



Sheriff Jerry L. Demings
ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

February 29, 2012

TO: Sheriff Jerry L. Demings
Office of the Sheriff

FROM: Captain Michael A. Fewless
Office of the Undersheriff
Professional Standards Section

SUBJECT: Annual Statistical Report-2011

Attached you will find a copy of the Annual Statistical Report which contains a summary of the investigations and inquiries conducted by the Professional Standards Section during calendar year 2011. During 2011, this section conducted fifty (50) investigations and twenty-three (23) inquiries.

Currently there are forty-four (44) open formal investigations and thirty-eight (38) inquiries within the Orange County Sheriff's Office; of which thirty-four (34) were carried forward from 2011 and ten (10) have been opened in 2012. In regards to the eighty two (82) open investigations/inquiries, the Professional Standards Section is working twenty-six (26) investigations and seven (7) inquiries, and the appropriate divisions are addressing the remaining eighteen (18) investigations and thirty-one (31) inquiries.

In 2011, the Orange County Sheriff's Office initiated 105 formal investigations which addressed 134 allegations of misconduct. This resulted in a 1% percent increase over the allegations of misconduct the Orange County Sheriff's Office received in 2010.

The Professional Standards Section conducted a total of forty-eight percent (48%) of the total number of investigations conducted within the Orange County Sheriff's Office. The other various divisions handled the remaining fifty-two (52%) of the cases. In 2011, there were four (4) criminal investigations conducted by the Professional Standards Section.

During this calendar year, the Professional Standards Section received a total of eleven (11) allegations of excessive use of force. Three (3) of the allegations are still being addressed by the Professional Standards Section. The remaining eight (8) cases were addressed in the following manner: one (1) was exonerated, one (1) was sustained and six (6) were closed at the inquiry stage.

In 2010, there were a total of five (5) deputy involved shooting investigations. None of the investigations were completed by years end and they were all carried forwarded into 2011 for completion. In 2011, the Professional Standard Section responded to thirteen (13) incidents classified as deputy involved shootings, which involved a total of twenty-four (24) different deputies. One of those incidents was later determined to be an accidental discharge and not an

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actual deputy involved shooting. Additionally in 2011, a total of four (4) unintentional discharges of a firearm were investigated. In regards to the open investigations regarding the deputy involved shooting incidents, seven (7) of those investigations have been completed while the remaining eleven (11) will be finalized in 2012. Additionally the Professional Standards Section conducted an officer involved shooting for the Windermere Police Department. In regards to all the deputy involved shooting cases that were completed in 2011, it was determined that the deputies' decision to use deadly force was consistent with Florida State Statute and the Orange County Sheriff's Office policy and procedures. In one of the incidents a deputy received discipline for failing to have the proper ammunition in his shotgun, however his decision to use deadly force was authorized. The four (4) unintentional discharges of a firearm resulted in discipline consistent with agency policy.

At the time of this report, we have eleven (11) deputy involved shootings still being investigated by either members of the Orange County Sheriff's Office, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement or the Orlando Police Department.

In 2011, the Professional Standards Section also completed four (4) criminal investigations involving agency employees. In regards to these investigations, two (2) of these cases were cleared by arrest and the remaining two (2) were Filed by the State Attorney's Office. The Professional Standards Section also investigated a total of nineteen (19) different employees for the administrative charge of Conformance to Laws. Regarding those investigations, six (6) are still being investigated, four (4) resulted in the termination of the employee, three (3) received various degrees of discipline, three (3) were not sustained, two (2) cases were closed with no further investigation needed, and one (1) was exonerated.

If further clarification is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me at 407-254-7441.


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