

## **INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM**

In 2019, eighteen (18) officer complaints were filed with the Professional Standards Unit of the Barneгат Township Police Department. These complaints were reported by either citizens or members of the agency who identified behavior or actions which did not meet the agency's standards.

The complaints brought forth by citizens were as follows:

- (6) complaints of improper demeanor by officers;
- (6) involved a violation of department rules and regulations,
- (3) involved an act of domestic violence by an officer,
- (2) included a report of improper search or entry, and one
- (1) included the excessive use of force by officers.

Out of the eighteen complaints:

- (10) were generated internally by members of the agency
- (8) were generated externally by citizen reports.

Each complaint can result in departmental discipline. Violations of departmental rules and regulations can range in punishment from a negative performance notice to dismissal from the agency.

In each case, the Professional Standards Unit initiated an internal investigation to determine whether the alleged actions or incidents occurred and whether they involved a violation of agency policy or law. Investigations were completed in all of the reported complaints.

The outcome of each investigation was documented as follows:

- Six (6) complaints of improper demeanor by officers resulted in four (4) exonerated, one (1) sustained, and one (1) pending.
- Six (6) involving a violation of department rules and regulations resulted in one (1) exonerated, four (4) sustained, and one (1) pending.



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- Three (3) involving an act of domestic violence by an officer resulted in one (1) exonerated, and two (2) pending.
- Two (2) that included a report of improper search or entry resulted in one (1) exonerated and one (1) pending.
- One (1) including the excessive use of force by officers resulted in a finding of exonerated.

Of the five (5) complaints that were found to be sustained, two (3) resulted in minor discipline and two (2) resulted in suspension without pay of greater than five (5) days.

Officers of the Barnegat Police Department received one hundred and eighty eight (188 ) compliments and notices of positive performance in 2019 from citizens and police supervisors. Every Barnegat police officer is held to a standard of exceptional professional performance and the positive feedback by the public and our supervisors exemplifies those highest standards of dedication and determination.

(6) Demeanor: 4 exonerated, 1 sustained, 1 pending  
(6) Policy Violation: 1 exonerated, 4 sustained, 1 pending  
(3) DV: 1 exonerated, 2 pending  
(2) Improper search: 1 exonerated, 1 pending  
(1) Use of Force: 1 exonerated

18 total complaints – 8 exonerated, 5 sustained, 5 pending

