





South Carolina Department of Public Safety

Office of Professional Responsibility

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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 complaints investigated by the OPR from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022. 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.

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STATUS PER NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AND/OR CHARGES							
TYPES OF COMPLAINTS	Sustained	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Exonerated	Admin. Closed	Pending	TOTAL
Abuse of Leave						1	1
Arrested for Crime	1						1
Bias Based			3			1	4
Conflict of Interest					1		1
Discrimination		1	1				2
Discourteous/ Unprofessional Conduct	7		1			1	9
Disharmonious Work Environment		2					2
Dissemination of Sensitive/Confidential Information	1			1			2
Drug/Alcohol Use on Duty	1						1
Dual Employment	1						1
Evidence Procedures	1						1
Failure to Supervise	4	1		1			6
Failure to Issue Public Contact/Ticket	1	1					2
Failure to Properly Secure DPS Property	1					1	2
Failure to Represent Department in a Positive Manner	1						1
Failure to Secure Weapon/Lost Weapon	2						2
Failure to Activate Emergency Equipment	1	1					2
Failure to Follow Directive	2						2
Failure to Proper Procedures	7	2					9
Failure to Properly Conduct Line Inspections	2						2
Failure to Properly Maintain Equipment	1						1
Failure to Provide Complete/Truthful Information during an Investigation	1						1

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Failure to Report Damage (veh/ DPS Property)	4						4	
Failure to Report to Work	1					1	2	
Failure to Report Violation	2	1					3	
Failure to Wear/Carry Weapon as Required	1						1	
Falsification of Records	1						1	
Falsifying Information	2						2	
Firearms Discharge (Accidental)	2						2	
Hostile Work Environment			1				1	
Improper Accident Investigation	3		1			1	5	
Improper Arrest	1						1	
Improper Charge/ Ticket Issued	2	1					3	
Improper Conduct	13	4	2			1	20	
Improper Handling of Evidence	2					1	3	
Improper Procedures	17	6	3			1	2	29
Inappropriate Language/ Comment	1	1					2	
Insubordination	5						5	
Lost/Damaged DPS Property	1						1	
Lost Badge/ Credentials						1	1	
Misuse of Computing Resources	1		2				3	
Misuse of Position/ Interfering with Law Enforcement Action	1						1	
Misuse of State Equipment	1						1	
Misuse of State Vehicle	1						1	
Misuse of Work Time	3						3	
Negligence in Performance of Supervisory Duties	3						3	
Negligent Authorized Operation of a State Vehicle Resulting in an Accident/Personal Injury	1						1	
Negligent Operation of a State Vehicle	3	1					4	

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Not Wearing Body Armor as Required	1						1
Officer Involved Shooting				2			2
Perjury		1					1
Prisoner Transport Policy	1						1
Retaliation		2					2
Racial Slur		1					1
Rude and Discourteous	1	6	3		1		11
Search Procedures						1	1
Sleeping on Duty	1						1
Speeding	5	2				1	8
Traffic Law Violation other than Speeding		1					1
Unauthorized Alteration of DPS Property	4						4
Unauthorized Leave	1						1
Untruthfulness	3	1					4
Use of Force Policy	1					1	2
Use of Tobacco Products	1						1
Vehicle Pursuit Policy	1	1			4	1	7
Video Recording Policy	17					1	18
Violation of Tattoo Policy	1						1
TOTAL PER STATUS	145	37	17	4	9	14	226