

MEMORANDUM

TO : Chief Alonzo R. Ansley *A*

FROM : Captain Rick Stalder

RE : **Annual Citizen Complaint Summary (2012)**

DATE : February 25, 2013

As set forth in Clarksville Police Department General Order C-9, this document serves as the annual summary of citizen complaints made against Clarksville Police Department personnel for the year 2012. During the year 2012, twenty-four (24) incidents resulted in citizen complaints being lodged against department personnel. The 24 incidents involved 29 different department employees and 30 complainants. The incidents were classified in the following 7 categories by Command Staff personnel:

- Racial Bias Allegations 2
- Traffic Violations Allegations 0
- Rudeness Allegations 6
- Criminal Allegations 0
- Policy Violation Allegations 9
- Excessive Force Allegations 5
- Other Allegations 2
(Officer entered wrong tag number which came back as stolen, harassment)

The following findings were concluded after investigation of the 24 incidents:

- All allegations sustained 4
- All allegations not sustained 3
- All allegations unfounded 11
- All allegations exonerated 1
- Unfounded in part and sustained in part 2
- Exonerated in part and unfounded in part 1
- Unfounded in part and not sustained in part 1
- Pending closure 1

The following is a breakdown of findings by the allegation category:

- **Racial Bias Allegations:** One incident was sustained in part and unfounded in part. The second incident was unfounded. In the first incident an Officer who is also a minority was attempting to serve a capias at a residence when the complainant claimed that the police were only doing this because she was black. The Officer's response was to tell the complainant that he was more of a minority than she was. The officer involved received a verbal reprimand. The complainant in the second incident stated that they were being profiled due to the fact that they were pulled over and they were not speeding, they were African American and he was Caucasian, they were female, and they were in a nice vehicle. The officer had actually clocked the complainant going 38 in a 20 mph zone which she plead guilty to in City Court.
- **Rudeness Allegations:** 3 incidents were determined to be unfounded, 2 incidents were not sustained, and 1 incident was sustained. The sustained incident involved an employee listening to an XM Radio program that involved vulgar and abusive language while he had a prisoner in the back seat. The officer involved in the sustained complaint received a verbal reprimand.
- **Policy Violation Allegations:** 3 allegations were sustained, 4 allegations were unfounded, 1 allegation was exonerated in part and unfounded in part and 1 incident was unfounded in part and not sustained in part. The first sustained complaint involved an Officer inappropriately texting the passenger of a vehicle after a traffic stop. The Officer involved received a 1 day suspension. The second sustained complaint involved two Officers inadvertently allowing 3rd party contact when a COR was in effect. Both Officers received shift level counseling. The third sustained complaint involved two Officers failing to file a police report of an assault. Both officers received verbal reprimands.
- **Excessive Force Allegations:** One incident was sustained in part but the use of force portion of the complaint was unfounded. The Officer involved received a written reprimand for his conduct during the incident. One incident was unfounded, one incident was exonerated, and one incident was not sustained in part but the use of force portion of the complaint was exonerated. One incident was received at the end of December and is awaiting closure due to pending criminal charges against the complainant.
- **Other Allegations:** Both incidents were unfounded. In one incident the Officer inadvertently entered the wrong tag number which came back as stolen and the second incident the complainant alleged that the Officer was harassing him because he stopped him for carrying packages while riding a bicycle with no hands on the handle bars.

As detailed above, 6 incidents resulted in the discipline or shift level counseling of 8 employees. 1 employee received a 1 day suspension, 1 employee received a written reprimand, 4 employees received verbal reprimands and 2 employees received shift level counseling.

Please see the attached documentation for further detail.