

Office of Professional Standards

2014 Annual Report



Staff

Sergeant James Chirco

Detective Thomas Monaco

Reserve Officer Judy Batten

Mission Statement

“The mission of the Daytona Beach Police Department is to serve and protect the citizens and visitors of Daytona Beach, while providing safety and improved quality of life in our communities through excellence in policing.”

Office of Professional Standards

Purpose

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) is charged with preserving the integrity of the Daytona Beach Police Department (DBPD). Organizationally, OPS is part of the Office of the Chief and serves at the discretion and authority of Chief Chitwood.

Tasks

The detectives assigned to OPS carryout many functions that ensure DBPD operates as a professional and transparent law enforcement agency.

Per current Department directives, the Office of Professional Standards shall investigate and review all **Level One** complaints. Level One (1) complaints refer to complaints concerning allegations of but not limited to:

- Criminal conduct;
- Excessive force;
- Unlawful / Improper Arrest;
- Unlawful / Improper Entry;
- Unlawful / Improper Search;
- Any major wrongdoing on the part of an employee;
- Sexual Harassment;
- U.S. Code Title VII violations;
- U.S. Code Title II violations.

Some of the additional tasks completed by OPS include:

- Review and investigate allegations concerning employee misconduct
- Review department member involved traffic crashes
- Facilitate random drug screening for members of DBPD
- Assist in policy review
- Review all use of force applications

- Policy development
- Staff inspections and audits

OPS Case Load

- 60 investigations in 2014
- 120 investigations in 2013
- 68 investigations in 2012
- 66 investigations in 2011
- 51 investigations in 2010
- 39 investigations in 2009
- 66 investigations in 2008

YTD Analysis

In 2014 OPS investigated the following:

11 Internal Affairs Investigations

- 8 Sustained resulting in 2 resignations
- 1 Not Sustained
- 1 Unfounded
- 1 Dismissed

6 Citizens Complaints

- 4 Unfounded
- 1 Exonerated
- 1 Withdrawn

45 Information Cases

2 Firearms Discharges

93 Response to Resistance Reports

13 Vehicle Pursuits

49 Vehicle Crashes

129 Random Drug Screens (full time and part time employees)

Ancillary Duties performed by the OPS Staff:

- Quarterly inspections of the department's property and evidence section
- Staff inspection of CID (GIU/SIU) confidential funds
- Staff inspection of the department armory

Summary

Despite the larger number of overall investigations being up, a review of the statistics shows the following:

- Actual IA investigations went down from 2013 (31% decrease)
- Actual Citizens Complaints were down from 2013 (76% decrease)
- Actual Information cases were down from 2013 (43% decrease)
- Firearms Discharges were down from 2013 (71% decrease)
- Vehicle Pursuits were down from 2013 (13% decrease)
- Vehicle Crashes were down from 2013 (4% decrease)
- RTRs were down from 2013 (1% decrease)

2015 Outlook

In 2015, The Office of Professional Standards has several staff inspections and audits scheduled.

- Complete vehicle staff inspections in March 2015
- Complete records staff inspections in May 2015
- Complete property and evidence staff inspections and audit in September 2015
- Complete armory staff inspections in October 2015
- Complete Criminal Investigations Division cash audits (GIU/SIU)
- Complete locker inspections
- Complete MDC Audit
- Complete AXON/AVL Audit