



**INTERNAL AFFAIRS  
STATISTICAL SUMMARY 2025**

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office is required to file a statistical summary of Internal Affairs complaints and administrative investigations conducted annually. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office is committed to submitting an annual review of our Internal Affairs Investigations program. The intent of the review is to identify patterns in deputy conduct and position the agency for policy or training changes that would reduce future misconduct and/or strengthen our investigation process.

**TYPES OF INVESTIGATIONS**

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office conducted a total of 214 administrative investigations, supervisory disciplines, and supervisor investigations in 2025. Of these 214, 12 were administrative reviews, 29 were formal internal affairs investigations, 17 were supervisor investigations, and 59 were citizen complaints. There were no anonymous complaints filed during this reporting period.

**TRAFFIC CAMERA VIOLATIONS**

In 2021, due to the efficiency of IAPro, Internal Affairs began using this program to track Traffic Camera Violations involving employee's department assigned vehicles. These violations are tracked to understand if our employees are abiding by policy 41.3.01 which states, "Willful negligence on the part of the deputy in the care, maintenance, or operation of his/her assigned vehicle, or violation of any laws, rules, or regulations governing the use of the vehicle or any other Sheriff's Office policy could result in the removal of the deputy from the Take-Home Program and/or other disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Sheriff. It is the employee's responsibility to satisfy any traffic ticket while operating the vehicle."

**In 2025 there were a total of 12 Traffic Camera Violations across the Sheriff's Office.**

Below is a breakdown of case classifications, allegations, and findings.

\*Some cases or incidents are still active.

Incident Type	Count
Citizen Complaints	59
External	1
Internal	28
Outside Agency Investigation	0
Supervisor Investigation	17
Supervisory Reprimand	24
Supervisor Counseling	85
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>214</b>
*Administrative Review	12

\*Administrative Review is a sub-classification.

Listed are the most common allegations that were attached to cases in 2025 and the count. There were a total of 410 allegations linked to cases or incidents in 2025.

<b>Allegation</b>	<b>Count</b>
Abuse of Leave Privileges	13
Assistance to Other Deputies	10
Attention to Duty	9
Code of Conduct and Appearance	77
Courtesy	13
Duty and Responsibilities	23
Duty to Intervene	9
Excessive Use of Force	16
Insubordination	9
Neglect of Duty	41
Supervisory Responsibility	5
Treatment of Prisoners	26
Unbecoming Conduct	26
Unsatisfactory Performance	40
Use of Deadly Force in Defense of Human Life	11

Listed is a chart showing cases and incident dispositions associated with allegations.

<b>Allegation Finding</b>	<b>Count</b>
Exonerated	8
Further Review by IA	25
Matter of Record	4
No Identifiable Policy V	61
Not Sustained	10
Sustained	218
Unfounded	79

Listed is a chart showing case status.

<b>Status</b>	<b>Count</b>
Active	2
Completed	209
Forwarded	1
Suspended	2

Please recognize this 2025 annual report is based on data which is not static and is subject to change because of pending cases and incidents. While the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office strives to share accurate and timely information with our community, there are factors which influence these changes. A complaint from an event in December may take several months to adjudicate, depending on the severity of the allegation and length of the investigation. In the case of an appeal, especially an employee suspension or termination, the final adjudication may be overturned by the Civil Service Board, or the length of suspension may be increased or decreased. Please use this report to help understand the yearly trends related to our internal investigations and our commitment to thoroughly investigating all citizen complaints.

Internal Affairs experienced a notable decrease in investigations in 2025 compared to 2024. This reduction is likely attributable, in part, to the successful implementation of field-level Supervisor Investigations following targeted training for supervisory staff. This approach has enhanced supervisory accountability, improved efficiency in case handling, and reduced the volume of matters requiring formal Internal Affairs review.

Throughout 2025, Internal Affairs regularly responded to and assisted with citizen inquiries. Although these interactions were not formally tracked during the reporting period, they represented a consistent and important part of the office's workload. In 2026, Internal Affairs implemented a formal tracking process for all citizen inquiries to allow for more accurate reporting and workload analysis moving forward. This data will be reflected on the IA Summary of 2026.



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