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## **MEMORANDUM**

2016 Internal Affairs Summary

While the internal affairs function is important for the maintenance of professional conduct within a police agency, the integrity of the agency depends on the proper conduct and discipline of each employee. To a larger degree, the public image of an agency is determined by the response to allegations of misconduct by employees of the department.

The Office of Professional Standards is the section of General Government responsible for overseeing and/or conducting investigations into allegations of misconduct by village employees. It is the policy of the Village of Schaumburg to investigate all allegations of employee misconduct in a fair and equitable manner that is procedurally consistent with village policy. All complaints received against an employee of the police department are assigned a Complaint Receipt (CR) number. Upon completion of the investigation, the complainant is notified of the findings of the investigation, which fall under one of five following categories:

- 1. Unfounded The investigation indicates the incident or the specific action complained about did not occur or did not involve police personnel.
- 2. Exonerated- The investigation determined the alleged act did occur, but was justified, lawful, and proper.
- 3. Not Sustained The investigation failed to uncover sufficient evidence to clearly prove or disprove the allegation.
- 4. Sustained The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to clearly prove the allegation made in the complaint.
- 5. Policy Failure The investigation determined the complaint is sustained; however, the employee was acting in accordance with established department policy.

The following statistics reflect the Office of Professional Standards activity regarding the police department for calendar year 2016. The Office of Professional Standards investigated four (4) complaints involving eight (8) officers, resulting in fourteen (14) allegations. Of these, three (3) allegations were unfounded, nine (9) sustained, and two (2) were exonerated. The department

also conducted one (1) internal investigation involving two (2) officers, and the allegations were sustained.

YEAR END SUMMARY - 2016				
Total of Complaint Receipt Numbers Issued: 5				
OPS Investigations	4	Police Internal Investiga	1	
Employees Investigated	8	Employees Investigated	2	
Allegations	14	Allegations	2	
FINDINGS				
Unfounded	3	Unfounded		
Not Sustained		Not Sustained		
Sustained	9	Sustained	2	
Exonerated	2	Exonerated		
Policy Failure		Policy Failure		
Pending Cases		Pending Cases	·	
No Investigation Done		No Investigation Done		

While the police department has a well-defined corrective action policy, the department's award program provides a means to recognize our employees who exceed expectations and thus contribute to an increasingly effective professional law enforcement agency and a safer community. Awards issued by the Schaumburg Police Department are categorized as department or citizen awards. A department awards is issued to any member of the police department, sworn or civilian, for specific actions or achievements, whereas the other award is presented to a citizen in recognition and appreciation of outstanding effort and community service. Any department member may initiate a recommendation for the issuance of an award. Table lists the awards for 2016.

2016 AWARDS	
GEM	27
STAR	1
Award for Valor	2
Award of Honor	0
Purple Heart	0
Award of Merit	0
Award of Excellence	4
Department Commendation	5
Honorable Mention	14
Group Citation	19
Chief's Letter of Appreciation	21
Administrative Excellence	0
Administrative Achievement	9
Life Saving Award	6