

**Westerly Police Department
Complaints & Use of Force
Annual Review 2016**

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Internal Investigations

The Westerly Police Department investigates all complaints against department personnel, regardless of the source of such complaints. Investigating these complaints through standardized procedures demonstrates the department's desire and commitment to provide honest, efficient police service which will inspire public confidence in its personnel.

The Professional Standards Unit is responsible for investigating and/or managing inquiries into all complaints and allegations made against sworn and civilian members of the Westerly Police Department. The goal of the Unit is to ensure that the integrity of the Westerly Police Department remains intact. Each complaint will be objectively and thoroughly investigated, without bias.

In 2016 the Westerly Police Department interacted with members of the public on 35,307 occasions; including arrests, investigations, traffic stops and citations, motor vehicle crashes, and other type contacts. Of all these contacts, the Police Department only received **five (5) civilian complaints**. The following is a summary of the complaints and the dispositions.

Citizen and Internal Complaints

<u>Type:</u>		<u>Disposition</u>	
Job Performance	0	Sustained	2
Excessive Force	3	Not Sustained	0
Unprofessional Behavior	3	Exonerated	0
Racial Profiling	0	Unfounded	4
Policy Violation	1	Policy Failure	0
		Pending	1
Totals	7		7

Two complaints were department initiated.

Reported Use of Force Incidents

	Proper Use	Improper Use	Total
Discharge of Firearm	0	0	0
Display Firearm	0	0	0
Physical Force	0	0	0
Use of Force (OC Spray)	7	0	7
Use of Canine	0	0	0
Electronic Control Device	3	0	3
Totals	10	0	10

The Westerly Police Department made 1,371 arrests in 2016, and there were only 10 reportable use of force incidents by officers as a result.