



Middletown Twp. Police Department

Chief of Police R. Craig Weber

Middletown Twp. Police Annual Report

The Police Department is responsible for providing police services to the township, which is approximately 42 square miles and is home to approximately 67,000 residents. In 2020, the Middletown Twp. Police Department responded to 56,546 calls for service. Listed below are the numbers for arrests, DWI arrests, domestic violence incidents, motor vehicle crashes and other calls for service that our officers handled during the year.

Nature	Total
Domestic Violence Incidents	314
First Aid and Fire Calls	4,920
Alarm Calls	1,536
Motor Vehicle Crashes	1,562
DWI Arrests	62
Total Arrests	606

In accordance with the reporting requirements specified in the New Jersey Attorney General Guideline, *Internal Affairs Policy and Procedures*, the following information is being made available to the public concerning complaints received by the Middletown Twp. Police Department Office of Professional Standards. Complaints can be received from various sources, including anonymous complaints, citizen complaints, and complaints from within the law enforcement agency. In the event that the allegation involves a criminal act, the matter is referred to the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office for investigation and review. Complaints of non-criminal actions by our officers are investigated internally.

At the conclusion of an Internal Affairs investigation, there are four possible dispositions. The dispositions include *Exonerated*, *Sustained*, *Not Sustained*, and *Unfounded*. The definitions of those possible dispositions are as follows:

Exonerated: The alleged incident did occur, but the actions of the officer were justified, legal and proper.

Sustained: The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to prove the allegation and the actions of the officer violated a provision of the agency's rules and regulations or procedures.

Not Sustained: The investigation failed to disclose sufficient evidence to clearly prove or disprove the allegation.

Unfounded: The alleged incident did not occur.

Complaints may also be *Administratively Closed*. As per the Attorney General Guideline *Internal Affairs Policy and Procedures*, “In some cases, the complaint or investigation is closed prior to reaching a disposition. These should be counted as "Administratively Closed." Examples include situations when a complainant voluntarily requests that a complaint be withdrawn, or the subject officer terminates his or her employment prior to disposition of the complaint.”

Listed below is the summary of Complaints and Dispositions Received by the Middletown Twp. Police for 2020.

2020 Summary of Complaints and Dispositions Received by the Middletown Twp. Police

In 2020, the Middletown Twp. Police Department Office of Professional Standards received a total of 26 complaints. 30.8% of the complaints came from citizen complainants. 42.3% were agency complaints and 26.9% were anonymous. The complaints, categorized according to the New Jersey Attorney General Guidelines, included the following:

Type of Complaint	Anonymous Complaints	Civilian Complaints	Agency Complaints	Total
Excessive Force	0	0	0	0
Improper Arrest	1	0	2	3
Improper Entry	0	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	0	0	1
Other Criminal Violation	0	1	2	3
Differential Treatment	0	0	0	0
Demeanor	0	7	2	9
Domestic Violence	0	0	1	1
Other Rule Violation*	6	0	4	10
Total	7	8	11	26

*As defined in the Types of Complaints section of the Attorney General Guidelines pertaining to Internal Affairs

Dispositions of complaints for 2020 include the following:

Disposition	Total
Sustained	4
Exonerated	4
Not Sustained	4
Unfounded	0
Administratively Closed	6
Total	18