



Internal Affairs Unit

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The Middle Township Police Department is committed to providing law enforcement services that are fair, effective, and impartially applied. Toward that end, officers are held to the highest standards of official conduct and are expected to respect the rights of all citizens. The adherence of Officers to these standards, motivated by a moral and professional obligation to perform their job to the best of their ability, is the ultimate objective of this agency. The effectiveness of a law enforcement agency is dependent upon approval and acceptance of police authority. The department must be responsive to the community by providing formal procedures for the processing of complaints from the public regarding individual officer performance.

The purpose of the Internal Affairs Policy is to improve the quality of law enforcement services. Citizen confidence in the integrity of the police department increases through the establishment of meaningful and effective complaint procedures. This confidence engenders community support for the police department and improves the relationship between police and the citizens they serve by facilitating cooperation vital to the department's ability to achieve its goals. An effective disciplinary framework also permits police officials to monitor officer's compliance with department policies and procedures. Adherence to established policies and procedures assist officers in meeting department objectives while a monitoring system permits managers to identify problem areas requiring increased training, direction or policy changes. Finally, the Internal Affairs

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Policy ensures fairness and due process protection to citizens and officers alike.

In 2018, there were a total of 31 Internal Affairs Complaints received. There were 29 cases that reached a disposition. It should be noted some of the dispositions were carried over from the previous year. See the below for the disposition types.

2018 Internal Affairs Dispositions

Excessive Force: 1 Exonerated/1 Not Sustained
 Improper Arrest: 1 Unfounded/1 Administratively Closed
 Other Criminal Violation: 1 Sustained
 Demeanor: 2 Sustained/1 Unfounded
 Domestic Violence: 1 Not Sustained
 Other Rule Violation: 12 Sustained/4 Not Sustained/3 Unfounded/1 Administratively Closed

Major Discipline Disclosure:

1. An employee was suspended for 90 days for policy violations and 6 days for conduct unbecoming.

The Middle Township Police Department works closely with the Cape May County Prosecutors Office and many of the internal affairs investigations are worked jointly between both departments. This is to ensure that the highest quality of investigation is conducted.

The Internal Affairs Division is commanded by Captain Don Nelson.

Dive Team

Drug Recognition Experts

Code Enforcement Unit

Animal Control Unit

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