## Office of Law Enforcement Oversight (OLEO)

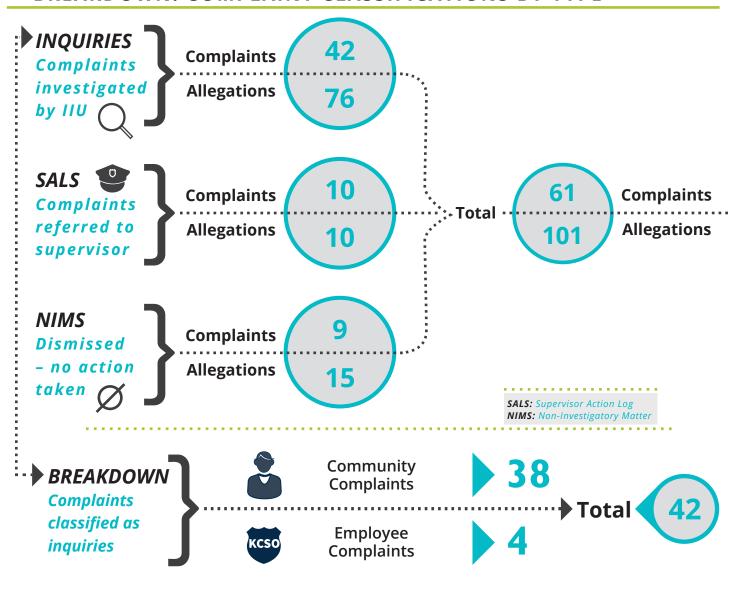


# Complaints Reported by Community Members and Sheriff's Office Employees

**Bottom line:** There were 61 complaints reported in 2019 in District 1, and Internal Investigations Unit (IIU) classified 42 of those complaints as inquiries, or serious complaints. Those 42 complaints included 76 allegations of misconduct, with the top allegation being excessive or unnecessary use of force. IIU did not sustain any of the completed investigations for the 24 allegations of excessive or unnecessary use of force, and IIU has not completed its investigation for two of those complaints.



#### **BREAKDOWN: COMPLAINT CLASSIFICATIONS BY TYPE**



## **BREAKDOWN**

#### 2019 ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT FOR COMPLAINTS CLASSIFIED AS INQUIRIES

| ALLEGATION CATEGORY  | COU | JNT |
|--|-----|-----|
| Excessive or unnecessary use of force against a person   | . 2 | 24  |
| Appropriate use of authority   | 1   | 15  |
| Courtesy   | 8   | 8   |
| Abide by federal and state laws and applicable local ordinances, whether on or off-duty  | 2   | 4   |
| Conduct that is criminal in nature   | 2   | 4   |
| Performs at a level significantly below the standard achieved by others in the work unit   | 2   | 4   |
| Acts in violation of Sheriff's Office directives, rules, policies or procedures as set out in this manual, the training bulletins or elsewhere                                 | 3   | 3   |
| Biased based policing  | 3   | 3   |
| Conduct unbecoming   | 3   | 3   |
| Harassment based on race, ethnicity, gender, religion, disability or sexual orientation  | 2   | 2   |
| Willful violation of either Sheriff's Office civil career service rules, or King County code of ethics, as well as King County Sheriff's Office rules, policies and procedures | 2   | 2   |
| Insubordination or failure to follow orders  | 1   | 1   |
| Making false or fraudulent reports or statements, committing acts of dishonesty, or inducing others to do so   | 1   | 1   |
| Obedience to laws and orders   | 1   | 1   |
| Ridicule   | 1   | 1   |

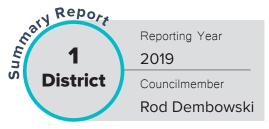


TOTAL ALLEGATIONS FOR DISTRICT 1



76

**Note:** Data includes community member and Sheriff's Office employee complaints.



## **BREAKDOWN**

### 2019 DISPOSITIONS FOR THE TOP ALLEGATIONS IN THE DISTRICT

| CASE #      | ALLEGATION (#)                                  | NOTES ON ALLEGATION   | DISPOSITION | OLEO REVIEW         |
|-------------|---|---|-------------|---------------------|
| IIU2019-033 | Excessive or<br>unnecessary use<br>of force (4) | Deputies responded to a domestic violence incident where they were advised one party was armed and possibly suicidal; in an email thanking the responding deputies for their professionalism, the community member mentioned that they pointed rifles at him.       | Exonerated  | No review           |
| IIU2019-047 | Excessive or<br>unnecessary use<br>of force (1) | School Resource Officer (SRO) broke up a potential fight between two students. When one of the students ran towards the other, the SRO grabbed the student's hoodie, which resulted in a red mark on student's neck. The student said she was choked by her hoodie. | Exonerated  | No review           |
| IIU2019-115 | Excessive or<br>unnecessary use<br>of force (2) | Community member alleged deputy beat him up, stole his property, and harassed him during an arrest for trespassing at Safeway.  | Exonerated  | Certified           |
| IIU2019-117 | Excessive or<br>unnecessary use<br>of force (5) | During arrest, community member displayed physical resistance and alleged he was injured during handcuffing.  | Exonerated  | Certified           |
| IIU2019-215 | Excessive or<br>unnecessary use<br>of force (3) | Community member alleged deputies used excessive force while trying to retrieve what they thought was narcotics from the community member's hand during an arrest.  | Exonerated  | Certified           |
| IIU2019-261 | Excessive or<br>unnecessary use<br>of force (1) | Community member alleged deputies pushed him while he was in a holding cell.  | Unfounded   | Certified           |
| IIU2019-289 | Excessive or<br>unnecessary use<br>of force (2) | Community member was asked to exit a vehicle that was reported stolen. The community member alleged deputies used excessive force when arresting him.   | Exonerated  | Certified           |
| IIU2019-312 | Excessive<br>unnecessary use<br>of force (1)    | Community member alleged deputy assaulted them in front of city hall, called them mental, and was made to leave city hall grounds.  | Info Only   | No review           |
| IIU2019-315 | Excessive or<br>unnecessary use<br>of force (1) | Community member alleged that the deputies who arrested him did so because of his race and used excessive force during the arrest.  | Exonerated  | Declined to certify |
| IIU2019-373 | Excessive or<br>unnecessary use<br>of force (1) | A community member alleged deputy used excessive force while trying to get him into custody. The community member slipped one hand out of the handcuffs and ran away from the deputy's patrol vehicle.  | Exonerated  | Certified           |

**Note:** Two complaint investigations, including three allegations of misconduct, were open and pending completion at the time of this review.