



INTERNAL AFFAIRS STATISTICAL SUMMARY 2024

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 290 administrative investigations in 2024. Of these 290, 28 were administrative reviews, 50 were formal internal affairs investigations, 32 were supervisor investigations, and 91 were citizen complaints. There were no anonymous complaints filed during this reporting period.

TRAFFIC CAMERA VIOLATIONS

In 2018, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office started using IA Pro to track administrative complaints and Blue Team incidents. In 2021, due to the efficiency of IA Pro, Internal Affairs began using this program to track Traffic Camera Violations involving employee's department assigned vehicles. These violations are tracked to better 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 2024 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	91
External	12
Internal	38
Outside Agency Investigation	1
Supervisor Inquiry	32
Supervisory Reprimand	22
Supervisor Counseling	94
Grand Total	290
*Administrative Review	28

*Administrative Review is a sub-classification.

Listed are the most common allegations that were attached to cases in 2024 and the count. There were a total of 433 allegations linked to cases or incidents in 2024.

Allegation	Count
Abuse of Leave Privileges	7
Attention to Duty	8
Code of Conduct and Appearance	122
Conformance to Laws	6
Courtesy	12
Duty and Responsibilities	6
Excessive Use of Force	39
In Car and/ or Body Worn Audio Recording	6
Insubordination	8
Neglect of Duty	37
Operational Pursuits	9
Supervisory Responsibility	10
Treatment of Prisoners	10
Unbecoming Conduct	20
Unsatisfactory Performance	26

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

Disposition	Count
Closed	135
Delegated to front-line	5
Did Not Follow Policy	27
Followed Policy	30
Further Review by IA	25
No Identifiable Policy V	30
Not Sustained	2
Partially Sustained	6
Pending	25
Sustained	90
Unfounded	60

Listed is a chart showing case status.

Status	Count
Active	7
Completed	273
Forwarded	2
Suspended	7

This 2024 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. One way the Sheriff's Office attempts to minimize these changes, or updates, is by adjudicating the 2024 case investigations prior to completing the annual report. This is important because the annual report is based on the calendar year. 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. This report should be utilized to better understand the yearly trends related to our internal investigations and our commitment to thoroughly investigating all citizen complaints.



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