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- 1) **Counting method:** In cases where more than one complaint has been filed against an officer with respect to a single incident, only the most serious complaint is counted for purposes of the report. Similarly, with respect to dispositions, only the most serious complaint that has been substantiated against an officer is counted for purposes of the report.
- 2) There is some disparity between law enforcement agencies concerning the types of investigations that are referred to and conducted by professional standards units. For example, while all units are expected to investigate complaints of police misconduct, some units may be called upon to investigate all motor vehicle accidents involving a police vehicle whether or not there is any allegation of misconduct. The varying responsibilities of the units may impact the statistics that are reported by the agencies at the close of the calendar year.
- 3) **Anonymous complaints:** This category includes all complaints in which the identity of the complainant is not disclosed, including those in which the nature of the complaint may lead an agency to believe it is from an internal source, but the name of the source is not disclosed.
- 4) **Citizen complaints:** This category includes all complaints filed by members of the public or other agencies or entities.
- 5) **Agency complaints:** This category includes all complaints generated by supervisors or other members of a law enforcement agency.
- 6) **Municipal Court dispositions:** This category includes all dispositions of all municipal ordinance violations, DUI offenses, petty disorderly persons offenses, disorderly persons offense or criminal complaints. Dispositions may include on-duty and off-duty conduct. This category does not include other traffic offenses. Criminal charges related to domestic violence incidents are included, but civil restraining orders should not be reported.
- 7) **Superior Court dispositions:** This category includes all criminal dispositions naming a law enforcement officer for conduct that occurred either on-duty or off-duty.
- 8) **Diversions:** This category includes conditional discharges and similar programs available in municipal court. In Superior court, this category refers to pre-trial intervention and similar programs.