

2020 Internal Affairs Synopsis

During 2020, the Officer Accountability Bureau investigated 57 complaints about officer conduct. This includes internally and externally generated complaints. Those complaints are broken down into the following categories: 14 complaints for demeanor, 27 for other rule violations, 5 alleging differential treatment, and 11 alleging other criminal violations. During 2020, a total of 58 investigations were completed. This total includes cases that were pending from the previous year. The dispositions of these complaints are: 14 were sustained, 14 were exonerated, 22 were not sustained, 3 were unfounded and 5 cases were administratively closed (this generally occurs when the complainant voluntarily requests that the complaint be withdrawn). As of the end of 2020, 8 cases are still under investigation.

In accordance with the New Jersey Attorney General's Guidelines on Internal Affairs, police agencies are required to publicly report when an officer has received a fine or suspension of 10 days or more. During 2020, no Lawrence Township Officer received a suspension of 10 days or more.
