

Office of Professional Standards

2015 Annual Report



Staff

Sergeant James Chirco

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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 Michael J. 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

- 76 investigations in 2015 (Internal & Citizen complaints, Information Cases and Firearms Discharges)
- 60 investigations in 2014
- 120 investigations in 2013
- 68 investigations in 2012
- 66 investigations in 2011
- 51 investigations in 2010
- 39 investigations in 2009

Year End Analysis

In 2015 OPS investigated the following:

19 Internal Affairs Investigations

- 13 Sustained resulting in one (1) resignation
- 5 Sustained in Part
- 1 Unfounded

18 Citizens Complaints

- 3 Sustained
- 4 Sustained in Part
- 9 Unfounded
- 1 Exonerated
- 1 Withdrawn

37 Information Cases

2 Firearms Discharges

105 Response to Resistance Reports

14 Vehicle Pursuits

46 Vehicle Crashes

1 Alert Review

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

Ancillary Duties Performed by the OPS Staff:

- AXON body camera audit
- Locker inspections at both headquarters and the precinct
- Quarterly inspections of the department's property and evidence section

- Staff inspection of CID (GIU/SIU) confidential funds
- Staff inspection of the department armory
- Staff inspection of patrol vehicles
- OPS staff attended several IA procedure classes and Officer Involved Shooting training

Summary

A review of the annual statistics shows the following:

- Total investigations were up from 2014 (from 60-76, 27% increase)
- Actual IA investigations were up from 2014 (from 11-19, 72% increase)
- Actual Citizens Complaints were up from 2014 (from 6-18, 200% increase)
- Actual Information cases were down from 2014 (from 45-37, 18% decrease)
- Firearms Discharges remained the same as 2014 (2)
- RTRs were up from 2014 (from 93-105, 13% increase)
- Vehicle Pursuits were up from 2014 (from 13-14, 8% increase)
- Vehicle Crashes were down from 2014 (from 49-46, 6% decrease)
- Alert Reviews were down from 2014 (from 6-1, 83% decrease)

2016 Outlook

In 2016, The Office of Professional Standards has several staff inspections and audits scheduled.

- Complete vehicle staff inspections
- Complete records staff inspections
- Complete property and evidence staff inspections and audit conducted by outside vendor
- Complete armory staff inspections
- Complete Criminal Investigations Division cash audits (GIU/SIU)
- Complete locker inspections
- Complete AXON body camera audit