

# Office of Professional Standards

2013 Annual Report

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## **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Daytona Beach Police Department is to achieve a safe, crime free community by committing ourselves to protecting, defending and serving the residents and the visitors of Daytona Beach. Through a partnership with residents and businesses, we will maintain an open and honest dialogue and will endeavor to enforce the law fairly and equally. As proud members of the law enforcement profession, we will constantly strive to conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of respect while “Protecting Our Great City.”

## **Office of Professional Standards**

### **Purpose**

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) is charged with preserving the integrity of the Daytona Beach Police Department (DBPD). Organizationally, OPS is part of the Office of the Chief and serves at the discretion and authority of Chief Chitwood.

### **Tasks**

The detectives assigned to OPS carryout many functions that ensure DBPD operates as a professional and transparent law enforcement agency.

Per current Department directives, the Office of Professional Standards shall investigate and review all **Level One** complaints. Level One (1) complaints refer to complaints concerning allegations of but not limited to:

- Criminal conduct;
- Excessive force;
- Unlawful / Improper Arrest;
- Unlawful / Improper Entry;
- Unlawful / Improper Search;
- Any major wrongdoing on the part of an employee;
- Sexual Harassment;
- U.S. Code Title VII violations;
- U.S. Code Title II violations.

Some of the additional tasks completed by OPS include:

- Review and investigate allegations concerning employee misconduct
- Review department member involved traffic crashes
- Facilitate random drug screening for members of DBPD
- Assist in policy review
- Review all use of force applications
- Policy development
- Staff inspections and audits

## **OPS Case Load**

- 120 investigations in 2013
- 68 investigations in 2012
- 66 investigations in 2011
- 51 investigations in 2010
- 39 investigations in 2009
- 66 investigations in 2008

## **YTD Analysis**

In 2013 OPS investigated the following:

### 16 Internal Affairs Investigations

- 10 Sustained resulting in 3 terminations or resignations
- 3 Unfounded
- 1 Not Resolved
- 2 Open (Case resolved, awaiting administrative reviews)

### 25 Citizens Complaints

- 5 Sustained resulting in 1 termination and 1 resignation
- 9 Unfounded
- 4 Not Resolved
- 4 Exonerated
- 3 Open/Active at the shift level

### 79 Information Cases

### 7 Firearms Discharges

### 94 Response to Resistance Reports

### 15 Vehicle Pursuits

### 51 Vehicle Crashes

### 129 Random Drug Screens (full time and part time employees)

## **Ancillary Duties performed by the OPS Staff:**

- Annual locker inspections at both, the headquarters building and the precinct
- No Comprehensive Audits were conducted
- Full implementation to Blue Team
- Attended courses in IA management and supervision, OIS training, and technology updates
- Taught numerous classes regarding OPS, Ethics, and Officer Involved Shootings
- One Comprehensive After Action Review

## **Summary**

Despite the larger number of overall investigations being up, a review of the statistics shows the following:

- Actual IA investigations went up from 2012 (up 10%)
- Actual Citizens Complaints were down from 2012 (50% decrease)
- Actual Information cases were up from 2012 (50% increase)
- Firearms Discharges were up from 2012 (40% increase)
- Vehicle Pursuits were up from 2012 (40% increase)
- Vehicle Crashes were up from 2012 (25%)
- RTRs were down from 2012 (25%)

In addition, during 2013 there were personnel changes in OPS. The changes were seamless and led to a more cohesive performance of the unit. From the technology standpoint, Blue Team was fully implemented throughout the agency. Lastly, the Staff Inspection program was temporarily suspended in 2013, but it set to be reinitiated in 2014.