

MEMORANDUM

Police Department  
An Internationally Accredited  
Law Enforcement Agency

To: Michael Thompson, Chief of Police  
From: Christopher Speranza, Commander  
Date: January 27, 2020  
Re: Review of 2019 Internal Affairs Investigations

The following is a summary of all investigations (internal and external) initiated for 2019:

- The ASU Police Department received, responded to, or initiated approximately 94,448 calls for service in 2019. This is an approximate decrease of 1.06% as compared to 2018, which recorded 95,455 calls for service.
- A total of 14 investigations were initiated in 2019.
  - 5 complaints were external complaints
  - 9 complaints originated internally
- There were no investigations where “bias” was reported as a factor.
- The following graphs were created so that annual summaries (for the previous 4 years) can be compared:

External Investigations	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total Investigations	3	7	4	5
Sustained	1	2	2	1
Not Sustained	0	2	0	1
Unfounded	0	1	1	1
Exonerated	0	1	1	1
Policy Failure	0	0	0	0
Withdrawn	0	0	0	0
Pending	2	1	0	1

Internal Investigations	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total Investigations	16	16	7	9
Sustained	11	8	6	8
Not Sustained	1	0	1	0
Unfounded	0	1	0	0
Exonerated	0	2	0	0
Policy Failure	0	0	0	0
Withdrawn	0	0	0	0
Pending	4	5	0	1

Please note the numbers for 2017, 2018, & 2019 reflect the total number of investigations initiated and that each incident may contain multiple subjects and / or allegations.

Investigations	2016	2017	2018	2019
Traffic Related	4	0	4	0
Field Contacts	4	8	2	5
Asset Forfeiture	0	0	1	0

**Findings:**

The total combined number of internal and external investigations for 2019 increased by 3 (24%) as compared to 2018. The total number of internal complaint investigations increased by 2 (25%) from 2018. The total number of external complaint investigations increased by 1 (22.2%) from 2018.

Our traffic related complaints decreased by 4 from 2018. We investigated 3 more field contact related complaints in 2019. At this time it does not appear that an increase in population, changes to policy or training / policing styles, environmental factors, changes in public perceptions, or other internal / external influences are responsible for any of the increases / decreases in the total number of complaints received and investigated by ASU Police.

It should be noted the number of external complaint investigations compared to the total number of calls for service is extremely low. Only 0.005% of the calls for service resulted in an external complaint investigation. The 94,448 calls logged by Dispatch depict the total number of CAD entries created, which range from calls for service to self-initiated activity. It should also be noted ASU PD made 1,200 arrests and 113 BASICS referrals in 2019. The department averaged approximately 1 external complaint investigation for every 263 arrests / BASICS referrals and approximately 1 “Sustained” external complaint for every 1313 arrests / BASICS referrals.

BASICS referrals are an alcohol diversion program for first time student offenders.