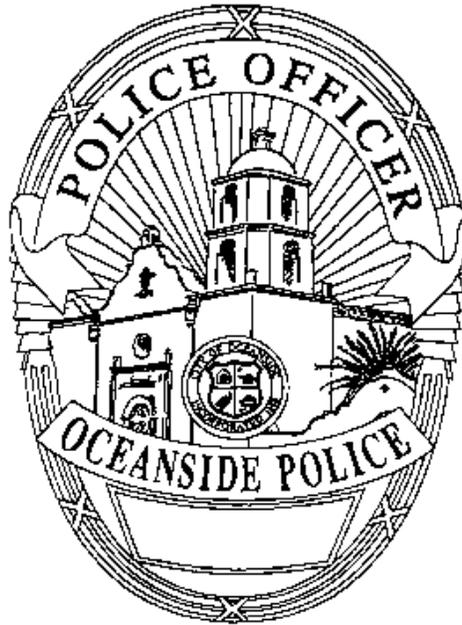


# Oceanside Police Department

## Civilian Complaint Report



Professional Standards Unit

2023

Kedrick Sadler, Chief of Police

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Our purpose is to work with the community to build trust and provide quality service that actively prevents crime, reduces the fear of crime, and promotes safety.*

*Public Safety members are entrusted with preserving the peace and protecting all persons and property. Trust is the cornerstone of our relationship with the community; we cannot accomplish our purpose without that trust.*

*It is the policy of the Oceanside Police Department to accept and investigate all complaints of alleged misconduct on the part of any department member. The members of the Oceanside Police Department are held to a high professional standard imposed by both law and policy. Beyond this, I expect every member to treat others as they would expect to be treated under similar circumstances.*

*As the Chief of Police, I sincerely hope you will never need to use this process. However, you can be assured that we will objectively investigate your complaint, strive to find the truth, and take corrective action on any misconduct to preserve public trust. To promote accountability and objectivity, the City of Oceanside's Standing Oversight Committee will review all civilian complaints for thoroughness, completeness, impartiality, and accuracy.*

*Kedrick Sadler*

*Chief of Police*

### **Standards of Conduct**

The employees of this department are carefully selected, highly trained, and serve with a pride of professionalism. However, as in any large organization, deviations from ideal performance occur. Allegations of misconduct against department personnel are investigated thoroughly and objectively, with the goals of maintaining the integrity of the department and the confidence of the public.

The Chief of Police has the legal mandate to ensure that a well-defined procedure exists for the investigation of complaints against department personnel.

### **Professional Standards Unit (PSU)**

This unit is responsible for investigating allegations of misconduct involving any member of the Police Department. The Professional Standards Unit staff have been trained on personnel investigations and disciplinary issues. The Internal Affairs investigative process is meant to provide a thorough and fair review of misconduct allegations.

All allegations of misconduct are thoroughly and objectively investigated to maintain integrity within the organization and the trust and confidence of the community we serve. This process has been developed through many years of hard work and dedication.

Oceanside Police Department's Profession Standards Unit receives Civilian Complaints from members of the community through several avenues. These can include in person, via telephone or through the department website portal.

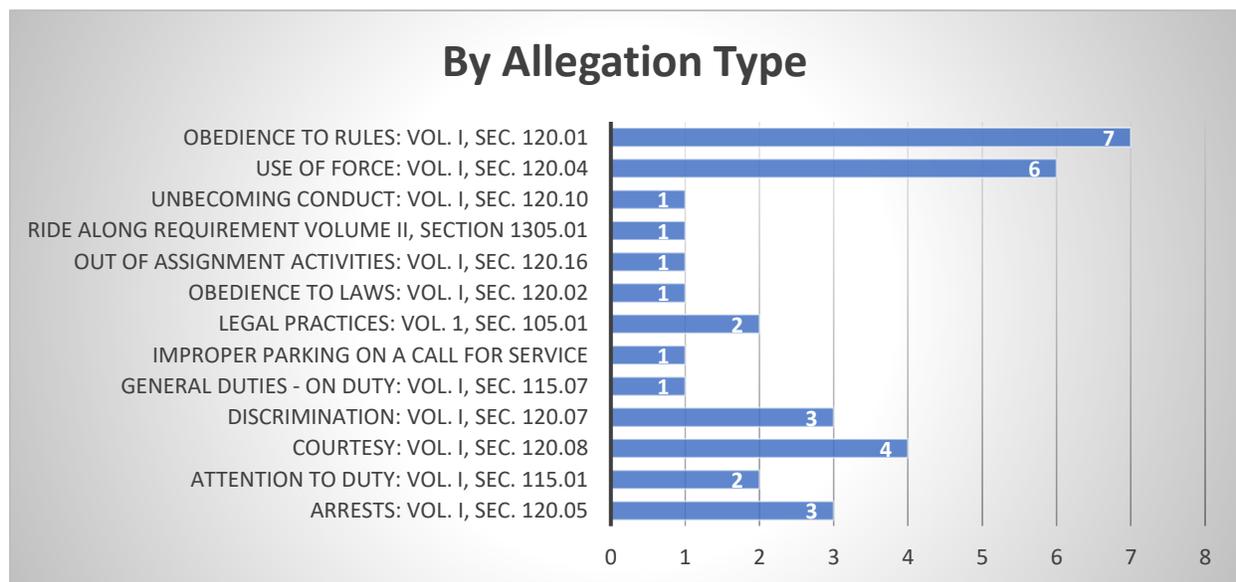
### **Personnel Complaint**

Any allegation against an individual member(s) of the Department concerning conduct or performance that, if true, would constitute a violation of City or Department policy, Federal, State, or local law, policy, or rule.

Allegations that, if true, would not violate Department policy or Federal, State, or local law, policy, or rule may be handled informally by a supervisor and are not subject to formal investigations. Such inquiries generally include clarification regarding policy, procedure, or the response to specific incidents by the Department.

Below is a statistical report of allegations for the calendar year 2023.

Incident type	File Number	Allegation	Finding	SOC Finding	SOC Finding date
Civilian Complaint	2023-041	Obedience to Rules: Vol. I, Sec. 120.01	Sustained	Agree	07/07/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-041	Obedience to Laws: Vol. I, Sec. 120.02	Sustained	Agree	07/07/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-041	Out of Assignment Activities: Vol. I, Sec. 120.16	Sustained	Agree	07/07/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-103	Unbecoming Conduct: Vol. I, Sec. 120.10	Unfounded	Agree	07/27/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-118	Courtesy: Vol. I, Sec. 120.09	Not Sustained	Agree	07/27/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-141	Discrimination: Vol. I, Sec. 120.07	Unfounded	Agree	07/07/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-141	Discrimination: Vol. I, Sec. 120.07	Unfounded	Agree	07/07/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-050	Use of Force: Vol. I, Sec. 120.04	Unfounded	Agree	05/30/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-050	Use of Force: Vol. I, Sec. 120.04	Unfounded	Agree	05/30/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-188	Courtesy: Vol. I, Sec. 120.09	Exonerated	Agree	05/30/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-103	Ride Along Requirement Volume II, Section 1305.01	Unfounded	Agree	07/27/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-124	Courtesy: Vol. I, Sec. 120.09	Exonerated	Agree	07/07/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-227	General Duties - On Duty: Vol. I, Sec. 115.07	Not Sustained	Agree	07/29/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-046	Improper parking on a call for service	Exonerated	Agree	05/30/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-311	Use of Force: Vol. I, Sec. 120.04	Exonerated	Agree	10/12/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-311	Use of Force: Vol. I, Sec. 120.04	Exonerated	Agree	10/12/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-311	Use of Force: Vol. I, Sec. 120.04	Exonerated	Agree	10/12/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-305	Obedience to Rules: Vol. I, Sec. 120.01	Exonerated	Agree	07/27/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-305	Arrests: Vol. I, Sec. 120.05	Exonerated	Agree	07/27/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-305	Obedience to Rules: Vol. I, Sec. 120.01	Exonerated	Agree	07/27/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-305	Arrests: Vol. I, Sec. 120.05	Exonerated	Agree	07/27/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-305	Obedience to Rules: Vol. I, Sec. 120.01	Exonerated	Agree	07/27/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-305	Arrests: Vol. I, Sec. 120.05	Exonerated	Agree	07/27/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-299	Obedience to Rules: Vol. I, Sec. 120.01	Exonerated	Agree	07/27/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-299	Obedience to Rules: Vol. I, Sec. 120.01	Exonerated	Agree	07/27/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-299	Obedience to Rules: Vol. I, Sec. 120.01	Exonerated	Agree	07/27/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-369	Use of Force: Vol. I, Sec. 120.04	Exonerated	Agree	10/12/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-367	Discrimination: Vol. I, Sec. 120.07	Unfounded	Agree	10/12/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-367	Courtesy: Vol. I, Sec. 120.08	Exonerated	Agree	10/12/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-384	Attention to Duty: Vol. I, Sec. 115.01	Exonerated	Agree	10/12/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-384	Attention to Duty: Vol. I, Sec. 115.01	Exonerated	Agree	10/12/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-406	Legal Practices: Vol. 1, Sec. 105.01	Exonerated	Agree	10/12/2023
Civilian Complaint	2023-406	Legal Practices: Vol. 1, Sec. 105.01	Exonerated	Agree	10/12/2023



**COMPLAINT DISPOSITIONS (P&P Vol II, Sec. 400.6.3):**

Upon completion of an Administrative Investigation, the accused member’s Division Captain, or authorized designee, will review the entire case and determine a disposition for each allegation.

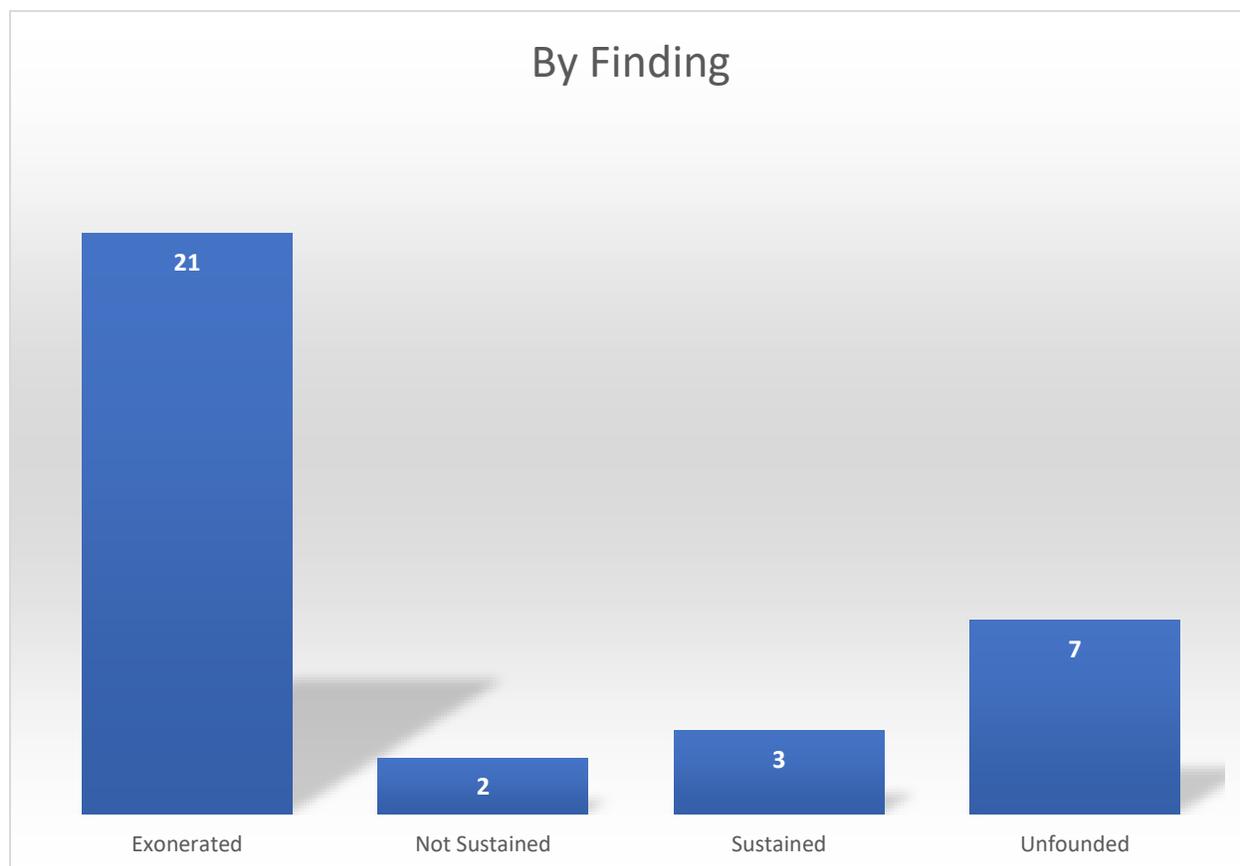
Each allegation shall be classified with one of the following dispositions:

**Unfounded:** The investigation discloses that the alleged acts did not occur or did not involve department members. Complaints that are determined to be frivolous will fall within the classification of unfounded (Penal Code § 832.8).

**Exonerated:** The investigation discloses that the alleged act occurred but that the act was justified, lawful, and/or proper.

**Not Sustained:** The investigation discloses that there is insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint or fully exonerate the member.

**Sustained:** A final determination by an investigating agency, commission, board, hearing officer, or arbitrator, as applicable, following an investigation and opportunity for an administrative appeal pursuant to Government Code § 3304 and Government Code § 3304.5 that the actions of an officer were found to violate law or department policy (Penal Code § 832.8).



**STANDING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (P&P Vol II, Sec. 400.9.2):**

Per the City of Oceanside Police & Fire Commission Bylaws, the Standing Oversight Committee (SOC) is responsible for reviewing and evaluating all externally generated personnel complaints. The SOC will be provided access to the entire case file after the personal identifying information of all involved persons has been redacted.

The SOC disposition, along with the entire case, will be presented to the Assistant Chief of Police, or authorized designee, for review. In cases where the SOC disagreed with the Police Department’s investigation, the Assistant Chief of Police, or authorized designee, may send the case back to the investigator for further investigation or action.

**STANDING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FINDINGS:**

**Agree:** The Standing Oversight Committee concurs with the finding(s) of the investigation, and the investigation was thorough, complete, objective, impartial, and accurate. In these cases, the matter will be referred back to the Police Department for final disposition.

**Disagree:** The Standing Oversight Committee does not concur with the finding(s). In these cases, the SOC will issue a report to the Police Department detailing its conclusion.

