Date: July 12, 2021
To: Brandon Gillespie, Interim Chief of Police
From: Aaron Tait, Lieutenant, Internal Affairs Unit
Re: 2020 Internal Affairs Unit Summary

In 2020 the Internal Affairs Unit (IAU) of the Modesto Police Department (MPD) conducted 61 personnel investigations. Of these, 41 were citizen complaints and 20 were internally generated administrative complaints. There were 5 officer involved shooting investigations in 2020. There was 1 accidental discharge during range training at a department training day. Within the 61 personnel complaints there were 118 allegations with 118 dispositions. Some personnel investigations had more than one allegations and dispositions.

The following charts depict a three year comparison of IAU investigations.
Investigation Summary:

In 2020, MPD realized a 10% increase in IAU investigations as compared to the prior year. When compared 2020 to 2018, there was a 53% increase in IAU investigations. Of the total investigations IAU completed, 41 were citizen complaints, a 11% increase from 2019 and a 4% decrease from 2018. Likewise, IAU conducted 20 administrative investigations, a 17% increase from 2019 and a 54% increase compared to 2018.

Of the 61 investigations in 2020, there were a total of 26 sustained allegations. Of them, 19 were administrative investigations and 7 were citizen complaints. There were 6 Firearm Discharges; 5 being Officer Involved Shootings and 1 being a negligent discharge.

*Negligent discharge did not include a disposition.
In 2020, there were a total of 118 allegations with Conduct (22%) being the primary allegation followed by Policy (21%), Force (11%), and Efficiency (10%).
*Overall, there were 118 allegations between Citizen and Internal complaints. There was one In-Custody Death that is open pending disposition.

The chart below indicates the citizen complaints in 2020. Please note, that some complaints involve more than one allegation. As a result, the numbers listed below will not match the number of citizen complaints above. Complaints based on employee’s Conduct was the majority 22% followed by Force 11%.
*Citizen complaints includes all allegations within the investigation including Administration added allegations (7)*

**Disposition of Citizen Allegations - 2020**

- Exonerated: 22 (29%)
- Unfounded: 37 (49%)
- Not Sustained: 1 (1%)
- Sustained: 7 (9%)
- Other: 8 (11%)
- Open: 1 (1%)

**Types of Administration Allegations - 2020**

- Conduct: 6 (17%)
- Efficiency: 6 (18%)
- Performance: 2 (6%)
- Policy: 9 (26%)
- Procedure: 2 (6%)
- Racial: 1 (3%)
- Rudeness: 1 (3%)
- Force: 6 (18%)
- Harassment: 1 (3%)

*Administrative complaints include total allegations within the 20 investigations.*
*Includes all allegations within each investigation
*Above allegations are the top 4 allegations in the IAU complaint investigations

Respectfully,

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