




# South Carolina Department of Public Safety

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## Office of Professional Responsibility

**TO:** Director R.G. Woods, IV  
South Carolina Department of Public Safety

**FROM:** Chief K.D. Phelps   
Office of Professional Responsibility

**DATE:** January 30, 2025

**SUBJECT:** **CALEA Standard 26.2.5**  
**Statistical Summary of the Office of Professional Responsibility Investigations**

The purpose of this memorandum is to document the compliance of the South Carolina Department of Public Safety's (SCDPS) Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) in regards to Chapter 52, Internal Affairs, and Section 26.2.5 of the CALEA Standards for Law Enforcement Agencies Manual.

Attached to this memorandum is a summary of the types, status, and volume of allegations investigated by the OPR from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024. As mandated by the aforementioned CALEA Standard, the summary must be posted in a conspicuous location. The standard also requires that this information be available to the public and agency employees.

**NOTE:** Some of the totals for the categories listed may exceed the actual number of specific cases. This is due to the fact that multiple allegations may be attached to a single case.

2024 ACCREDITATION STATISTICAL SUMMARY REPORT

Allegations	STATUS PER NUMBER OF ALLEGATIONS INVESTIGATED						Grand Total
	Pending	Administratively Closed	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Sustained	Unfounded	
Arrest Procedures					4		4
Arrested for crime			1		1		2
Bias Based				3			3
CDV	1						1
Cheating during academic testing					1		1
Damaged/Destruction of Property				1		1	2
Discourteous / unprofessional conduct		2		1	9		12
Disharmonious Work Environment					1		1
Dissemination of Sensitive / Confidential Information					1		1
Dress Code violation	1						1
Evidence Procedures			1		2		3
Excessive Force					3		3
Fail to Supervise	1			4	3		8
Failed to attend (special assignment, training, court, etc)					2		2
Failed to issue public contact/ticket					5		5
Failed to properly secure DPS property					2		2
Failed to properly secure suspect / Escape					1		1
Failed to secure weapon / Lost weapon					1		1
Failed to take appropriate enforcement action	3			2	9		14
Failure to De-Escalate				1	1		2
Failure to follow Directive					1		1
Failure to Follow Proper Procedures				1	21		22
Failure to inventory veh / property					3		3
Failure to notify dispatch (as required)					2		2
Failure to notify supervisor (as required)	1				1		2
Failure to properly conduct Line Inspection					1		1

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Failure to prosecute/improperly dismissing a charge					1		1
Failure to provide compt/truthful info during investigation					4		4
Failure to report damage (veh/DPS property)	1						1
Failure to report violation		1					1
Failure to submit reports/late reports					1		1
Falsification of Records				2	3	1	6
Falsified Work Time or Leave Time in SCEIS					2		2
Falsifying Information					1		1
Falsifying Inspection Report					1		1
Firearms Discharge (accidental)	1				1		2
Firearms Discharge (vs. Animal)			2				2
Improper / Unlawful T-stop					1		1
Improper Accident Investigation	2			3	5		10
Improper Arrest					1		1
Improper charge /ticket issued				1	5		6
Improper Conduct	1			2	4		7
Improper Handling of Evidence				1	3		4
Improper handling of personal property (lost property)	1						1
Improper Procedure (Bond Money)					1		1
Improper Procedures	2	2	1	4	15	1	25
Improper Search					1		1
Improper towing / failure to tow veh.					1		1
Inaccurate info/documentation (unintended)					1		1
Inappropriate Language/Comment				4	10		14
Insubordination	1				1		2

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Lost / Damaged DPS Property					1		1
Misuse of Computing Resources					3		3
Misuse of Emergency Equipment					1		1
Misuse of Position for Personal Gain					1		1
Misuse of Work Time					2		2
Neg. in the Performance of Duty					1		1
Negligence in the Performance of Supervisory Duties				1	2		3
Not wearing body armor as required					1		1
Racial Profiling				1			1
Retaliation					1		1
Rude & Discourteous				9	8		17
Sleeping During Work Hours					1		1
Speeding	1	1		6	6		14
Suicidal threats / actions	1						1
Traffic Enforcement Policy					1		1
Traffic law violation (other than speeding)				1	1	1	3
Unauthorized alteration of DPS property	1						1
Untruthfulness	1				7		8
Use of Tobacco products					3		3
Vehicle Pursuit Policy	3	1	1		6		11
Video Recording Policy					19		19
Violation of Telephone / Cell Phone Use Policy					1		1
Workplace critical incident		1					1
<b>Grand Total Allegations</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>293</b>
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