

2023 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS ANNUAL REPORT



W CITY OF
WILMINGTON
POLICE DEPARTMENT



INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

INVESTIGATIONS REGARDING OFFICERS AND CIVILIANS

43

Citizen Complaints

07

Supervisor conducted Investigations

25

Internal Affairs

IN 2023, WPD RECIEVED FOUR GRANTS:

- NC GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT- \$26,200
- NHC ABC BOARD LAW ENFORCEMENT ANNUAL GRANT- \$49,900
- EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT- \$66,867
- RESIDENTS OF OLD WILMINGTON GRANT- \$1400

GRANT TOTAL- \$144,367

BIASED BASED POLICING

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

There were 10 allegations of biased-based policing, all of which were unfounded.

Training

In-Service: 255 officers x 33 hours = 8,415

BLET: 28 officers x 640 hours = 17,920

Continuing Education: 255 officers x 24 hours = 6,120

Total: Our sworn personnel completed over 30,000 hours of creditable training in 2023.



USE OF FORCE



Soft Empty Hand	128
Lethal Force (Display Only)	72
Taser Probes	43
Hard Empty Hand	78
Taser Display	2
Tackle	1
OC Spray	16
Pit	3
K9 Physical Apprehension.....	1
Lethal Force	1



Early Warning System

The Wilmington Police Department Professional Standards Division utilizes a multi-faceted Personnel 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 2023, Professional Standards sent out 47 alerts and all were received.

USE OF FORCE DEMOGRAPHICS

This is a breakdown of the demographics of officers involved in use-of-force cases. It's important to note that 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	306
Male Officers	277
Female Officers	29
White Male Officers	262
White Female Officers	24
Black Male Officers	13
Black Female Officers	05
Pacific Islander Male Officers	01
Pacific Islander Female	01
Indian Males	01
Indian Females	0

VEHICLE PURSUITS

Wilmington Police pursued 18 vehicles in 2023.



total pursuits

How the Pursuit Ended

Suspect Stopped Car	04
Officer Lost Sight of Car	0
Ofc. Terminated Pursuit	10
Suspect Crashed	04
Stop Device Used	0