

Beckley Police Department

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Professional Standards 2017 Annual Report

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Complaints

Sustained	9	45%
Not Sustained	4	20%
Unfounded	3	15%
Exonerated	4	20%
Policy Failure	0	0%
Total	20	100%

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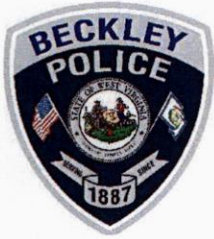
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Complaints

Sustained	5	46%
Not Sustained	3	27%
Exonerated	3	27%
Unfounded	0	0%
Policy Failure	0	0%
Total	11	100%

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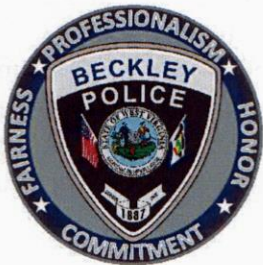
Complaints or allegations of misconduct are generated externally from citizens, and internally by employees of the department. Complaints are accepted from the public by any means; some examples include those received in person, by mail, anonymously, by the internet or by telephone. Of the eleven (11) complaints of misconduct received throughout the 2018 year, four (4) complaints were received from within the department and seven (7) were received from outside the department.

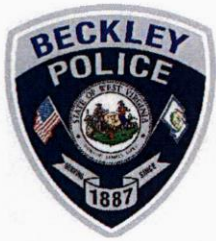
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Complaints

Sustained	2	23%
Not Sustained	3	33%
Exonerated	3	33%
Unfounded	1	11%
Policy Failure	0	0%
Total	9	100%

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2. **Not Sustained:** Unable to verify the truth of the matters under investigation
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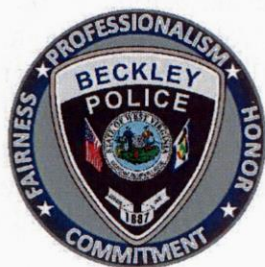
Complaints or allegations of misconduct are generated externally from citizens, and internally by employees of the department. Complaints are accepted from the public by any means; some examples include those received in person, by mail, anonymously, by the internet or by telephone. Of the nine (9) complaints of misconduct received throughout the 2019 year, three (3) complaints were received from within the department and six (6) were received from outside the department.

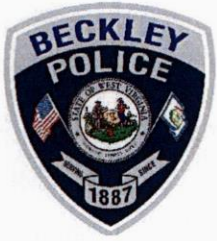
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Complaints

Sustained	1	13%
Not Sustained	0	0%
Exonerated	2	25%
Unfounded	5	62%
Policy Failure	0	0%
Total	8	100%

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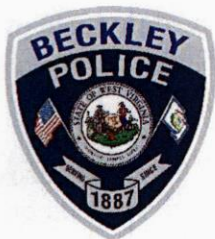
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Complaints

Sustained	2	15%
Not Sustained	2	15%
Exonerated	1	8%
Unfounded	8	62%
Policy Failure	0	0%
Total	13	100%

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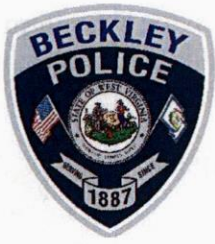
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Allegations are closed in one of five ways: Sustained, Not Sustained, Unfounded, Exonerated, or policy failure. During the 2022 calendar year Professional Standards investigated or reviewed a total of two hundred ninety six (296) incidents which included the following; four (4) internal affairs investigations, one hundred fifty one (151) use of force incidents, twenty (20) vehicle pursuits, fourteen (14) vehicle crashes, eighteen (18) lost/damaged property, thirty one (31) guardian tracking flags, twenty (20) reprimands, and thirty eight (38) recognitions of officers. See the 2022 use of force yearly report for more information regarding the use of force. The dispositions of the complaints are as follows:

Complaints investigated by Professional Standards

Sustained	2	16.6%
Not Sustained	10	83.3%
Exonerated	0	%
Unfounded	0	%
Policy Failure	0	%
Total	12	100%

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the 2022-year, two (2) complaints were received from within the department and two (2) were received from outside the department. Each complaint received was investigated by professional standards looking into possible Policy and procedure violations along with possible rules and regulations violations.

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