

Dalton Police Department 2014 Complaints and Inquiries

It is the policy of this department to investigate all complaints of misconduct against the agency or its employees and to equitably determine whether the allegations are valid or invalid and to take appropriate action. In addition, the department conducts inquiries into incidents where citizens disagree with the outcome or dispute matters of material fact.

The Professional Standards Unit shall have primary supervisory responsibilities for the review and internal investigation of all formal complaints against the agency or its employees whether initiated by a citizen or from within the Department. While investigating a complaint, the Professional Standards Unit is delegated the authority by the Chief of Police for the purposes of directing the investigation and shall report directly to him / her. The image perceived by the public of the Dalton Police Department is in many ways determined by the quality of the professional standards function in responding to allegations of misconduct by the agency or agency employees.

Complaints

During 2014, there were three (3) allegations of misconduct or policy violations that resulted in a complaint investigation. This is an increase from two (2) in 2013.

Inquiries

During 2014, a total of sixteen (16) incidents were handled by the department as inquiries. This is a decrease from twenty-five (25) in 2013.

Complaint Investigations

Incidents Sustained	1 (33%)
Incidents Not Sustained	0
Incidents Exonerated	0
Incidents Unfounded	2 (66%)
<u>Policy Failure</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	3

Inquiries

Incidents Sustained	6 (37.5%)
Incidents Not Sustained	4 (25%)
Incidents Exonerated	1 (6.25%)
Incidents Unfounded	5 (31.25%)
<u>Policy Failure</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	16

Conclusion of Fact

All investigations shall have a finding of fact at the conclusion.

- 1. Sustained: Evidence sufficient to prove allegations*
- 2. Not Sustained: Insufficient evidence to either prove or disprove allegations.*
- 3. Exonerated: Incident occurred but was lawful and proper*
- 4. Unfounded: Allegation is false or not factual*
- 5. Policy Failure: Flaw in policy caused the incident.*