

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUMMARY REPORT FORMS

Agency: Burlington County Prosecutor's Office

County: Burlington

Reporting Year: 2014

TABLE 1 -- COMPLAINTS FILED

Type of Complaint	Anonymous Complaints	Citizen Complaints	Agency Complaints	Total Complaints
Excessive Force	0	24	1	25
Improper Arrest	0	13	0	13
Improper Entry	0	3	0	3
Improper Search	0	6	0	6
Other Criminal Violation	1	20	5	26
Differential Treatment	3	41	2	46
Demeanor	3	117	6	126
Domestic Violence	0	0	1	1
Other Rule Violation	5	66	191	262
TOTAL	12	290	206	508

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TABLE 2 -- AGENCY DISPOSITIONS

	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Administratively Closed	Total Dispositions
Excessive Force	1	12	4	4	0	21
Improper Arrest	0	10	0	2	1	13
Improper Entry	0	1	2	0	0	3
Improper Search	0	4	0	0	1	5
Other Criminal Violation	1	8	5	7	4	25
Differential Treatment	0	30	3	2	10	45
Demeanor	22	47	30	18	6	123
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	1	1
Other Rule Violation	125	65	13	10	43	256
TOTAL	149	177	57	43	66	492

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TABLE 3 -- COURT DISPOSITIONS

Court	Cases Dismissed	Cases Diverted	Acquittals	Convictions
Municipal Court	2	0	0	0
Superior Court	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	0	0	0

20__ PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY¹

_____ COUNTY

The following report contains a statistical summary for reports of police misconduct in _____ County for 20__. In addition, the report provides statistics for the disposition of those complaints. A review of the report and a comparison of this report with the reports prepared in prior years reveals the following:

(Instructions: Each County Prosecutor=s Office shall prepare a written narrative concerning its review and analysis of the statistical reports filed by each law enforcement agency within its jurisdiction. Suggested topics shall include but are not limited to the topics below.)

- (a) number of complaints filed
- (b) number of complaints disposed
- (c) criminal dispositions

¹This is a suggested format for the Executive Summary to be prepared by each County Prosecutor=s Office.

- (d) administrative dispositions

- (e) trends

- (f) a brief synopsis of all complaints where a fine or suspension of ten days or more was assessed to a member of the agency. The synopsis shall not contain the identities of the officers or complainants. However, it should briefly outline the nature of the transgression and the fine or suspension imposed. An example of a synopsis may be found in Appendix V.

- (g) conclusions

- (h) recommendations / goals for new calendar year

Notes:

1) Counting method: In cases where more than one complaint has been filed against an officer with respect to a single incident, only the most serious complaint is counted for purposes of the report. Similarly, with respect to dispositions, only the most serious complaint that has been substantiated against an officer is counted for purposes of the report.

2) There is some disparity between law enforcement agencies concerning the types of investigations that are referred to and conducted by professional standards units. For example, while all units are expected to investigate complaints of police misconduct, some units may be called upon to investigate all motor vehicle accidents involving a police vehicle whether or not there is any allegation of misconduct. The varying responsibilities of the units may impact the statistics that are reported by the agencies at the close of the calendar year.

- 3) Anonymous complaints: This category includes all complaints in which the identity of the complainant is not disclosed, including those in which the nature of the complaint may lead an agency to believe it is from an internal source, but the name of the source is not disclosed.
- 4) Citizen complaints: This category includes all complaints filed by members of the public or other agencies or entities.
- 5) Agency complaints: This category includes all complaints generated by supervisors or other members of a law enforcement agency.
- 6) Municipal Court dispositions: This category includes all dispositions of all municipal ordinance violations, DUI offenses, petty disorderly persons offenses, disorderly persons offense or criminal complaints. Dispositions may include on-duty and off-duty conduct. This category does not include other traffic offenses. Criminal charges related to domestic violence incidents are included, but civil restraining orders should not be reported.
- 7) Superior Court dispositions: This category includes all criminal dispositions naming a law enforcement officer for conduct that occurred either on-duty or off-duty.
- 8) Diversions: This category includes conditional discharges and similar programs available in municipal court. In Superior court, this category refers to pre-trial intervention and similar programs.