



MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE

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2017 Internal Affairs Summary

In 2017, Sixteen (16) officer complaints were filed with the Office of Professional Standards of the Manchester Police Department. These complaints were lodged by either citizens, or internally by members of the agency who identified behavior or actions which did not meet the agency's standards.

The Five (5) complaints reported by citizens were as follows:

- (2) Demeanor;
- (1) Crime,
- (1) Excessive Force,
- (1) Violation of Department Rules and Regulations.

The Eleven (11) complaints internally generated were as follows:

- (11) Violation of Department Rules and Regulations.

In each case, the Office of Professional Standards conducted internal investigations to determine whether the complaint was valid. The outcome of each investigation that was lodged by a citizen was documented as follows: one (1) citizen complaint involving demeanor was closed with a disposition of sustained, meaning the investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to prove the allegation, and the actions of the officer violated a provision of the agency's rules and regulations or procedures, one (1) citizen complaint involving demeanor was closed with a disposition of exonerated, meaning that the alleged incident did occur, but the actions of the officer(s) were justified, legal and proper, one (1) citizen complaint involving the allegation of a crime was closed with a disposition of unfounded, meaning that the alleged incident did not occur, one (1) citizen complaint involving the use of excessive force was closed with a disposition of exonerated, and the one (1) citizen complaint involving a violation of department rules and regulations was also closed with a disposition of exonerated.

With regard to the internally generated complaints the outcome of each investigation was documented as follows: nine (9) of the complaints were closed with dispositions of sustained, and two (2) were closed with dispositions of exonerated.

Officers of the Manchester Township Police Department received eighty one (81) compliments and notices of positive performance in 2017 from citizens and police supervisors. Every Manchester Township police officer is held to the highest levels of professionalism, performance and service and the positive feedback received from the public and our supervisors exemplifies these standards.

16 total Complaints: Sustained (11), Exonerated (4), Unfounded (1)