

RILEY COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Report Submission

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Report Title:	Internal Affairs Annual Summary	
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Policy:

The Internal Affairs Officer will complete and submit an annual Internal Affairs Summary report to the Director. The report will recap the past year's activities, reports, statistical analysis, an analysis of complaint areas, and the findings of cases.

Investigations:

In 2024, the Internal Affairs Section was assigned and investigated a total of (40) cases. Below are the number of internal and external complaints filed.

Seven (7) cases were Internal Affairs cases reported by members of the public and involved:

1. (7) Police Officers
2. (0) Correction Officers
3. (0) Support/Professional Staff
4. (1) Communication Staff

Thirty-three (33) cases were Administrative Action cases reported internally and involved:

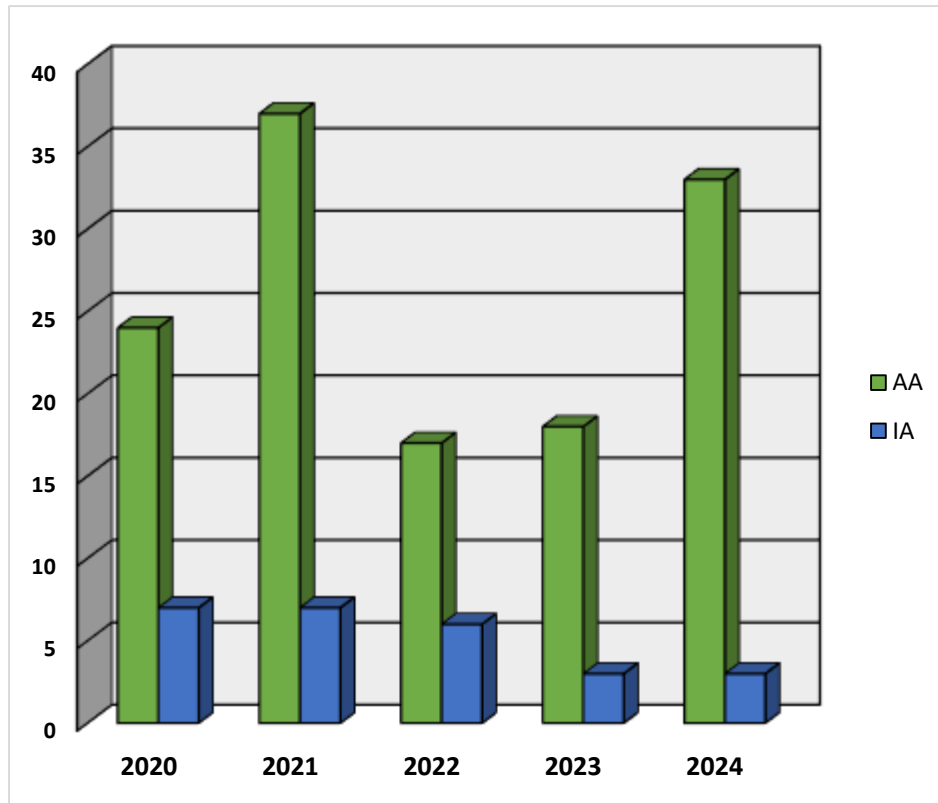
1. (20) Police Officers
2. (9) Corrections Officers
3. (4) Support/Professional Staff
4. (2) Communication Staff

Total Internal Affairs and Administrative Action reports for the Past Five Years:

Pg. 1	All Cases	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	AA	24	37	17	18	33
	IA	7	6	3	3	7

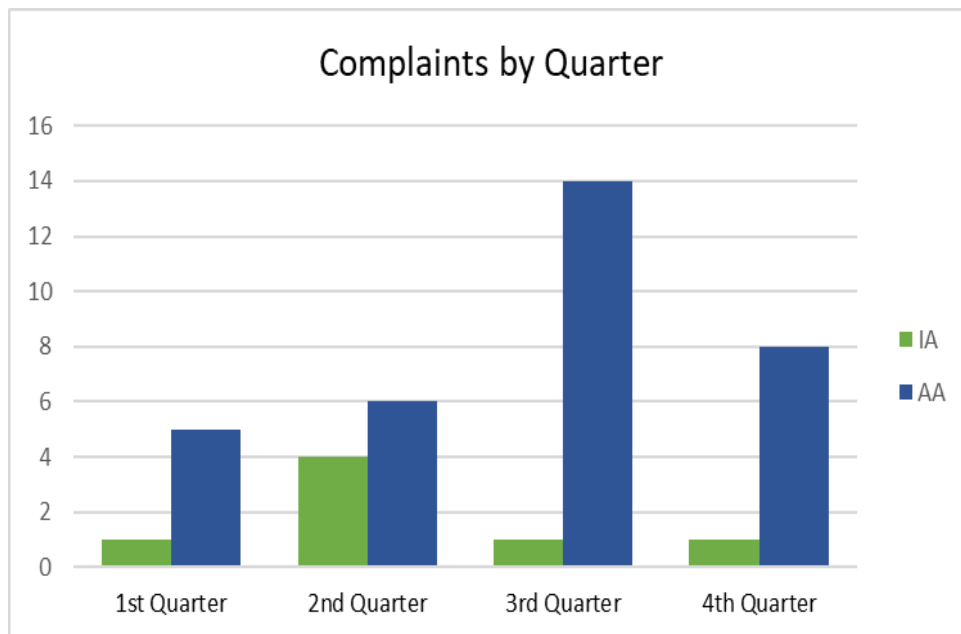
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The following chart details complaints by Quarter for 2024:

Pg. 2	Quarter	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
	AA	5	6	14	8
	IA	1	4	1	1



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2024 Types of Complaints Received and findings of investigations:

Allegations	Allegation total	Unfounded	Exonerated	Unsubstantiated	Improper Conduct	Disposition pending
Failure to take appropriate action	10	4	1	2	3	
Obedience to policies	4	1		1	2	
Core Value	14			5	9	
Collection of Evidence	5				5	
Reporting for duty	3				3	
Use of force	1				1	
Departmental Report submission	1				1	
Courtesy	3				3	
Operation of a department vehicle	1				1	
Dissemination of Information	2				2	
Misdemeanor Crime	4		2		2	
General Rules of Conduct	5		1		4	
Use of Alcohol While Off-Duty	3				3	
Insubordination	1				1	
Immoral Conduct	2				2	
Conformance to Laws	1				1	
Unprofessional Conduct	3			1	2	
Truthfulness	2			1	1	
Department Equipment	3	2			1	
Departmental Computer/IT	1				1	
Reporting Policy Violations	1				1	
Reporting Internal Relationship	2				2	
Misuse of Sick Leave	1				1	
Lawful Orders	2			1	1	
Intervention	2			1	1	
Abuse of Position	2	2				
Entertainment While On-Duty	1			1		
Improper Use of Resources	1				1	
Total:	81	9	4	13	55	0

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Allegations Reflected and Dispositions:

Seven (7) Internal Affairs investigations were initiated because of allegations made by the public. Thirty-three (33) Administrative Action investigations were initiated for internal review. Some of the complaints and/or investigations revealed the accusation of more than one policy violation. Due to the reflection of multiple violations within some investigations, the number of charges may be greater than the total number of investigations. The number of personnel involved may be higher than the number of allegations because, in some instances, multiple department members were involved in the investigation.

RCPD Policy 26.3.8 Conclusion of Fact list that all IA/AA complaints will result in one of the following conclusions of fact:

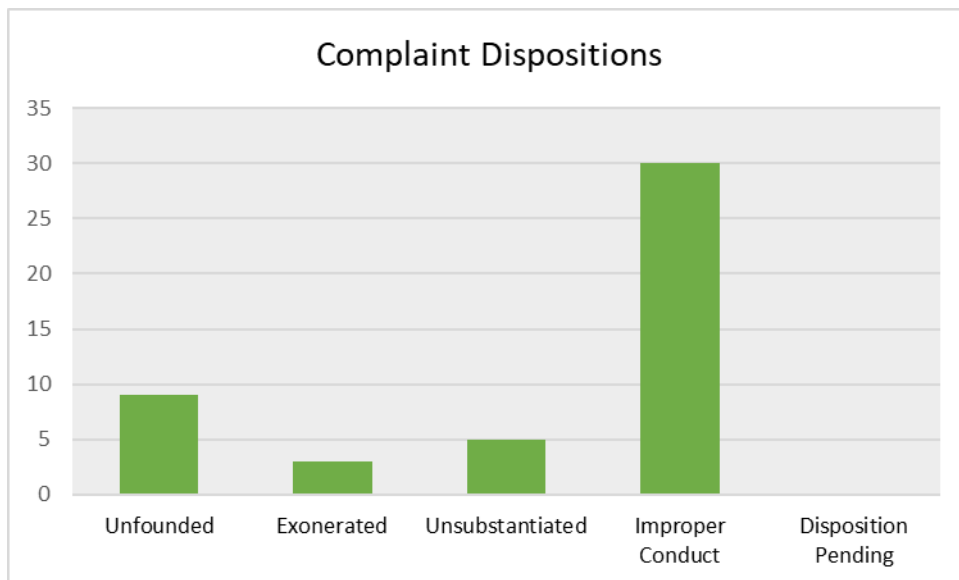
UNFOUNDED: Allegation(s) is (are) false or not factual.

B. EXONERATED: Incident occurred, but was lawful and proper.

C. UNSUBSTANTIATED: Insufficient evidence exists to either prove or disprove the allegation.

D. IMPROPER CONDUCT: An allegation is supported by sufficient evidence to justify a reasonable conclusion of guilt

Page 4 Chart	Allegation Dispos	Total
	Unfounded	9
	Exonerated	3
	Unsubstantiated	5
	Improper Conduct	30
	Disposition Pending	0



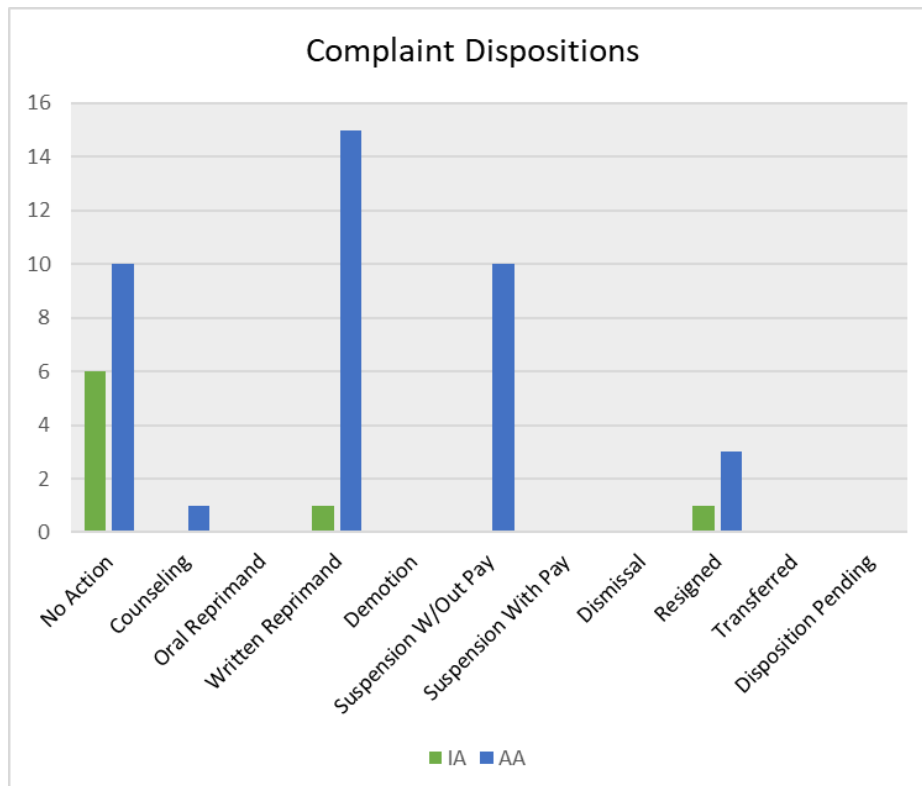
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2024 Complaint Dispositions:

The previous graph indicates that most dispositions result in a finding of improper conduct. The reason for this is that the majority of the complaints received by the Internal Affairs Office are a result of an Administrative Action investigation initiated by an internal complaint and not the result of an external complaint. Most of the investigated incidents revolved around a policy violation that a supervisor reported on the RCPD Agency Liability form. The Agency Liability form was sent through the Chain of Command for review and assigned by the Director or his designee as a formal complaint to the Internal Affairs officer. The figures below reinforce the previous information.

Page 4 Chart	Allegation Dispos	IA	AA
	No Action	6	10
	Counseling	0	1
	Oral Reprimand	0	0
	Written Reprimand	1	15
	Demotion	0	0
	Suspension W/Out Pay	0	10
	Suspension With Pay	0	0
	Dismissal	0	0
	Resigned	1	3
	Transferred	0	0
	Disposition Pending	0	0

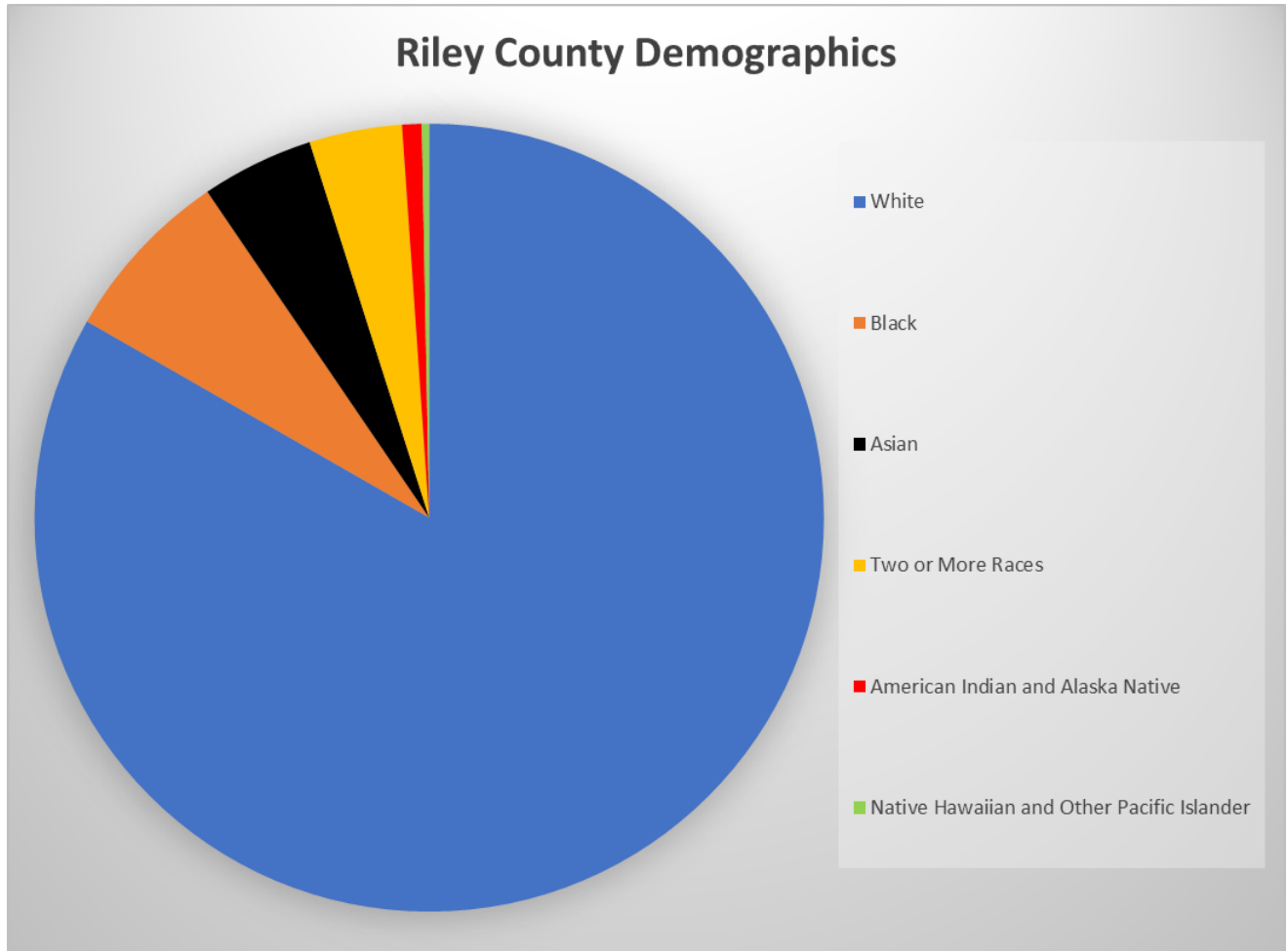


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Demographics Breakdown of Race:

Our department is responsible for policing Riley County, KS, which encompasses 609 square miles. The 2020 US Census Bureau estimates the population for our policing area as 71,959 people, and the race profile is as follows:

Page 5 Chart	Race	%
	White	83.3
	Black	7.2
	Asian	4.6
	Two or More Races	3.8
	American Indian and Alaska Native	0.8
	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.3



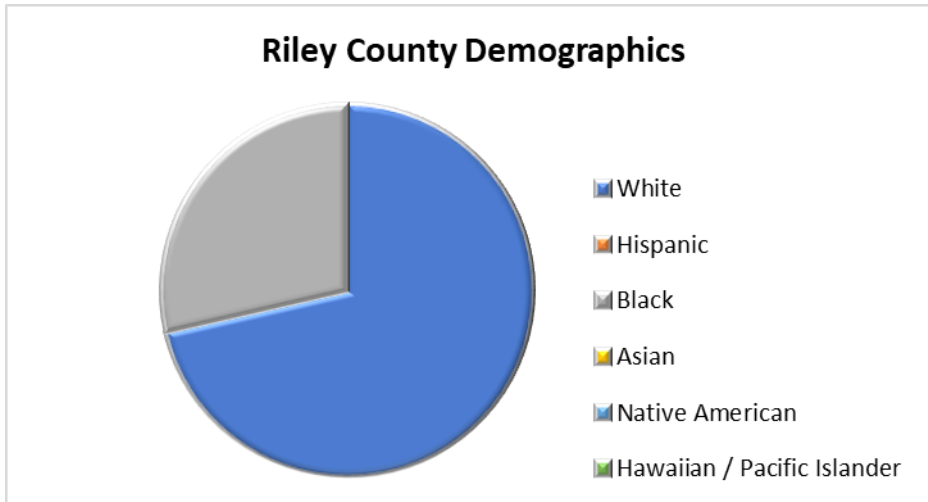
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Demographic breakdown of External Complaints reported by Gender:

External complaints by Gender	Total
Male	4
Female	4

Demographic breakdown of External Complaints reported by Race:

External Complaints by Race	Number
White	5
Hispanic	0
Black	2
Asian	0
Native American	0
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	0



Overall Summary of internal and external complaints filed:

In 2024, we received seven (7) complaints from members of the public, and in 2023, we received three (3) complaints from the public. The seven (7) complaints from 2024 involved allegations in which a formal investigation was conducted. Each complaint had the potential to contain multiple alleged polity violations for review. Considering that during the 2024 calendar year, RCPD received 49,093 calls for service, the number of complaints from the public should be regarded as very low. It should be understood that of the 49,093 calls for service, 9,124 were playbook activities, 8618 were traffic stops, and 1604 were instances where an RCPD officer conducted a standby during a flight at the airport. Playbook activities are proactive crime-fighting measures used by RCPD patrol personnel to place our uniformed personnel where past crime data suggests a crime may be more likely to occur or other activity is utilized in an attempt to reduce crime. Playbook activities do not always include interaction with the public. It may or may not include interaction with the public, and the department does not currently track these interactions for that data. It should also be considered that if the playbook data was removed, the total number of calls for service would be 39,951. The interaction with the public during these incidents may be limited to a simple phone interaction with a dispatcher. Alternatively, the call for service could require an officer or officers to interact with a large

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number of people. The data may also be misleading regarding the number of people our officers interact with which no record exists. An example of this type of interaction may include someone approaching an officer with a question when they are out in public or simply a conversational interaction. The number of these types of interaction would be impossible to quantify or track appropriately at this time.

Our arrest data indicates 1,876 people were arrested and booked into the Riley County Jail. Of the 1,876 people booked into the Riley County Jail, 1,655 were persons arrested by RCPD officers. The other 221 people were arrested by agencies other than RCPD. The Kansas Highway Patrol, the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office, and the Kansas State University Police Department share portions of RCPD's jurisdiction. The Kansas Highway Patrol arrested fifty-three (53) people. The Kansas State University Police arrested thirty (30) people, the Pottawatomie Sheriff's Office arrested 26 people, and the Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Park arrested one (1) person. The remaining 111 people were arrested by agencies throughout the state of Kansas. These arrests are attributed to outside agencies arresting these individuals as a result of an arrest warrant stemming from charges within Riley County, which was investigated by RCPD. This arrest number includes probable cause arrests, warrant arrests, and juveniles who were taken into custody. This number does not include those who were issued a notice to appear, those who were forced to appear before a court under the power of a summons, those who were sentenced and remanded in our custody, and those who were detained and released.

In reviewing the complaints filed and internal administrative action, I found no alarming trends or patterns that would suggest bias. I would also conclude that due to the very low number of external complaints that the number is so low that statistical relevance may be questioned because of the low sample size.

Our department utilizes an Early Warning System (EWS) to identify employees who, by virtue of engaging in a pattern of behavior or misconduct, may need intervention to resolve an employee issue or problem. The criteria to initiate the EWS are to have two substantiated IA/AA complaints within a quarter or four substantiated IA/AA's in one year. In 2024, we initiated zero (0) EWS cases based on the aforementioned criteria.

The following chart depicts how many members of the public or supervisors-initiated complaints against employees. Each complaint may involve only one allegation or multiple allegations of misconduct by an employee; therefore, the conclusion of facts may exceed the number of complaints.

Calea Proof:

Internal Affairs Investigations and Findings of Allegations			
External Complaints	2022	2022	2024
Citizen Complaint	3	3	7
Improper Conduct	2	1	5
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	3
Exonerated	1	2	2

Administrative Action Investigation and Findings of Allegations			
Internal Complaints	2022	2022	2024
Citizen Complaint	17	18	33
Improper Conduct	14	10	50
Unsubstantiated	2	7	13
Unfounded	0	3	6
Exonerated	1	3	2