As Commander of the Internal Affairs Professional Standards Division, I am responsible for ensuring that the APD is operating within the boundaries and established guidelines of public trust and confidence. The department is committed to providing the highest standards of integrity and our administrative process plays an integral role in building and maintaining that public trust.

One of the functions of the Internal Affairs Division includes the investigation, management, and review of complaints and allegations of misconduct against department personnel, both civilian and sworn. The police department’s image and reputation depend on the personal integrity and discipline of all departmental employees. To a large degree, the public image of the department is determined by a professional response to allegations of misconduct against its employees.

Commander Zakary Cottrell has been with APD since 2004. He has been the Commander of the Internal Affairs Professional Standards Division since December 2019.
Introduction

The Albuquerque Police Department’s mission is to build relationships through community policing that will lead to reduced crime and increased safety.

This report reflects accurate and complete data as of June 30, 2021. Since APD uses dynamic, live databases, the recorded allegation, finding and case disposition totals presented here are subject to future revision. Likewise, historical data presented may vary slightly from figures presented in prior APD IAPS reports due to changes in processes and reporting.

This report’s purpose is to provide the Administration, Police Department Executive Staff, the City Council, Police Oversight Board and Albuquerque community members with quarterly statistics and the status of Internal Affairs Professional Standards investigations.

Data Collection

For the Second Quarter 2021 report, data from April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 was pulled from the data warehouse. This data was filtered to include cases with an Incident Type of “IA Investigation” and “Firearms Discharges” which involved use of a weapon against an animal.

To determine the number of cases received in the Second Quarter of 2021, the data was filtered to only include cases with a received date between April 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021. This data was used to determine the incident division, number of employees involved and their ranks.

To determine the number of cases completed in the Second Quarter of 2021, the data was filtered to only include cases with a completed date between April 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021. This data was used to gather statistics on allegations, case findings and actions taken.
Internal Affairs Statistics, Second Quarter (April 1, 2021-June 30, 2021)

Internal Investigations

Statistical Data¹

1. There could be minor changes to the statistics because of changes in data or file status.
2. Different employees.
3. Completed cases with dispositions different from Administratively Closed, Exonerated, Not Sustained, Sustained, Sustained/NBOOC and Unfounded are not included in the count.¹
4. Includes only Incidents where Type Of Firearm Discharged is “Animal shooting”.

Locations of Investigations Received at IAPS (Includes Sworn and Non-Sworn)

4. Specialized and Administrative Units category includes: Criminal Enforcement Division, Internal Affairs Force Division, Special Operations Division, Communications, Homeland Security/Special Events Div, Aviation Division, Criminal Investigations Division, Investigative Services Division, Scientific Evidence Division, Command Staff, Chief’s Office, Executive Division, Administrative Support, Internal Affairs Professional Stds Div, Real Time Crime Center, Crisis Intervention Division.
Graphs

Gender (Includes Sworn and Civilian Personnel)

1. Null represents an employee that after a reasonable effort IAPS could not determine who this employee was.

Ethnicity (Includes Sworn and Civilian Personnel)

1. Null represents an employee that after a reasonable effort IAPS could not determine who this employee was.

Race (Includes Sworn and Civilian Personnel)

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Graphs

Employees Involved in Investigations (Includes Sworn and Civilian Personnel)

Employees Involved in Investigations (Sworn Personnel Only) data as of June 30, 2021. This data covers the period from April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

Employees Involved in Investigations (Civilian Personnel Only) data as of June 30, 2021. This data covers the period from April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

Employees Involved in Investigations (Sworn and Civilian Personnel) data as of June 30, 2021. This data covers the period from April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
Completed cases - Allegations

Findings of Allegations (Sworn Personnel Only)

As of June 30, 2021: 194 (58%) of the 335 allegations recorded including Sworn personnel were sustained, 65 (19%) were exonerated, 42 (13%) were unfounded, 19 (6%) were not sustained, 12 (4%) were sustained/NBOOC, 3 (1%) were administratively closed, 2 (1%) were admin. closed-duplicate.

SOPs Associated with Sustained and Sustained/NBOOC Allegations Faced by Sworn Personnel

As of June 30, 2021: the majority of the allegations sustained or sustained NBOOC including Sworn personnel are listed in a combined category (Additional SOPs) showing 63 instances (31%). Following this were Personnel Code of Conduct 61 (30%), followed by On-Body Recording Devices 34 (17%), UOF Review and Investigation by Department personnel 33 (16%), Use of Force-Reporting by Department 8 (4%) and Special Order - Approval of Adult Criminal Complaints 7 (3%).

As of June 30, 2021: 242 allegations including Sworn personnel were sustained or sustained/NBOOC. The actions taken for those sustained or sustained/NBOOC allegations were: Suspension: 68 (33%), written reprimand: 59 (29%), Verbal Reprimand: 33 (16%), no disciplinary corrective action, 26 (13%) and Terminated: 20 (10%).

Graphs

Actions Taken of Allegations Faced by Sworn Personnel Only
During the second quarter of 2021, the APD’s Internal Affairs Division received 167 cases for investigation including 192 employees (a single investigation may contain multiple allegations of misconduct against one or more officers). The division completed 167 cases. No animal shootings occurred during the quarter. One hundred and ninety two distinct APD employees were involved in the received investigations during the second quarter of 2021. Most of the employees were Sworn (90%), however IAPS also investigated 22 (10%) distinct civilian employees. The gender break down was 85% male and 16% female, 0% unknown. Most of the employees 158 (82%) were involved in one investigation, 29 (15%) were involved in two investigations, 4 (2%) were involved in three investigations, 1 (1%) was involved in 4 investigations. The position of the employee involved in 4 investigation is a Police Officer 1C.

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For more information, please contact the City of Albuquerque Public Records Request Department (IPRA) at:
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