



INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

In 2021, twenty (20) complaints against officers were filed with the Professional Standards Unit of the Barnegat Township Police Department. These complaints were lodged by either citizens (10) or police officers (10).

All of the complaints brought forth by citizens were as follows; three (3) complaints of improper demeanor by officers, three (3) complaints of differential treatment, three (3) reported policy violations, and one (1) report of excessive use of force. Each complaint can result in agency 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 complaint was valid. The outcome of each investigation was documented as follows:

- (3) Demeanor Complaints: 1 sustained, 2 exonerated
- (13) Policy Violations: 6 sustained, 1 not sustained, 1 exonerated, 5 pending
- (3) Complaints of Differential Treatment: 2 exonerated, 1 pending
- (1) Report of Excessive Use of Force: 1 pending

Of the 7 complaints that were found to be sustained, all resulted in minor discipline.

During 2020, officers of the Barnegat Police Department received 278 compliments and notices of positive performance 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.

