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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INVESTIGATOR

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OCI MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INVESTIGATOR (OCI) IS TO **FAIRLY, EFFECTIVELY, AND OBJECTIVELY** RECEIVE, INVESTIGATE, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ITS PERSONNEL. IT IS THE GOAL OF THE OCI TO ASSIST IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES BY INSTILLING CITIZEN CONFIDENCE IN THE INTEGRITY OF THE DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT.



CITIZEN COMPLAINTS



THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INVESTIGATOR (OCI) SERVES AS THE INVESTIGATIVE STAFF FOR THE DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS (BOPC). OCI IS STAFFED BY CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. IT IS THEIR JOB TO DIRECT THE PROCESS FOR RECEIVING, **INVESTIGATING**, AND THE RESOLUTION OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT POLICE MISCONDUCT AGAINST THE DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ITS PERSONNEL.

- ALL CITIZEN COMPLAINTS ARE FORWARDED TO OCI FOR INVESTIGATION.
- YOU WILL RECEIVE A NOTIFICATION OF YOUR COMPLAINT NUMBER AND THE NAME OF YOUR ASSIGNED INVESTIGATOR.
- ***IF OCI DETERMINES THAT THE ALLEGATIONS ARE CRIMINAL IN NATURE, THE CASE WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIVISION (PSD/ INTERNAL AFFAIRS) FOR INVESTIGATION.***
- PERIODICALLY, YOU WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF YOUR COMPLAINT, UNTIL IT IS COMPLETED.

THE FINDINGS ARE THEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS. AFTER APPROVAL BY THE BOARD, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INVESTIGATOR WILL NOTIFY YOU IN WRITING OF THE INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS AND WHETHER OR NOT NON-DISCIPLINARY CORRECTIVE ACTION OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION WAS TAKEN.

WHAT IS AN ALLEGATION?

ACCORDING TO THE WEBSTER-MERRIAM DICTIONARY, AN ALLEGATION IS DEFINED AS:

1. THE ACT OF ALLEGING SOMETHING
2. A POSITIVE ASSERTION ESPECIALLY OF MISCONDUCT

AN ALLEGATION IS A CLAIM OF FACT NOT YET PROVEN TO BE TRUE.



OCI ALLEGATIONS

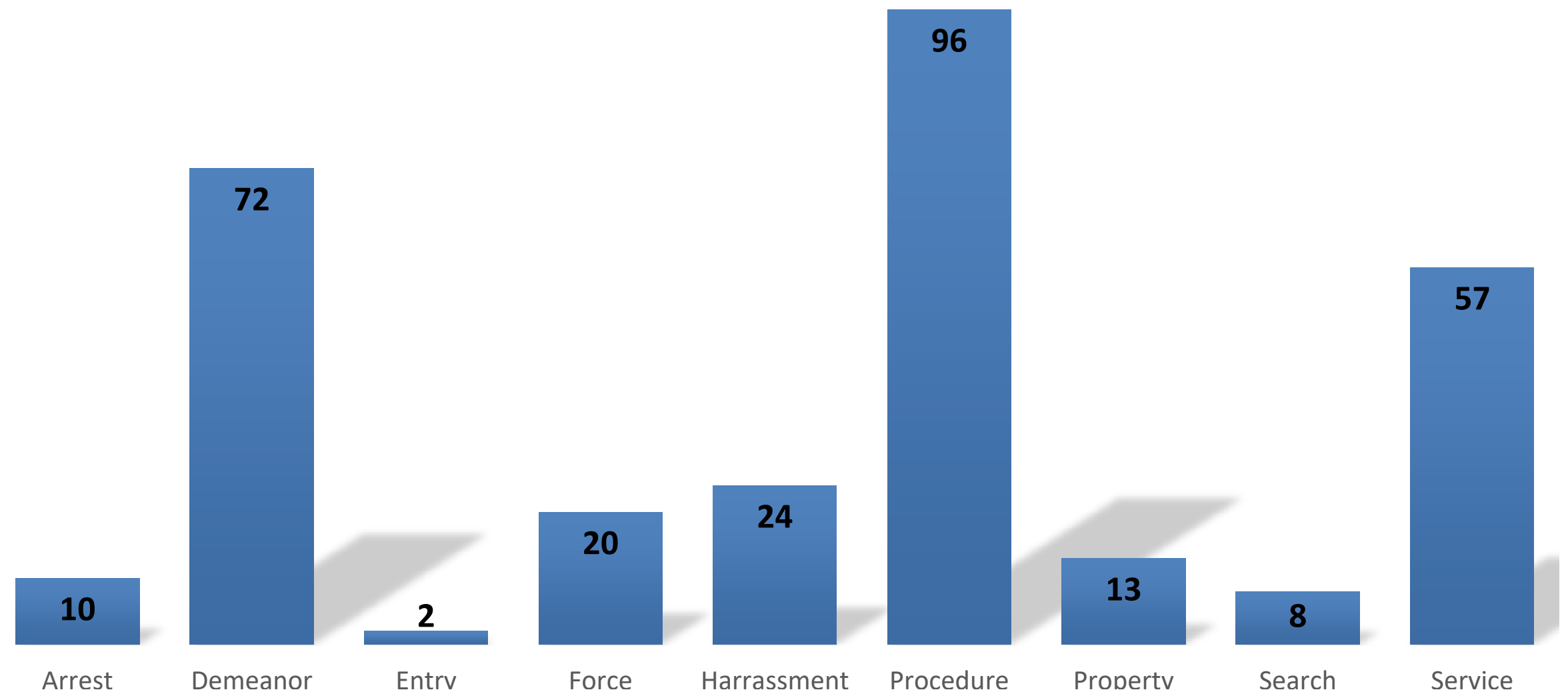
USUALLY FALL UNDER THESE CATEGORIES



<p style="text-align: center;">ARREST</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMPLAINT THAT THE RESTRAINT OF A PERSON'S LIBERTY WAS IMPROPER OR UNJUSTIFIED.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DEMEANOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMPLAINT REGARDING A MEMBER'S BEARING, GESTURE, LANGUAGE, OR OTHER ACTION WHICH IS OFFENSIVE OR GIVES THE APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST, MISUSE OF INFLUENCE OR LACK OF JURISDICTION OR AUTHORITY.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ENTRY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMPLAINT THAT ENTRY INTO A BUILDING OR ONTO PROPERTY WAS IMPROPER.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FORCE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMPLAINT REGARDING THE USE OF OF FORCE AGAINST A PERSON.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">HARASSMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMPLAINT THAT THE METHOD OF POLICE ACTION WAS PREDICATED UPON FACTORS IRRELEVANT, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES TO GOOD LAW ENFORCEMENT, DECISION-MAKING (E.G., RACE, ATTIRE, SEX, AGE)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PROCEDURE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMPLAINT REGARDING VIOLATION OF POLICIES, PROCEDURES, TRAINING, OR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PROPERTY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMPLAINT REGARDING PROPERTY LOST OR DAMAGED WHILE IN POLICE CUSTODY OR CONFISCATED THROUGH POLICE ACTION.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SEARCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMPLAINT THAT THE SEARCH OF A PERSON OR HIS/HER PROPERTY WAS IMPROPER, IN VIOLATION OF ESTABLISHED POLICE PROCEDURE, OR UNJUSTIFIED.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMPLAINT REGARDING THE LACK, TARDINESS, OR INADEQUACY OF POLICE SERVICE.</p>	

OCI CCR ALLEGATIONS FOR MAY 2023

TOTAL CCR ALLEGATIONS FOR MAY 2023



OCI RECEIVED 159 CITIZEN COMPLAINTS IN MAY
WITH A TOTAL OF 302 ALLEGATIONS



OCI CCR ALLEGATIONS BY PRECINCT/UNIT FOR MAY 2023

UNIT INVOLVED	ARREST	DEMEANOR	ENTRY	FORCE	HARRASSMENT	PROCEDURE	PROPERTY	SEARCH	SERVICE	TOTAL/UNIT
2nd Precinct		3		1		3			1	8
3rd Precinct		2				1			3	6
4th Precinct	1	1							2	4
5th Precinct		2			3	5				10
6th Precinct	2	3		1	2	4			6	18
7th Precinct		2		1		3		1	2	9
8th Precinct		6	1		3	3			3	16
9th Precinct	1	6		2	2	7	1	1	4	24
10th Precinct		2		1		2	1		3	9
11th Precinct		3		1	1	3				8
12th Precinct	2	4		1		7	3	1	3	21
City Council Security		1								1
Communications Operations		1				1				2
Downtown Services					1					1
Gaming		1								1
Homicide						1			2	3
Investigative Operations		1								1
Mental Health					1	1				2
Police Recruiting		1								1
TCRU						2				2
Traffic Enforcement				1						1
Training		2				2			2	6
Unknown Command	4	31	1	11	11	51	8	5	26	148
TOTAL	10	72	2	20	24	96	13	8	57	302

THINGS TO CONSIDER

- **UNKNOWN COMMAND NUMBERS ARE HIGH AT CITIZEN COMPLAINT INTAKE. HOWEVER, THOSE COMMANDS ARE IDENTIFIED DURING THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATION AND THE DATA IS UPDATED ACCORDINGLY.**
- **THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE OFFICER IS UNKNOWN, JUST THAT THEIR ASSIGNMENT HAS NOT BEEN UPDATED IN THE MAS SYSTEM.**
- **A CITIZEN COMPLAINT MAY HAVE SEVERAL ALLEGATIONS. EX: DEMEANOR, PROCEDURE, FORCE.**





FILE A CITIZEN COMPLAINT

HOW TO FILE A CITIZEN COMPLAINT...

- IN-PERSON AT OCI OR AT ANY PRECINCT IN THE CITY
- BY LETTER
- BY TELEPHONE OR FAX
- ONLINE - SCAN QR CODE



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NO ONE CAN BE TURNED AWAY FROM FILING A CITIZEN COMPLAINT



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QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR CONCERNS?

