

Internal Affairs

Lieutenant Toby Hewitt

Below is a summary of complaints that have been handled by the

Office of Internal Affairs for the calendar year of 2016.

The Chattanooga Police Department Office of Internal Affairs is aligned under the Professional Standards Division and is responsible for investigating all allegations of employee misconduct from any source, outside or inside the Department including third-party and anonymous complaints. The Office of Internal Affairs is also responsible for maintaining all Department records of complaints and investigative records. Internal Affairs is currently staffed with one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, and one Senior Administrative Assistant for a total staff of 4. Internal Affairs operates Monday-Friday from 0830-1630 hours, with a 24/7 call out procedure. Beginning in 2015, Internal Affairs became part of the Professional Standards Division which includes Accreditation and Grants.

Internal Affairs is located at 100 East 11th Street in the City Hall Annex Building, Suite 302.

Chattanooga Police Department Policy (ADM 16 – Code of Conduct) was amended in 2016. That policy identified and divided employee conduct into two categories, Class I and Class II, with sub-categories of each. The Office of Internal Affairs is responsible for investigating allegations of Class I conduct violations, and the relevant Chain of Command is responsible for investigating allegations of Class II conduct violations. The amended policy vacated the terms PPI and Part One Offenses, replacing them with the Class I and II Conduct categories. The term PPI was replaced with Class II Conduct, which are more minor in nature. Class II cases are now investigated entirely by the Chain of Command and reported through the IAPro system where the IA commander is responsible for tracking and archiving at completion. The Office of Internal Affairs is responsible for the investigation of the cases of a serious variety, Class I Conduct; this term replaced Part One Offense. Chattanooga Police Department Policy (Per 6 – Disciplinary Procedures) outlines who investigates what types of cases while Adm-16 gives the description and categories of each type of violation.

The Office of Internal Affairs experienced some personnel changes in 2016. Investigator Mercado had previously been tasked with responsibilities both in the Office of Internal Affairs and Accreditation / Grants. During 2016, he was assigned full-time to Accreditation / Grants and relinquished his responsibilities within the Office of Internal Affairs. Lt. Pedro Bacon was promoted to the rank of Captain on November 28, 2016 but remained in the capacity of IA Commander until January 2017. Sgt. Toby Hewitt was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on November 28, 2016 and continued

assignment to the Office of Internal Affairs. Regina Greer still remains as the Senior Administrative Assistant. The proceedings statistics represent 2016 Internal Affairs numbers.

Chain of Command/ Class II Conduct Statistics for 2016

Citizen	2
Complaints	7

Class II Conduct Case Status

Sustained	3
No Action Taken	0
Justified	0
Not Sustained	0
Unfounded	13
Exonerated	3
Open/Pending	8

Internal Affairs Investigations

Of Alleged Class I Conduct Violations

Citizen	23
Complaints	
Administrative	15
TOTAL	38

IA Case Status:

Sustained	5
No Action Taken	2
Justified	0
Not Sustained	2
Unfounded	3
Exonerated	4
Open/Pending	20
Hold (DA / AUSA)	2

Allegation Breakdown for Class I Conduct Investigations for IA Cases:

False Arrest	5	Fact Finding	9
Weapons Violations	0	Firearm Discharge	5
Untruthfulness	0	Abuse of Authority	0
Pursuit Policy Violation	0	Rudeness / Discourtesy	1
Code of Conduct	1	Harassment	4
Conformance to Law	6	Violation of Disciplinary Procedures	0
Improper Procedure	4	Use of Force	12

Assignment of Cases for Internal Affairs Personnel:

Lt. Pedro Bacon	1
Sgt. Toby Hewitt	16
Sgt. Jeff Gaines	19
Inv. Alexis Mercado	2