



WILMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



2020 ANNUAL REPORT



INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

156,000

calls for service

61

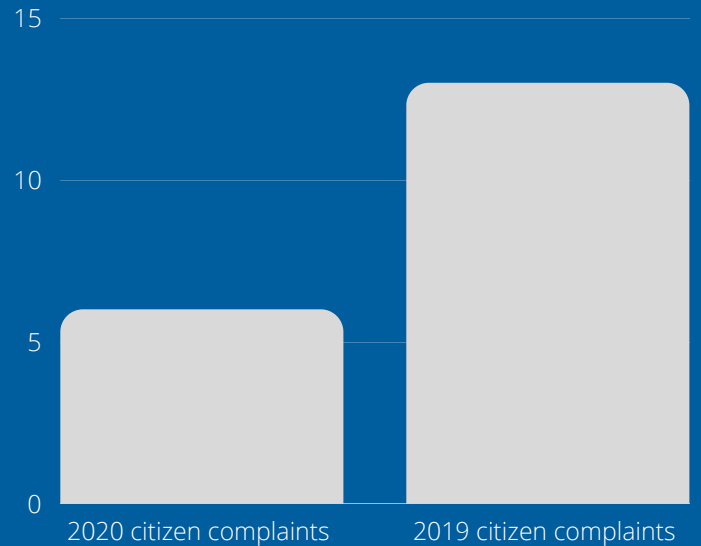
investigations stemmed from calls

66

total investigations

5

investigations on civilians



BIASED BASED POLICING

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

There were SIX complaints alleging biased-based policing out of 38 citizen complaints filed in 2020. That's a decrease of thirteen complaints from 2019.

Three of these allegations were traffic stops, while the others were investigative, routine patrol, and suspicious vehicle. All six were exonerated or 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>.

USE OF FORCE

Soft Empty Hand	89
Lethal Force (Display Only)	57
Taser Probes	44
Hard Empty Hand	38
Taser Display	7
Tackle	9
OC Spray	0
Impact Weapon	1
Lethal Force - Animal	0
K9 Bite	3
Lethal Force - Human	2

250
total cases



Early Warning System

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	290
Male Officers	278
Female Officers	12
White Male Officers	253
Black Male Officers	25

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.

137

In 2020, Professional Standards sent out 137 alerts and all 137 were received.

VEHICLE PURSUITS

Wilmington police pursued 35 vehicles in 2020. The majority of pursuits, 29, covered two miles or less and the most common time for pursuits was between 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 8p.m. to 10 p.m.

35

total pursuits

How the Pursuit Ended

Suspect Stopped Car	11
Officer Lost Sight of Car	1
Ofc. Terminated Pursuit	14
Suspect Crashed	3
Public Safety.....	3
Supervisor Terminated.....	3