

BIASED BASED POLICING

The Wilmington Police Department is dedicated to addressing and removing biases from the act of law enforcement.

There were three complaints alleging biased-based policing out of 51 citizen complaints filed in 2019. That's a decrease of four complaints from 2018, or a 57 percent decrease.

All three allegations involved a traffic stop and all three were unfounded.

To see a full breakdown of traffic stop enforcement actions by the driver's sex, race, and ethnicity, visit <https://www.ncsbi.gov/Services/SBI-Statistics/Traffic-Stops>.

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

173,908

calls for service

72

investigations stemmed from calls

75

total investigations

3

investigations on civilians

USE OF FORCE

305

total cases

Soft Empty Hand	119
Lethal Force (Display Only)	99
Taser Probes	39
Hard Empty Hand	29
Taser Display	8
Tackle	3
OC Spray	3
Impact Weapon	2
Lethal Force - Animal	1
K9 Bite	1
Lethal Force - Human	1

USE OF FORCE DEMOGRAPHICS

This is a breakdown of the demographics of officers involved in use-of-force cases. It's important to note: Some officers are counted more than once due to being involved with more than one use-of-force case. These numbers are also reflective of the overall demographics of the Wilmington police force.

Total Officers	291
Male Officers	270
Female Officers	21
White Male Officers	244
Black Male Officers	22
Hispanic Male Officers	3
Asian Male Officers	1
White Female Officers	21

Early Warning System

The Wilmington Police Department Professional Standards Division utilizes a multi-faceted Personal Early Warning System (IAPRo) to track use-of-force incidents, pursuit involvement, citizen complaints, internal investigations, officer-involved crashes, officer-involved injuries/fatalities, and departmental property losses. When an officer meets or exceeds the threshold for these incidents (set by the dept.), an alert is sent out to the first line supervisor and affected employee.



**In 2019,
Professional
Standards
sent out 58 alerts
and all 58 were
received.**

VEHICLE PURSUITS

Wilmington police pursued 38 vehicles in 2019. The majority of pursuits, 26, covered two miles or less and the most common time for pursuits was between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.



total pursuits

How the Pursuit Ended

Suspect Stopped Car	12
Officer Lost Sight of Car	2
Ofc. Terminated Pursuit	14
Suspect Crashed	9
Stop Sticks Used	1