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Greenville, NC Police Department

Annual Report

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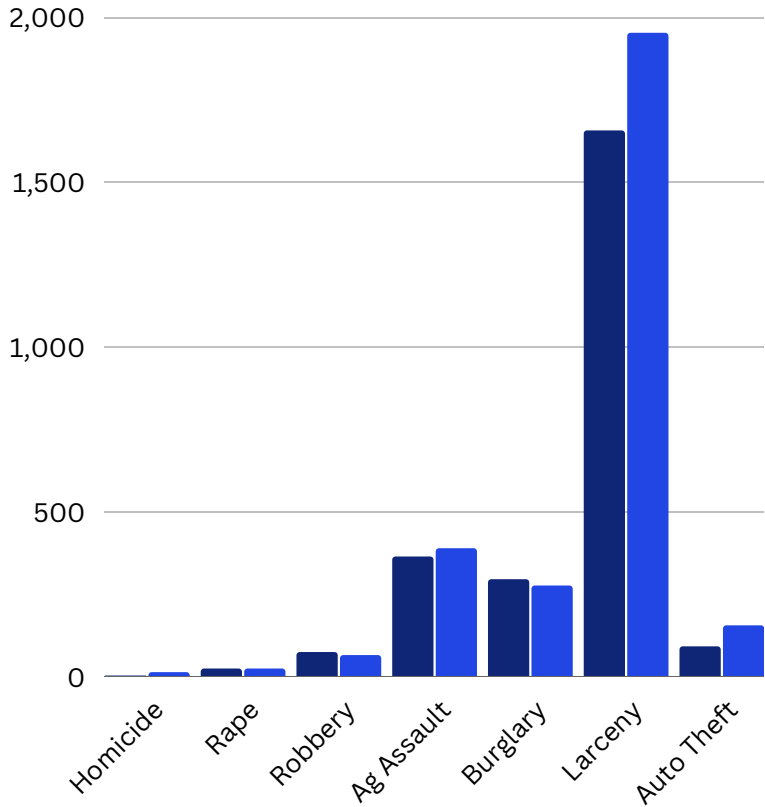
The Numbers

2022

Crime and Crash Statistics

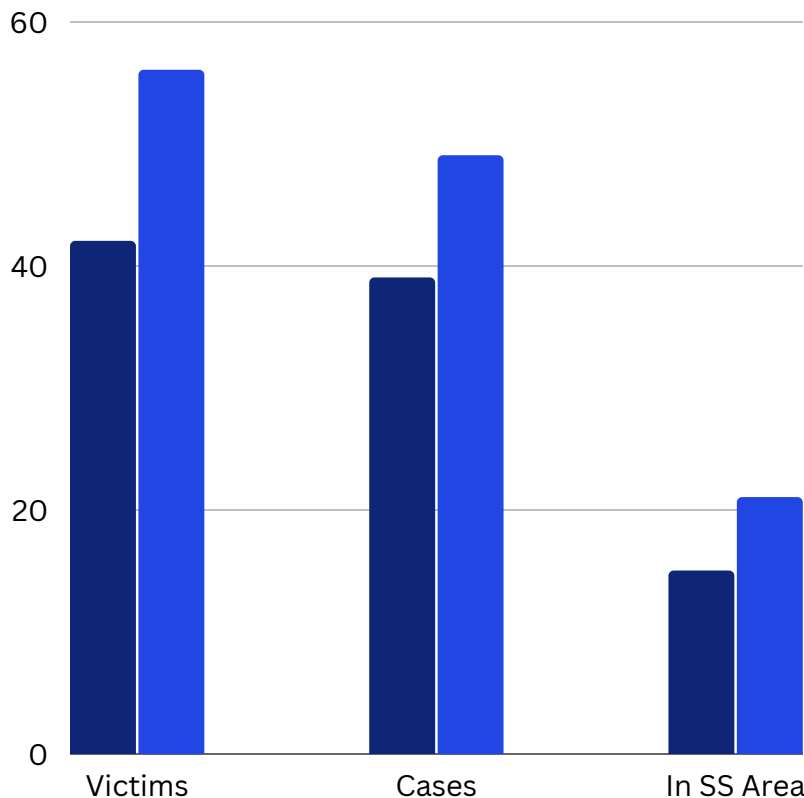
Violent and Property Crime

■ 2021 ■ 2021



Gun Shot Wound Cases

■ 2021 ■ 2022



What is the Greenville Police Department doing to combat violent crime and gun violence?

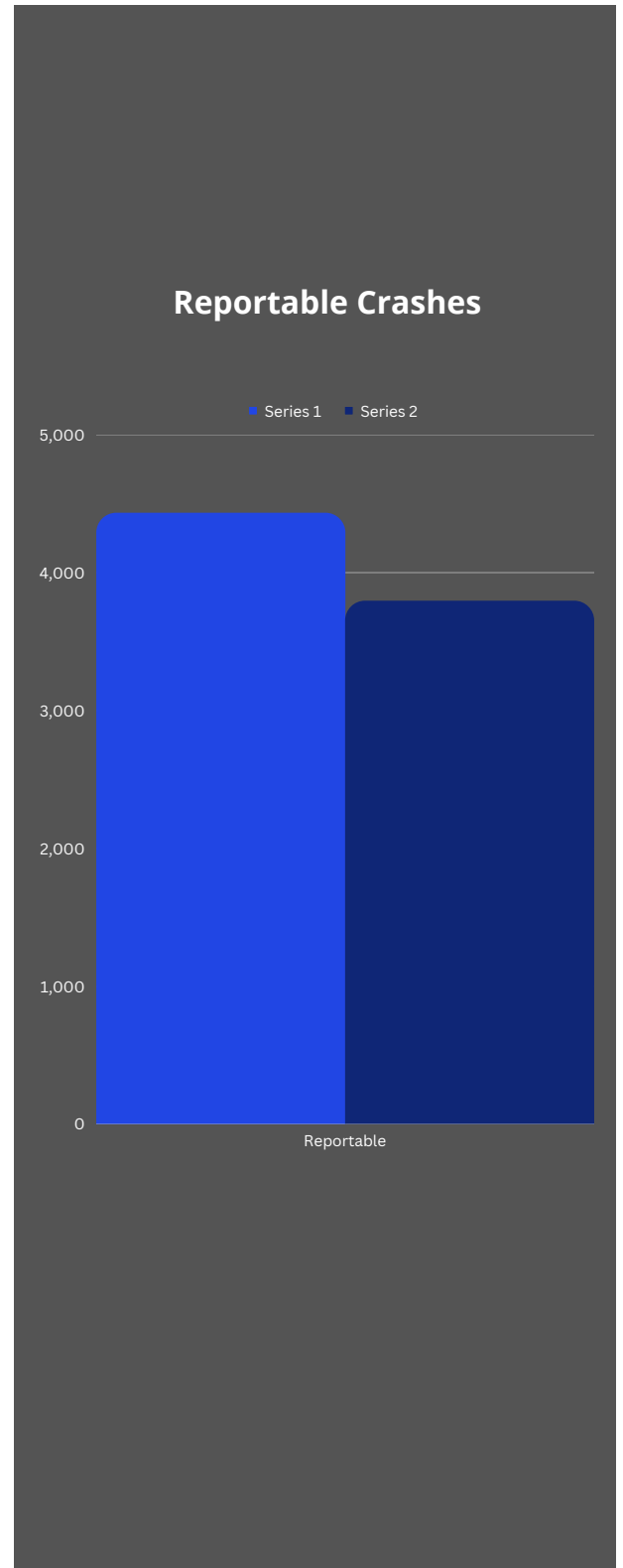
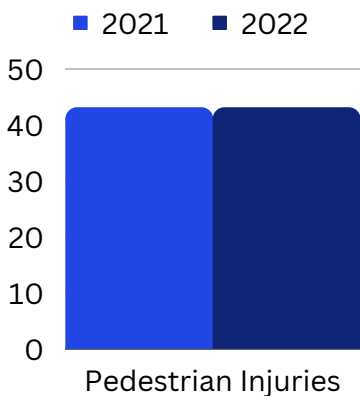
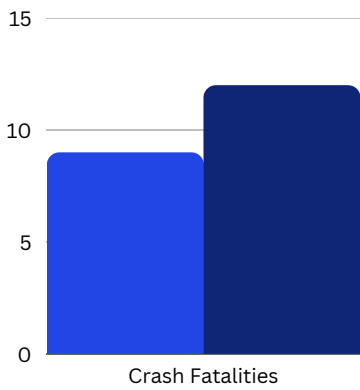
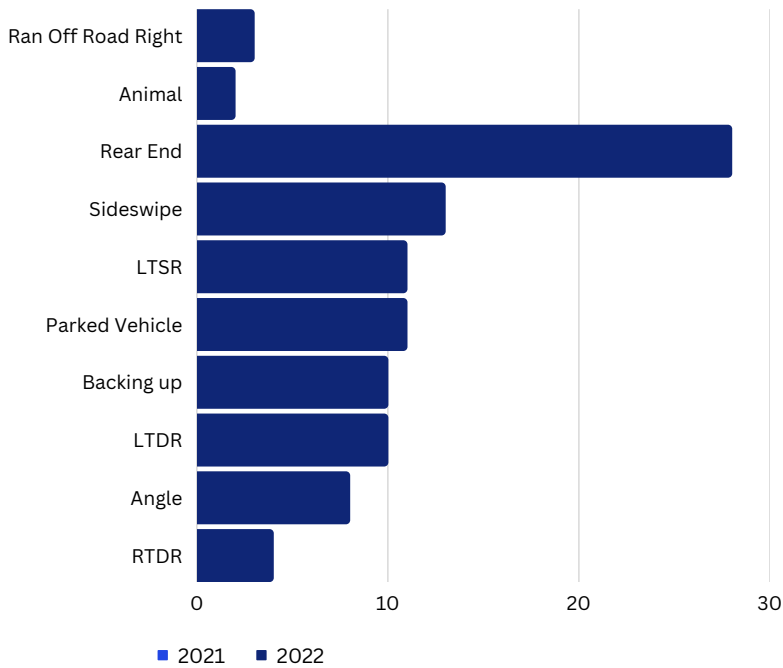
- Static and dynamic neighborhood patrols
- Collaboration with law enforcement partners
- Saturation patrols based on criminal intelligence
- Enforcement of Gang Suppression Act
- Focus on continued eradication of illegal narcotics
- Continued education on responsible gun ownership
- Periodic public service announcements regarding crime trends and methods of target hardening
- Pursuit of additional public safety cameras and LPRs

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Crime and Crash Statistics

Vehicle Crashes and Pedestrian Injuries

Top 10 crash circumstances contributed to 89% of all 2021-2022 reportable crashes





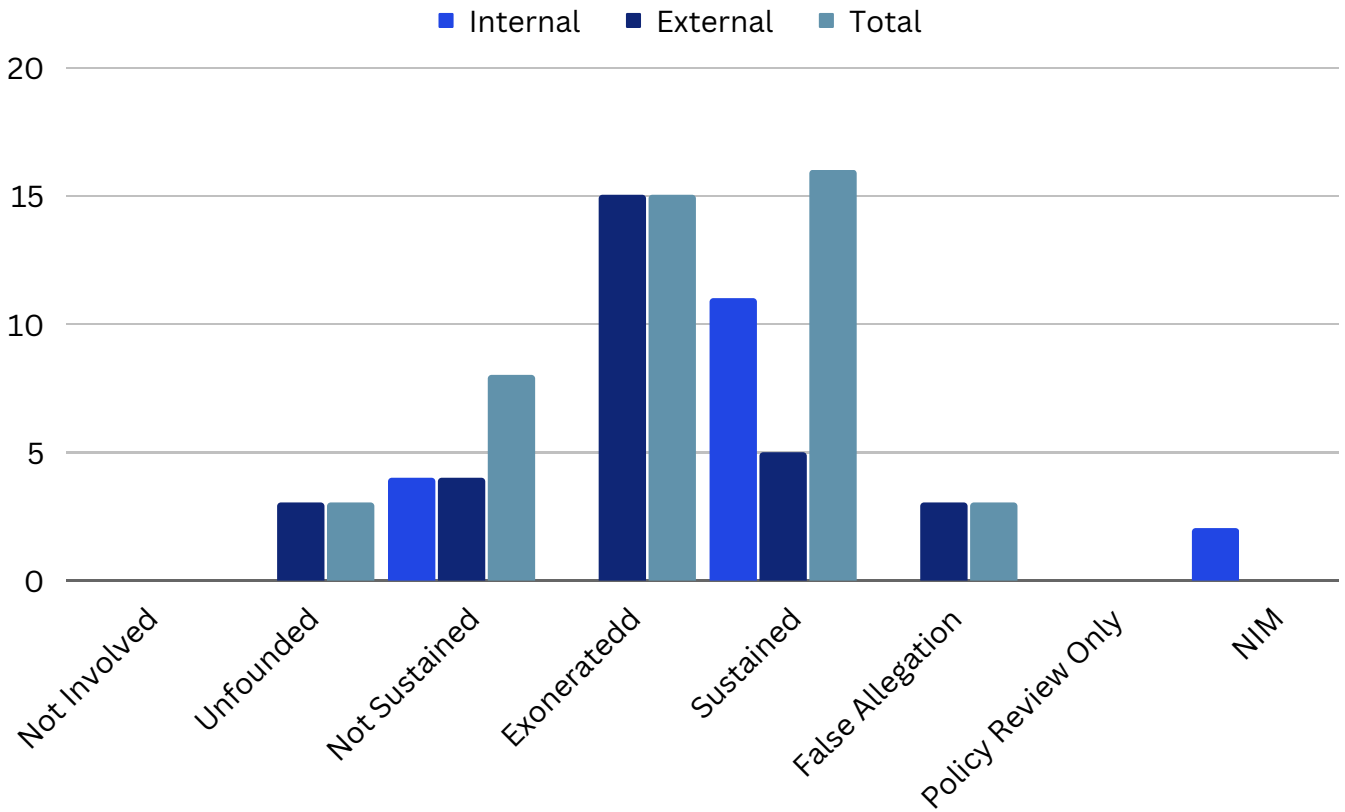
2022 INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUMMARY

The Greenville Police Department promptly and thoroughly investigates allegations of misconduct by its members. All internal investigations are conducted fairly and impartially. A single internal investigation may involve more than one complaint, more than one alleged violation of departmental rules, regulations, policies, directives or procedures, and more than one employee of the police department. During the 2022 calendar year, a violation of policy could be categorized into one of two types of investigations: A Non- investigative Matter (NIM) or an internal Affairs Investigation. All types of complaints and/or investigations were documented and tracked into IA Trak, the Department's current tracking system, utilized by the Office of Internal Affairs.

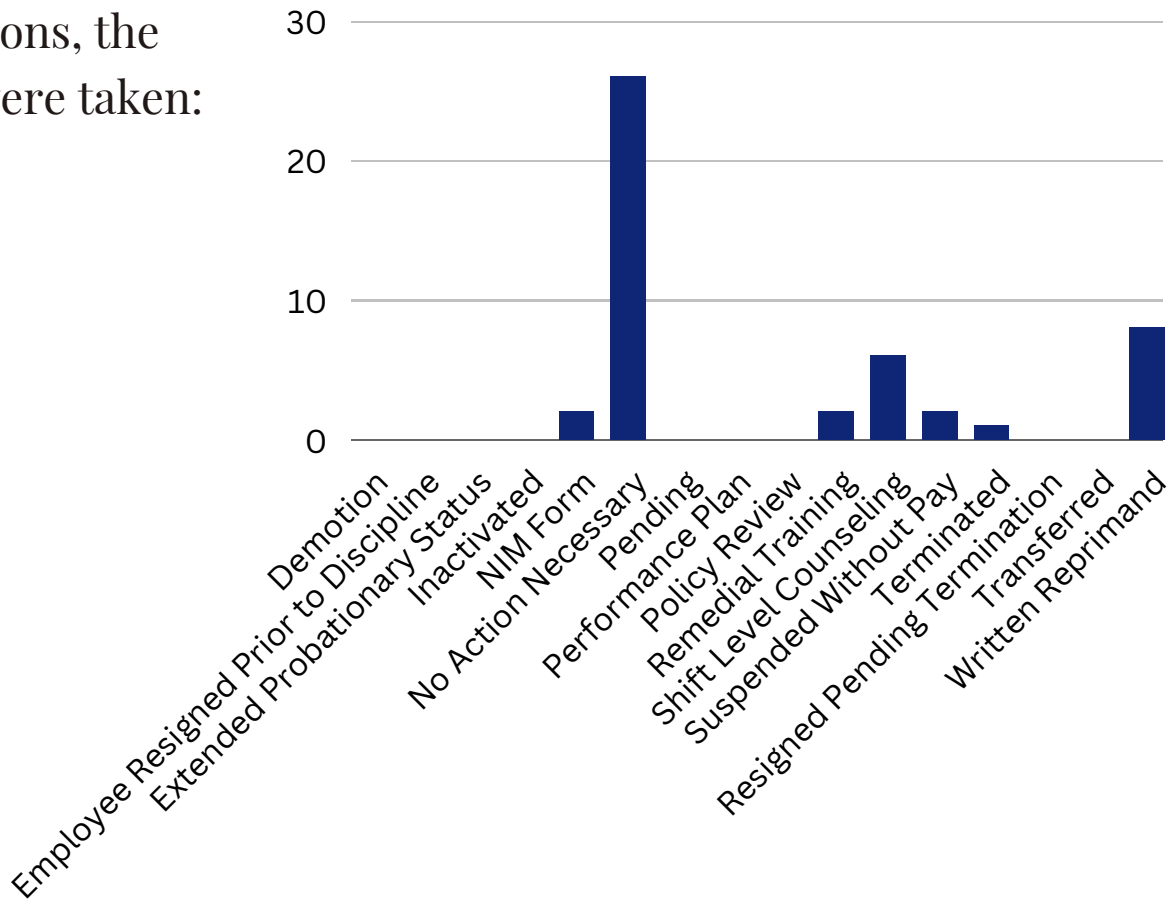
In 2022, a total of 36 Internal Affairs Investigations were conducted. There were two (2) cases where a NIM was used by a supervisor to document minor policy violations that were not at a progressive level for the employee. The combined Internal Affairs Investigations and NIM's, covered a total of 47 alleged policy violations. A NIM results in a non- disciplinary disposition and is only available under limited circumstances as determined by the Office of Internal Affairs on a case-by-case basis according to written policy. NIMS are given a number through IA Trak and maintained in the Office of Internal Affairs.

2022 Internal Affairs Summary

The 47 alleged policy violations during 2022 resulted in the following:

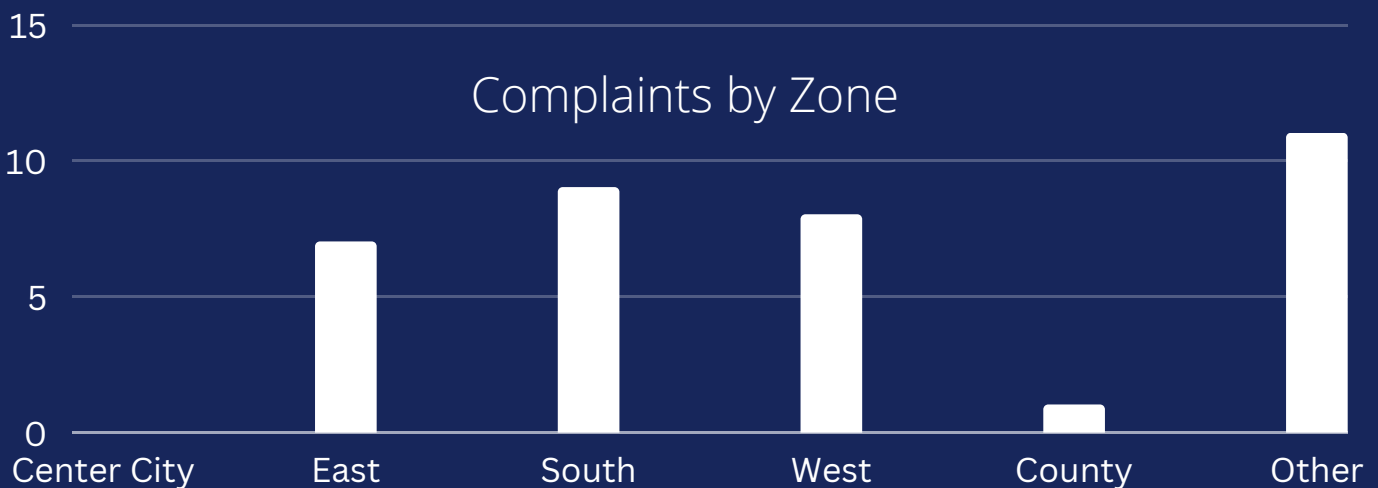
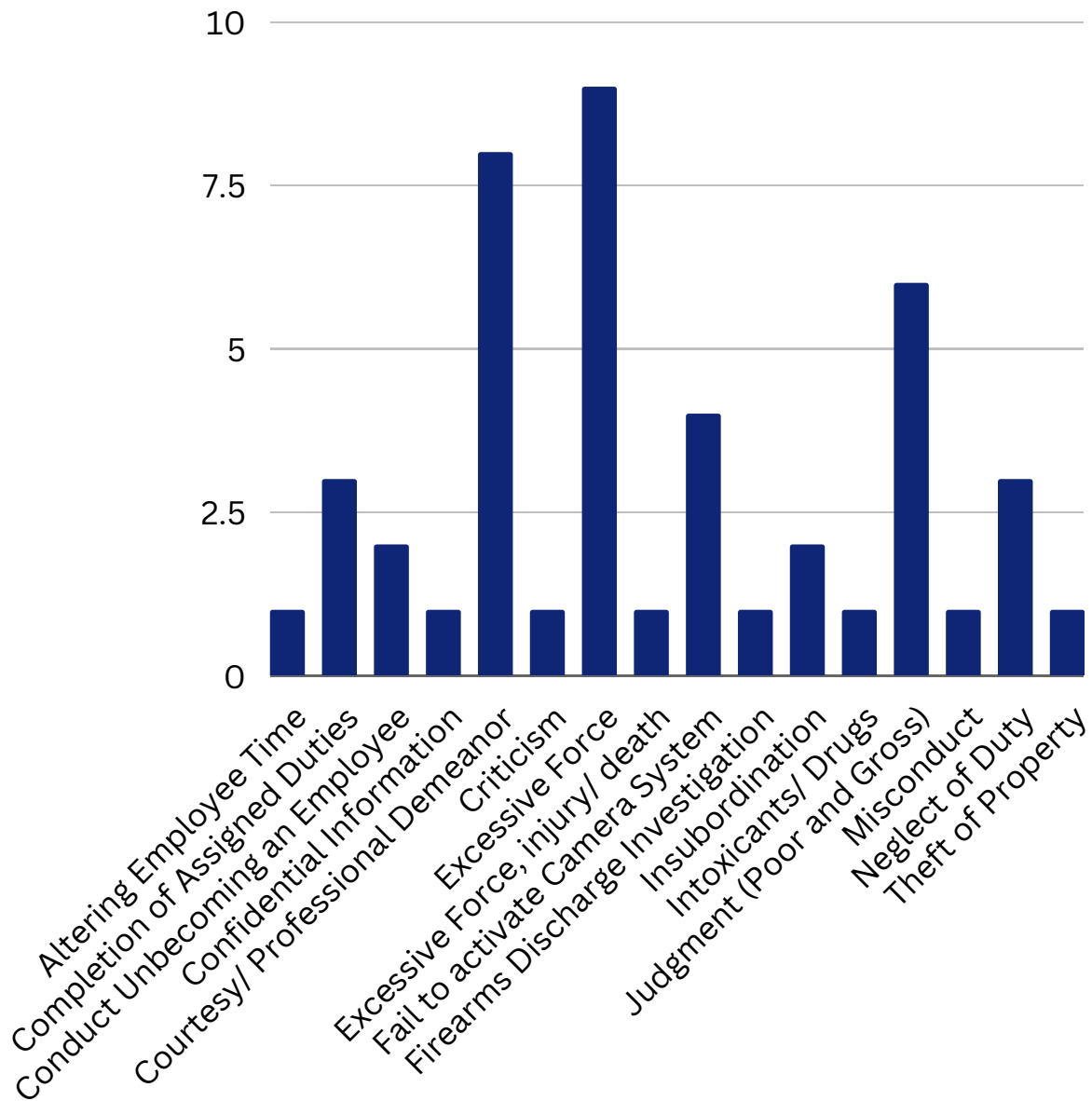


Of The 47 allegations, the following actions were taken:



2022 Internal Affairs Summary

The Office of Internal Affairs investigated the following types of complaints in 2022



Ted Sauls, Jr. sworn in as Chief of Police

It was standing room only in the Greenville City Council chambers on Friday, November 5, 2022, for the swearing in of a longtime GPD officer Ted Sauls Jr. as the city's new chief of police.

The nearly 26-year-veteran has spent the entirety of his career with the Greenville Police Department, where he has served as deputy chief for the last nine years and three stints as interim chief.

"When I look around the room at the men and women I work with in particular, I am reminded ... this is really for us," said Sauls, the first chief to rise from the ranks of the department since Joe Simonwich, who retired in 2006. "This is not about me."

Instead, it is about advocating for the people he works with, building the trust of the community and making sure everyone knows they will be treated equally.

Longtime GPD veteran celebrated as "right person for the job." - The Daily Reflector

Greenville City Council members said that Sauls is the man for the job, complimenting his work ethic and status as a familiar face in the community.

"He loves the city and he loves the people," said Mayor Pro Tem Rose Glover. "He's a people person and he doesn't jump in there, going all big and everything. He's coolheaded."

Les Robinson, who represents District 5, said that he has known Sauls for a long time. Prior to the ceremony he was sharing handshakes and bear hugs with the chief.

"I've known Ted Sauls since he came here, cause I've been here 38 years, and I've seen him come through the ranks," said Robinson. "He's a hard worker, a people person, who loves every kind of person."

"He's going to take us to the next level, we just need to give him the tools to do that." Monica Daniels, who represents District 1, said that she appreciates Sauls' capacity to listen. Sauls' accolades, like graduating from the FBI National Academy, make the new chief an elite in the realm of law enforcement.

Sauls said that one of his first actions will be to reimplement district policing, a practice which he said will improve the sense of personal responsibility officers feel for the areas they police. Right now the department operates its policing in three zones — west, south and east.

"I think it helps build ownership in the community and what they're doing," Sauls added.



GPD comfort K-9

trains to keep minds

at ease

By: Pat Gruner, The Daily Reflector

Training is underway for a new asset to the Greenville Police Department, complete with confidence courses, learning to follow orders and copious physical activity. He might not even be 1 year old yet, but Chase, the department's Comfort K9 to be, is on the case.

Drake Parker and Angela Parker, the husband and wife team at Top Dog Academy on Ligstrum Trail, are coaching the roughly 9-month-old golden retriever pup in obedience as Chase gears up to be a therapy dog for the department. Duties will entail being a soothing presence for victims, witnesses and officers as they deal with traumatic events.



“There’s no better way to bridge a gap, especially for kids,” said Drake, an Army and National Guard veteran who has been training dogs for 25 years. He said Top Dog is teaching Chase free of charge out of respect for law enforcement.

Right now, Chase is still a puppy. He gets excited when his handler Kristen Hunter, the police department’s public information officer, is around. He likes to jump when he says hello. But Drake said that he is developing well, and that he should be finished with basic obedience training by spring.

At Top Dog, that includes learning commands like sit or stay as well as activities like fetch and jumping over obstacles. A dog’s confidence is crucial in their development, Drake said, because it provides mental tools for them to self-soothe and remain calm in places that could spark excitement. Those skills will serve Chase well during his Canine Good Citizen and Therapy Dog tests, the latter of which presents animals with various stimuli as they go about tasks to gauge their demeanor.

Chase is still a bit skittish around traffic. At 4 months old he was discovered by Greenville Animal Protective Service officers running loose in the area of Patton Circle. Officers picked him up before he could be harmed by passing vehicles and kept him at a holding facility for the required 72 hours in an attempt to try to find his owner.



Somehow, no one came to claim the puppy. For Hunter, who has spent many years and a few police chiefs advocating for a department therapy dog, it was kismet.

“When a 4-month-old golden retriever just happened to turn up, it was very hard to resist that, Hunter said. “I always wanted it to be a rescue dog, I’m very passionate about rescue animals. All of my pets over the years have come from shelters, so the fact we were able to rescue Chase and then he in turn will be rescuing others during their times of need, is very fitting.”

A poll was sent out on social media to name the puppy and officers had a chance to pick from the three names that received the most votes. A lot of those officers have children who are fans of the cartoon Paw Patrol, which features a German Shepard police puppy names Chase. The kid caucus won out.

Hunter said Chase’s main focus is going to be on employee wellness.

“It’s been a rough couple years for officers and even civilian employees feel the effects of that, Hunter said. “Science has shown being around a dog can reduce anxiety, reduce your heart rate, increase your oxytocin and endorphins. Being around a dog can turn a bad day into a good one.”

Chase is already getting chances to prove that as part of his exposure training. Hunter said she was contacted by the Medical Examiner’s Officer with a request to have Chase visit and raise its employee’s spirits after a particularly grueling stretch.

“They serve 20 counties in North Carolina and have experienced an uptick specifically in child deaths,” Hunter said. It’s very tough to unsee some of that. I took Chase to the morgue and they said they had never seen all of their employees that happy in a very long time.”

Therapy dogs already are a proven asset in Pitt County. Deputy Drifter, the Pitt County Sheriff Office therapy dog, makes rounds at the courthouse and at public events. Drifter also is a golden retriever. Drake Parker said it is a perfect breed for the job due to its temperament and familial nature.

Hunter said that she’ll be lucky to have Chase too. Her job entails interacting with media and hearing details about murders, assaults and other violent crimes. He currently lives with her when he’s not training at Top Dog and has struck up a rapport with Hunter’s dog, Nash, and her family.

The public is excited to see Chase but Hunter wants to keep expectations measured. There is no set timeline for when he will be officially certified and making appearances at events. Most dogs get certified around age 2 and few, if any, has Chase’s upbringing to deal with. Angela Parker said that’s what makes him special.

“It’s easy to pick the perfect puppy to make a therapy dog,” Angela said. “Chase is unique in having a little tougher background, especially in how he was found and where he was found. He’s going to make a perfect therapy dog and I love it because he didn’t have a perfect start.”

Promotions

Sgt. Tyler Whaley



Lt. Keith Garner

Sgt. Aaron Lemon



Sgt. Adam Leggett

Promotions

Deputy Chief
Chris Ivey



Retirements

Lt. Shari Huff

Det. Ritchie Pearce

SRO Bruce Groccia

SRO Gary Barrett

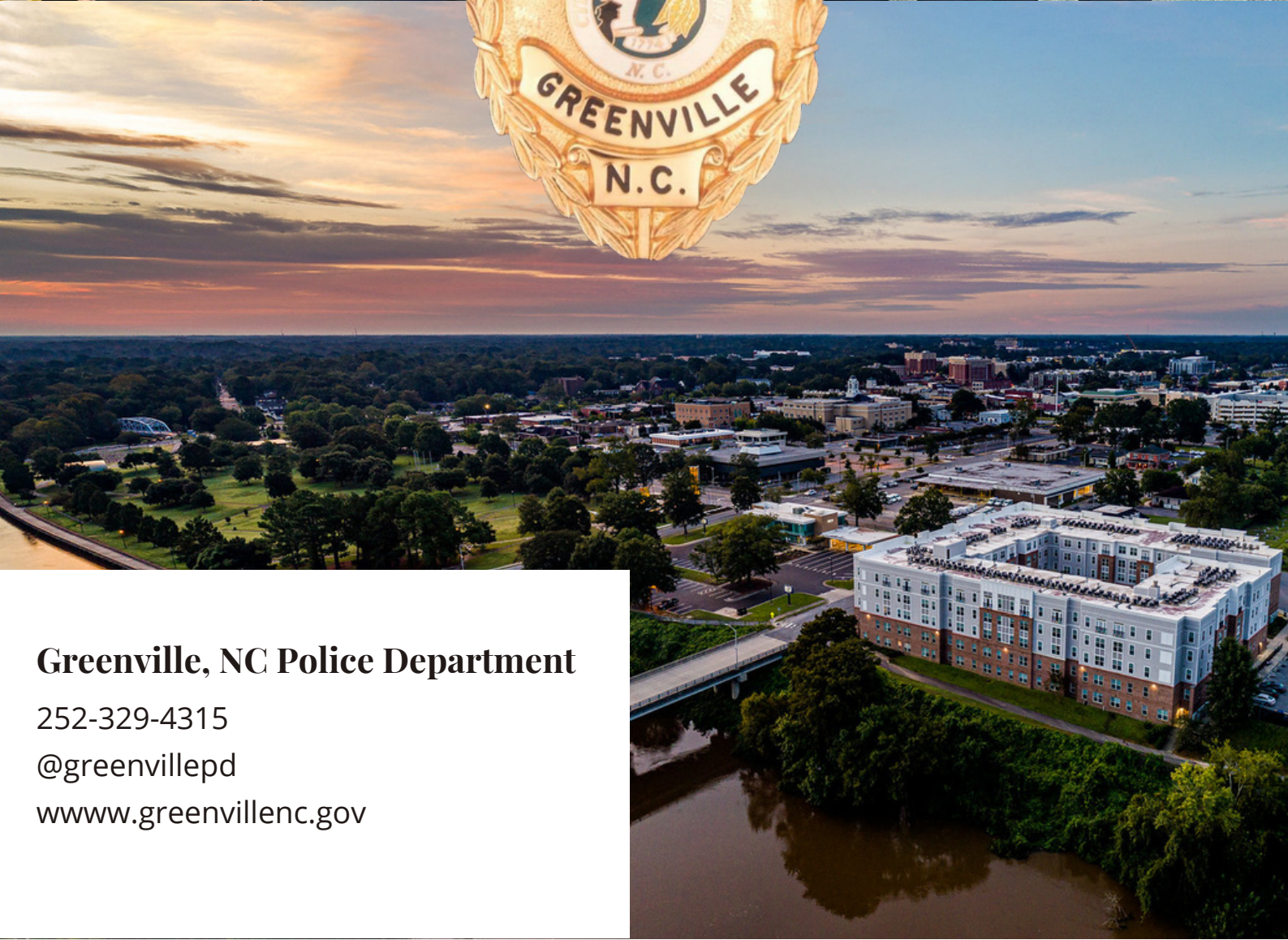
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