrease in the overall number of complaints/investigations received in 2019 as compared to 2018. During the same period the number of informal complaints/investigations decreased 50% while there was a 22.45% decrease in formal complaints/investigations.

2018/2019 Comparison

Year	Formal Complaints	Informal Complaints	Total
2018	138	4	142
2019	107	2	109
% Change	-22.45%	-50%	-23.24%

As noted below there was an increase in the number of citizen generated complaints/investigations and a decrease in departmental generated complaints/investigations.

2018/2019 Comparison

Year	Citizen Complaints	Dept. Generated Complaints/Investigations	Total
2018	49	93	142
2019	52	57	109
% Change	6.12%	-38.70%	-23.24%

In 2019, the Internal Affairs Division investigated 71 complaints involving allegations of serious misconduct; 12 of these investigations involved possible criminal activity. The other service areas investigated 38 complaints. A total of 52 complaints were received from citizens while the Department initiated 57 investigations.

Year	Fact Finding	IA Criminal	Excessive Force	IA Imp Action	IA Pub Integrity	Informal	Serv Imp Action	Totals
2018	33	18	7	17	0	4	63	142
2019	31	12	7	19	0	2	38	109

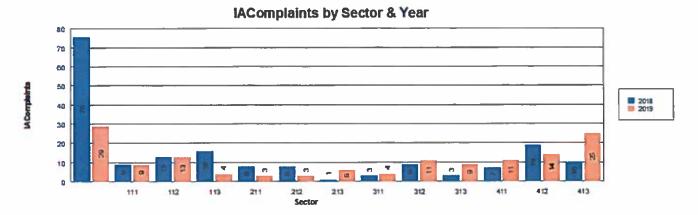
The below table is a comparison of investigative findings for 2018 and 2019.

	2018		2019	
FINDING	#	%	#	%
Exonerated	18	13	10	9
Exonerated Other Violation	7	5	3	3
Improper Acton	21	15	10	9
No Further Action*	9	6	5	5
No Improper Action	16	11	11	10
No Improper/Other Viol	2	1	1	1
Not Substantiated Other Viol.	1	1	0	0
Not Substantiated	6	4	1	1
Open - IA	0	0	14	13
Open-Services	0	0	3	3
Substantiated	56	39	42	39
Unfounded	0	0	4	4
Withdrawn*	6	4	5	5
Total	142	100%	109	100%

Complaint Analysis for 2019

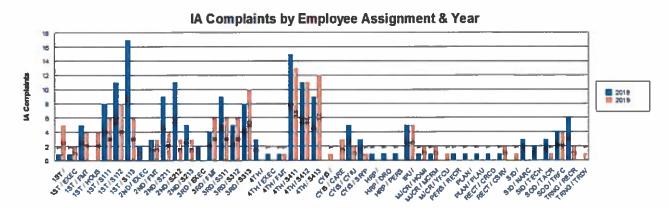
The attached charts break down complaint/investigation, disciplinary, and missed court investigations by several categories:

Complaints by Sector:



- The first two columns for 2018 and 2019 in the above chart did not list a sector because an address was unknown or the incident occurred in another jurisdiction.
- In 2018 Sector 412 had the highest number of incidents with 19 in the year. In 2019 Sector 413 had the highest number of incidents with 25 in the year. The fewest number of incidents in 2018 was in Sector 213 with 1. The fewest number of incidents for 2019 occurred in Sectors 211 and 212 with 3 in each.
- The number of incidents in each sector reflects all incidents, including those against specialized unit officers and off duty officers that occurred in those sectors. In addition, all incidents and disciplinary actions taking place at headquarters appear in Sector 413.

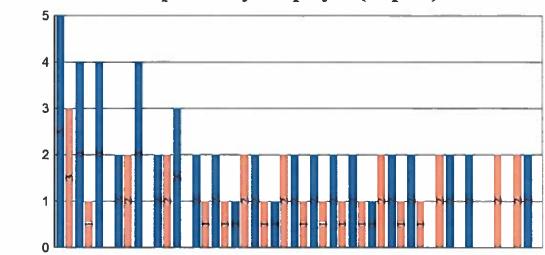
Complaints by Employee Assignment:



 This report indicates that employees assigned to 1st/Sector 113 were subject to investigations the most in 2018 (17). In 2019 4th/Sector 411 officers were subjects in investigations the most often (13).

Complaints by Employee:

IAComplaints by Employee (Top 25)



This reflects the 25 officers with the most complaints/investigations in 2018 (Blue) and 2019 (Orange). In 2018 there was 1 officer with 5 investigations, 2 officers with 4 investigations and 1 recruit who had 4 investigations. In 2019 1 officer had 3 complaints/investigations, 8 officers had 2.

CONCLUSION

IA Complaints

There was a decrease of 23.42% in the number of complaints received and investigated by the Department. Although there was a decrease in the numbers of complaints that were investigated, the percentage of investigations that were found to be substantiated remained at 39%.