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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, 2023, to December 31, 2023. 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.

## 2023 Accreditation Statistical Summary

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		2
Arrest Procedures	2					1	3
Arrested for Crime	4						4
Bias Based		3					3
CDV	1						1
Conflict of Interest							0
Discourteous / Unprofessional Conduct	6	3	1			4	14
Discrimination		1					1
Disharmonious Work Environment	1						1
Dress Code Violation	1						1
Drug/alcohol use on-duty	1						1
Dual Employment							0
Engaged in Sexual Activity on duty							0
Evidence Procedures	6						6
Excessive Force							0
Failure to Attend Assignment	2					1	3
Failure to Follow Rules, Regs, Policy, and Procedure							0
Failure to Follow Proper Procedures	8						8
Failure to Issue Public Contact		1					1
Failure to Inventory	1					1	2
Failure to Provide Complete/ Truthful Info. During Investigation	1						1
Failure to Follow Directive	2						2
Failure to Report for Work	2						2
Failure to Represent the Department in a Positive Manner	1						1

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Failure to Report Violation	4						4
Failure to Properly Maintain Equipment	3						3
Failure to Properly Conduct a Line Inspection	1						1
Failure to Secure Veh/ DPS Property							0
Failure to Submit Reports	1						1
Failure to Supervise	5	1			1		7
Failure to Properly Secure Suspect	4					1	5
Failure to Secure Weapon/ Lost Weapon	1						1
Falsifying Inspection Report	2						2
Falsification of Records	4					1	5
Failure to Report Damage (DPS Property)	1						1
Falsification of Work Time/ Leave in SCEIS	1						1
Falsifying Information							0
Firearms Discharge (Accidental)	2						2
Firearms Discharge (Animal)				1		1	2
Harassment/ Making Threats		2				1	3
Harassment-free Workplace							0
Improper Accident Investigation	8	2			1	2	13
Improper Arrest							0
Improper Charge/ Ticket Issued	6						6
Improper Conduct	11	4	2			3	20
Improper Handling of Evidence	1					1	2
Improper Handling of Personal Property (Lost)							0
Improper Procedures	27	2				6	35

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Improper Search	1						1
Improper Towing/ Failure to Tow Vehicle							0
Inappropriate Language	4					1	5
Inappropriate Text/ Email							0
Insubordination	4					1	5
Inventory Control Policy							0
Leave and Attendance							0
Leaving Assigned Work Zone/ Troop Without Permission	1						1
Lost Badge/Credentials							0
Lost/Damaged SCDPS Property	1				1		2
Misuse of Computing Resources	3	1					4
Misuse of Computing Resources (Viewing Inappropriate Material)	1	5			1		7
Misuse of Position/ Interfering with LE Action							0
Misuse of Position for Personal Gain		2					2
Misuse of Sick Leave							0
Misuse of State Equipment	2						2
Misuse of State Vehicle	3						3
Misuse of Work Time	6				1		7
Negligence in Performance of Duty	10						10
Negligence in Performance of Supervisory Duty	5	2			4	1	12
Operation of a State Vehicle in an Unsafe Manner	5						5
Officer Involved Shooting				1		2	3
Outside Employment	2						2
Perjury							0
Possession of Stolen Property							0
Profanity							0
Rude & Discourteous	3	7				1	11

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Retaliation	1						1
Search Procedures							0
Sexual Harassment							0
Sleeping During Work Hours	2						2
Social Media Policy	3						3
Speeding	5	2					7
Stolen Weapon							0
Suicidal Threats/Actions	1						1
Tardiness	2						2
Texting While Driving	3						3
Theft of Property	1						1
Traffic Enforcement Policy	1						1
Traffic Law Violation (Other Than Speeding)	1					1	2
Unauthorized Passenger	2						2
Unauthorized Ammunition	1						1
Untruthfulness	7	2				1	10
Use of Force Policy	1						1
Vehicle and Foot Pursuit Policy	7	1		1	2	3	14
Video Recording Policy	11	1					12
Violation of DPS Policy/Procedures	1						1
Violation of Residency Policy	1						1
Violation of Cell Phone Use Policy	1						1
Wrecker Rotation/Request Violation	1						1
<b>TOTAL PER STATUS</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>320</b>