

Huntington Woods Department of Public Safety

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUMMARY FOR 2019

The Huntington Woods Department of Public Safety is committed to providing exceptional law enforcement services to the community. As part of that commitment, we perform an annual analysis of employee and Department performance in several critical areas. From those analyses we endeavor to gain insight into our performance that will enable us to make necessary improvements in our operations. Overall, we strive, as a nationally accredited police agency, to meet or exceed best practice standards as provided by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. Summaries of those analyses are contained in this Professional Standards Summary report. The critical issues addressed in this report are the following:

1. Department Goals and Objectives
2. Performance Evaluation Program Analysis
3. Early Warning System Analysis
 - a. Officer Performance & Conduct
 - b. Complaints Against Officers
 - c. Use-of-Force
 - d. Vehicle Pursuits
 - e. Officer - Involved Motor Vehicle Crashes
4. Bias Based Policing Analysis
5. Union Grievance Analysis

This report is an analysis of; 1) Department performance in each of the categories, and 2) processes associated with each performance category for 2019.

DEPARTMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES ANALYSIS

Reference CALEA Standards 15.2.1, 15.2.2

The Department reviews, evaluates and updates our written Department Goals and Objectives, Mission Statement and Values Statement on an annual basis. This review constitutes the Department's system for evaluating progress made toward attaining the stated goals and objectives. A group comprised of all Department supervisors and the presidents of both employee unions conducted a comprehensive review at the end of 2019. The review led to minor language and terminology changes being made. Otherwise, the Goals and Objectives remain unchanged and accurately reflect the Department's direction currently.

It is important that all employees and community members know and understand our Goals and Objectives, Mission Statement and Values Statements. To that end, all employees receive written copies and receive training from Department supervisory staff members. Community members may access these documents on our Department website.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PROGRAM

The Department conducted its annual performance evaluation of all employees in January of 2020. All employees received written evaluations of their performance for 2019. Command reviewers met with each employee and discussed their performance as reflected in the written evaluations. All employees received satisfactory performance evaluations for 2019.

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Following the evaluation process, we examined all policies, practices, procedures and documents associated with the process. We concluded that the current program meets or exceeds all best practice standards. We found no need to make changes to or modify the program.

PERSONNEL EARLY INTERVENTION SYSTEM

In January 2020, we conducted an annual analysis of our formal Personnel Early Intervention System. The system includes records of employee performance in several critical categories. The categories are:

1. Officer Performance & Conduct
2. Complaints Against Officers
3. Use-of-Force
4. Vehicle Pursuits
5. Officer Involved Motor Vehicle Crashes

A primary purpose of the Personnel Early Intervention System is to identify potential problem employees. A review & analysis of 2019 entries to the system found no pattern of unsatisfactory conduct or overall performance problems.

The analysis included an evaluation of each of those categories as well as all practices, policies, procedures and documents associated with the system. We concluded that the current system meets or exceeds all best practice standards finding no need for significant changes.

The following summaries describe Department conduct and performance in each of the listed categories.

Complaints Against Officers

The Personnel Early Intervention System identified one (1) complaint in 2019. That number compares to one (1) complaint in 2018, zero (0) complaints in 2017, and zero (0) complaints in 2016.

Citizen Complaints - 2019

Complaint Type	Number of Complaints	Sustained	Unfounded	Disposition:	Disposition:
				Counseling/ Training	Formal Discipline
Improper Conduct	1	1	0	1 - Counseling	0

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Internal Complaints - 2019

Complaint Type	Number of Complaints	Sustained	Unfounded	Disposition:	Disposition:
				Counseling/ Training	Formal Discipline
All	0	0	0	0	N/A

We thoroughly investigated and resolved all complaints in a manner prescribed by General Order No. 36, Citizen Complaint Process, and General Order No. 60, Internal Affairs. The annual analysis of complaints found *no patterns* of improper conduct or unsatisfactory performance by individual employees. An evaluation of the Personnel Early Intervention System practices, policies, procedures and documents found them in compliance with best practice standards.

USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS

Reference CALEA Chapter 4

In 2019, three (3) uniformed officers submitted Use-of-Force Reports covering three (3) separate police incidents. Immediate supervisors and the Director of Public Safety reviewed and approved all use-of-force incidents. There were no complaints filed regarding use-of-force incidents. Formal reviews found all use-of-force incidents in compliance with established Department policies and procedures. The review identified no trends or patterns suggesting misconduct by individual officers.

In addition to a review of individual incidents, Department administrators reviewed all policies, practices, procedures and training requirements related to the use-of-force. Special consideration was given to the dates & times of the incidents and the types of encounters resulting in force application. In addition, the data was analyzed in an attempt to identify trends or patterns of; 1) force application related to race, age and gender of the subjects involved and 2) force application resulting in injury to any person(s) including Department personnel (none reported). We concluded that our use-of-force policies and procedures are consistent with best practice standards. There are no apparent identifiable trends or patterns based on the data collected/analyzed and it appears as though there is no need to modify policies, equipment or training at this time.

The following chart provides detail of the types of force reported during 2019.

DATE	FORCE TYPE	JUSTIFIED Y/N	NATURE OF INCIDENT
2/28/2019	Drew Weapon (Pistol)	Y	UDAA Arrest
3/16/2019	Drew Weapon (Pistol)	Y	Unwanted Subject w/ Knife
7/1/2019	Physical Control	Y	OWI Arrest

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There were no assaults on any law enforcement officers of this agency in 2019 and as stated above, we believe that our policies, practices, procedures, training & equipment are all in compliance with best practice standards. Currently, there are no recommendations.

VEHICLE PURSUIT ANALYSIS

Reference CALEA Standards 41.2.2, 41.2.3

Officers were involved in one (1) vehicle pursuit during 2019. The incident was reviewed for procedural compliance by Department administrators. The incident was found to be compliant with Department procedures.

Department administrators reviewed the vehicle pursuit report and reporting procedures, policies, practices, procedures and training requirements related to the vehicle pursuit. All were found to be following current best practice standards.

In addition, there were no reporting incidents involving roadblocks, or forcible stopping techniques. The application of said techniques is prohibited by Department policy.

DATE	REASON FOR PURSUIT	JUSTIFIED	DISPOSITION
9/16/2019	Traffic Offense	Y	Terminated by Officer per Policy

OFFICER - INVOLVED MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES

Reference CALEA 35.1.9, 41.3.3

A review of administrative files and the Personnel Early Intervention System identified zero officer-involved motor vehicle crashes during 2019.

Department administrators reviewed all policies, practices, procedures and training requirements related to emergency vehicle operations and found all to be in current compliance with best practice standards.

BIASED BASED POLICING - PROFILING AND DISCRIMINATION ANALYSIS

Reference CALEA Standard 1.2.9

The Huntington Woods Department of Public Safety prohibits and does not tolerate bias based policing or discrimination of any kind by its employees. It is important to our standing in the community that we conduct business in an unbiased, fair manner. To that end, the Department has written policies and procedures addressing these issues and regularly conducts training designed to teach and reinforce our policies in this area. Further, we conduct an annual analysis that examines policies, practices, procedures, training and any complaints against officers or the Department related to discrimination of any kind.

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Complaints of discrimination and profiling are recorded in the Department's Early Warning System. An examination of those records found no complaints of discrimination or bias based profiling during 2019.

An evaluation of all related written policies, practices, procedures and training records found them to be in compliance with current best practice standards.

DEPARTMENT GRIEVANCE ANALYSIS

Reference CALEA Standard 22.4.3

A review of Department files found no union grievances filed during 2019.

In general, both the union and management continue to successfully work together in resolving contractual and other work-related problems. Union contracts and applicable General Orders were reviewed, and we plan to continue the current procedures and practices since they have proven to be effective. A review will be conducted if a negative effect occurs. Currently, there is no identified need to modify the process.