OFFICER CONDUCT-COMPLAINT RESULTS

Complaints against members of the University of Rhode Island Police Department can be initiated either by citizens or by members of the URI Police Department. Following is a year by year breakdown of the results of complaints initiated by citizens and department members.

The outcome of these complaints can fall under any of the following categories;

A. Unfounded-When the facts show the allegation(s) are false or not factual.
B. Exonerated-When the facts show that the incident occurred, but the officer's action(s)/conduct were justified, lawful, and proper.
C. Sustained-when a fair preponderance of the evidence supports the allegation/complaint.
D. Not sustained-When the facts presented are insufficient to clearly prove or disprove the allegation(s).
E. Other Sustained-When misconduct, other than that which was originally alleged or complained of was discovered and sufficiently supported by evidence.
F. Policy Failure-When an allegation has merit, but the officer acted within a policy or training. A flaw in policy or training caused or contributed to the rise of the complaint.
G. Counseling-In some cases, minor misconduct by officers or deviation from policy could result in counseling. Counseling is not considered a disciplinary action.
H. Training and/or retraining-Some cases could be resolved by training or retraining. This is not considered a disciplinary action.
I. Disciplinary Action-disciplinary action could range from a verbal reprimand, a written reprimand, suspension from duty or termination.

2005 Totals

In the year 2005 there were a total of 18 complaints investigated, 11 were filed by citizens and the other 7 were departmental.

Of the eleven citizen complaints, seven were unfounded and four were sustained.

Of the seven departmental complaints, six were sustained and one was unfounded.

2006 Totals

In the year 2006 there were of total of 16 complaints. Seven of those complaints were initiated by citizens and nine were departmental. Of the seven citizen complaints, three were unfounded, two were sustained and two others led to counseling of officers. Of the nine departmental complaints, three involved cruiser accidents with the officers being counseled, two others were counseled, two sustained and one unfounded.

2007 Totals

In the year 2007 there were a total of five complaints. Two were initiated by citizens and both were sustained. Of the three departmental complaints, two were sustained and one was a cruiser accident resulting in counseling.

2008 Totals

In the year 2008 there were a total of four complaints, two departmental and two citizen initiated. Of the citizen complaints, one was unfounded and the other was not sustained. The two departmental complaints were sustained.

2009 Totals

In the year 2009 there were a total of four complaints, one of which involved a security officer. Of the four complaints, three were citizen initiated. Of the three citizen complaints, one was sustained, one was not sustained and one officer was exonerated. The departmental complaint was sustained.