



Bainbridge Island Police Department

2019 Professional Standards Report

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Internal Affairs

Internal Affairs events are complaints directly related to the BIPD, its policies, or its officers that is either criminal in nature or such that if a specific act or omission if proven true would amount to criminal charges or employee misconduct.

2019 Internal Affairs Events by Category	Occurrences	Findings
Crime	0	
Excessive Force	0	
Arrest	0	
Entry	0	
Search	0	
Harassment	0	
Demeanor	0	
Serious Policy Infraction	0	
Minor Rule Infraction	0	
Total	0	

2019 Internal Affairs Events by Disposition	Occurrences
Exonerated: When investigation discloses that the alleged act(s) occurred, but were justified, lawful and/or proper.	0
Unfounded: When investigation discloses that the alleged act(s) did not occur and/or did not involve department personnel.	0
Not Sustained: When investigation discloses that there is insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint or fully exonerate the employee.	0
Sustained: When investigation discloses sufficient evidence that the alleged act(s) did occur and constitute misconduct. When complaints are sustained, the Chief of Police determines a level of discipline in concert with Human Resources in observance of the City's progressive disciplinary guidelines.	0
Withdrawn/Incomplete/Closed/Other: The complainant withdrew the complaint, the complainant did not provide sufficient information to complete an investigation, or the finding does not meet any category above.	0
Total	0

Complaints

Complaints pertain to an issue or condition directly related to the BIPD, its policies, or its officers. Generally, complaints are not serious in nature but may be elevated to an internal affairs event at any time during the investigation if information is discovered which if proven true could lead to criminal charges or employee misconduct.

2019 Complaints by Category	Occurrences
Driving/Traffic Related	2
Demeanor/Courtesy/Rudeness	6
Discrimination	0
Performance Issue	2
Dissatisfied with handling of call, investigation, or report.	2
Complaint Regarding Department Policy	2
Other	1
Unclear	0
Total	15

2019 Complaints by Disposition	Occurrences
Exonerated: When investigation discloses that the alleged act(s) occurred, but were justified, lawful and/or proper.	3
Unfounded: When investigation discloses that the alleged act(s) did not occur and/or did not involve department personnel.	8
Not Sustained: When investigation discloses that there is insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint or fully exonerate the employee.	2
Sustained: When investigation discloses sufficient evidence that the alleged act(s) did occur and constitute misconduct. When complaints are sustained, the Chief of Police determines a level of discipline in concert with Human Resources in observance of the City's progressive disciplinary guidelines.	1
Withdrawn/Incomplete/Closed/Other: The complainant withdrew the complaint, the complainant did not provide sufficient information to complete an investigation, or the finding does not meet any category above.	1
Total	15

If the complaint is simply a disagreement over a criminal arrest, a code citation, or parking violation, the complainant may be advised that the allegation is a matter for adjudication by the proper court system and the complaint will be rejected. Complaints may also be refused if the allegation is a civil matter, non-specific in nature, the complainant is incommunicative, or when the complainant does not provide enough information to ensure a full and complete review.

2019 Complaints by Disposition		Occurrences
2/29/19	Complainant was offended by an officer's demeanor.	Exonerated
2/20/19	Complainant alleged the harbormaster was harassing her by 'prowling around' in one of the BIPD's marine vessels.	Unfounded
4/22/19	Complainant was offended by an officer's demeanor.	Not Sustained
5/30/19	Complainant alleged the 'Thin Blue Line' decal on (at least one) patrol vehicle was racist and insensitive.	Unfounded
5/30/19	Same complaint as above, different complainant.	Unfounded
5/30/19	Complainant alleged the BIPD (and police in general) harass low-income people and/or people experiencing mental health issues.	Unfounded
6/3/19	Complainant claimed to have witnessed an officer smoking a cigarette in his patrol vehicle.	Unfounded
6/13/19	Complainant was irritated by two police vehicles traveling too slowly, which blocked the fast lane on Highway 3.	Unfounded
6/24/19	Complainant was irritated by seeing a police vehicle parked in a designated fire lane in the Safeway parking lot.	Sustained
7/9/19	Complainant alleges a wrongful investigation took place in 2007.	Exonerated
8/14/19	Complainant was offended by an officer's demeanor.	Not Sustained
8/27/19	Complainant was offended by the demeanor of a police volunteer.	Exonerated
10/30/19	Complainant 'refiled' the same complaint submitted on 7/9/19 because they were unhappy with the finding.	Unfounded
11/7/19	Complainant was unhappy that an officer did not take a report.	Withdrawn
11/25/19	Complainant 'refiled' the same complaint submitted on 7/9/19 and again on 10/30/19 because they were (still) unhappy with the finding.	Unfounded
Total		15

Pursuits

There were no officer involved pursuits in 2019.

2019 Pursuits by Type	Occurrences	Findings
Vehicle	0	
Motorcycle	0	
Total	0	

Collisions

There were a total of 6 collisions involving patrol vehicles in 2019.

Date	2019 Collision Description	Finding	Disposition
3/8/19	The officer hit a tree stump.	Preventable	Verbal Reprimand
5/4/19	The officer backed into a parked vehicle.	Preventable	Verbal Reprimand, Remedial Training
3/10/19	The officer's patrol vehicle was struck by another motorist.	Non-Preventable	
8/1/19	The officer left the patrol vehicle in gear when exiting, causing it to roll and strike another vehicle.	Preventable	Written Reprimand
9/25/19	The officer struck a coyote.	Non-Preventable	
10/13/19	The officer struck a deer.	Non-Preventable	
Total		6	

Use of Force

In 2019, there were 9 use of force events.

Type of Force	Occurrences
Physical Control	9
Firearm	0
Taser	0
Total	9

Aggravating Factors	Occurrences
Intoxicants/Drugs	4
Mental Health	7
Unconfirmed	2
Total	13

Use of Force by Race	Occurrences
White	8
Black	1
Native American	0
Total	9

Use of Force by Gender	Occurrences
Male	7
Female	2
X	0
Total	9

Injury(ies)/ AID Required	Occurrences
Suspect	2
Officer	1
Other	0
Total	3

Finding	Occurrences
Appropriate	9
Not Appropriate	0
Total	9

Notes/Trends:

Total calls for service in 2019 = 14,943
 Total Incidents where officers used force: 9
 % of Incidents in which force was used: .06

Bias-Based Policing Analysis

The Bainbridge Island Police Department prohibits the use of race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, economic status, age, cultural group, disability, or affiliation with any identifiable group from being used as the basis for providing differing levels of law enforcement service or the enforcement of the law.

The most effective way that police agencies have attempted to determine whether bias-based policing is systematically occurring is through the analysis of discretionary traffic stops using SECTOR data. The table below reflects criminal traffic citations and standard traffic citations issued during 2019. While every race is not represented exactly, there do not appear to be patterns of racial profiling or bias. When an officer is unable to distinguish an individual's race, the category 'unknown' is indicated.

Race or Ethnicity	Traffic Infractions		Criminal Traffic Infractions		Totals		Bainbridge Demographics*
	# by Race	% by Race	# by Race	% by Race	# by Race	% by Race	
White	197	77	29	70	226	76.5	86.1%
Hispanic**							4.2%
Asian	8	3	3	7	11	4	4.0%
Two or More Races**							3.7%
Black	1	1	0	0	1	.5	1.0%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander**							.10%
Other	1	1	1	1	2	1	.10%
American Indian	0	0	0	0	0	0	.07%
Unknown	46	18	9	22	55	18	.07%
TOTAL	253	100%	42	100%	295	100%	100%

* 2017 demographics from www.city-data.com. Data show a total population of 24,293.

** Demographics for this category are identified on the www.city-data.com site, but are not currently available to the officer on citation forms.