

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE

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2022 Internal Affairs Summary

In 2022, nine (9) officer allegations/ complaints were filed with the Office of Professional Standards of the Manchester Police Department. These complaints were lodged by either citizens, or members of the agency who identified behavior or actions which did not meet the agency's standards.

The nine (9) allegations/ complaints reported by citizens were as follows:

- (1) Differential Treatment,
- (1) Improper Search,
- (2) Improper Arrest,
- (3) Criminal Violation.

The two (2) complaints internally generated were as follows:

• (2) Violations 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 was documented as follows: one (1) citizen complaint involving differential treatment was closed with a disposition of exonerated, meaning that the alleged incident did occur, but the actions of the officer were justified, legal and proper, one (1) citizen complaint involving an improper search was closed with a disposition of exonerated, (2) citizen complaints involving improper arrests were closed dispositions of exonerated, (1) allegation of a criminal violation was closed with a disposition of not sustained, meaning that the investigation failed to disclose sufficient evidence to clearly prove or disprove the allegation, (1) allegation of a criminal violation was closed with a disposition of exonerated, and (1) allegation of a criminal violation was closed with a finding of unfounded, meaning that the investigation determined that a preponderance of the evidence showed that the alleged conduct did not occur.

With regard to the internally generated complaints the outcome of each investigation was documented as follows: two (2) complaints involving violations of department rules and regulations were closed with dispositions of sustained, meaning the investigation disclosed a preponderance of evidence showed that the officer violated a law, regulation, directive, guideline, policy or procedure issued by the Attorney General, County Prosecutor, agency protocol, standing operating procedure, rule or training.

During 2022, Officers of the Manchester Township Police Department received (106) compliments and notices of positive performance in 2022 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.