

Office of Professional Standards

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Executive Summary:

In 2019 the Atlanta Police Department (APD) investigated 713 complaints against sworn and civilian employees compared to 619 complaints in 2018. (15%). This total does not include the 166 Received Not Open (RNO) cases that were handled by the staff of the Office of Professional Standards (OPS). There was a significant increase of complaints within the following categories:

Criminal Misconduct	129%
Use of Force	138%
Attendance	250%
Failure to Attend (FTA)	1500%
Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)	104%

The significant increase in FTA in 2019 was a result of the Fulton County District Attorney's Office developing a better notification system when officers did not show up for a court proceeding. The creation of the Body Worn Camera Audit Team also had an impact on the increase number of SOP violations.

The Office of Professional Standards was comprised of a staff of sworn and civilian employees;

Major	1
Lieutenants	2
Sergeants	5
Investigators	5
Senior Police Officer	1
Police Officers	2
Civilians	5

and their primary function was to investigate all Priority 1 complaints, respond to Officer Involved Shooting incidents and assisted with the administering of chemical substance testing when applicable. The Advocacy Unit was responsible in ensuring that discipline was administered in a fair and consistent manner. OPS also ensured the remaining Priority II complaints were investigated in a timely manner among the other APD Divisions.

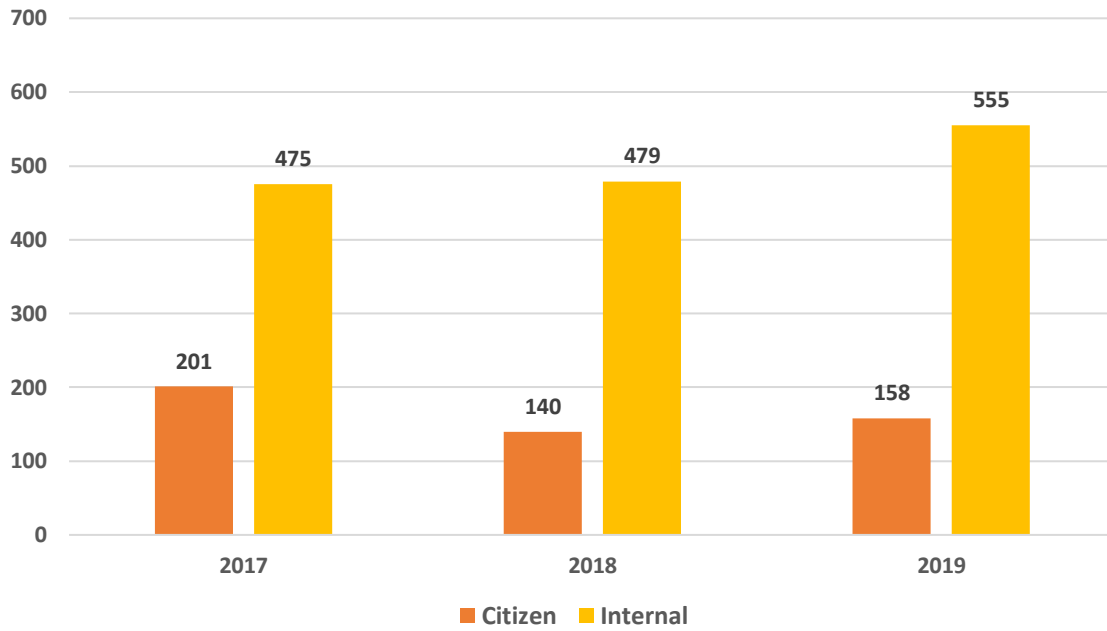
The following pages will illustrate in detail the type of complaints that were investigated, the status of those cases and the dispositions for closed cases.

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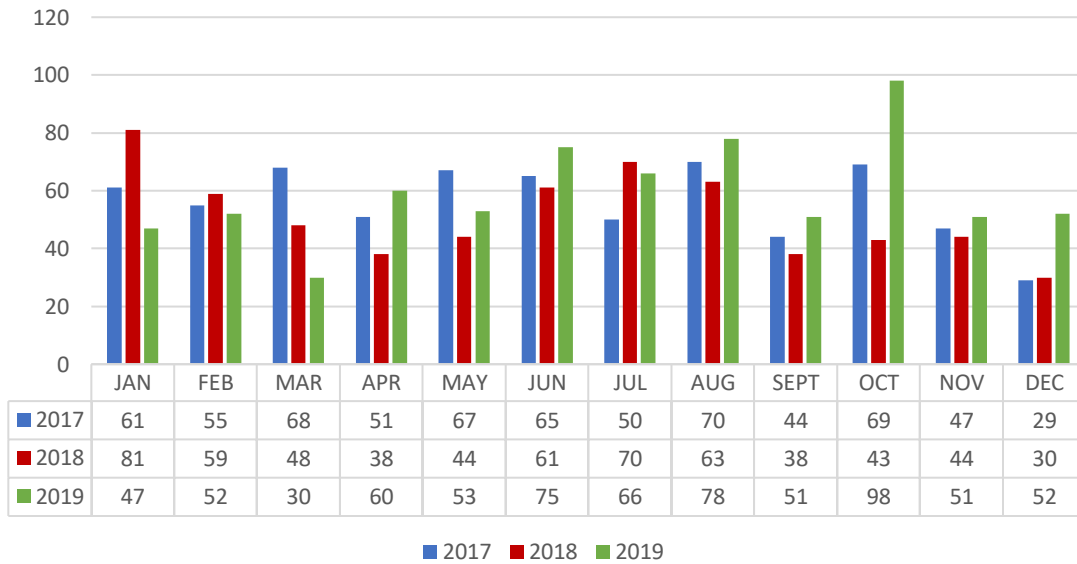
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Citizen vs Internal Complaints



Total Complaints by Month

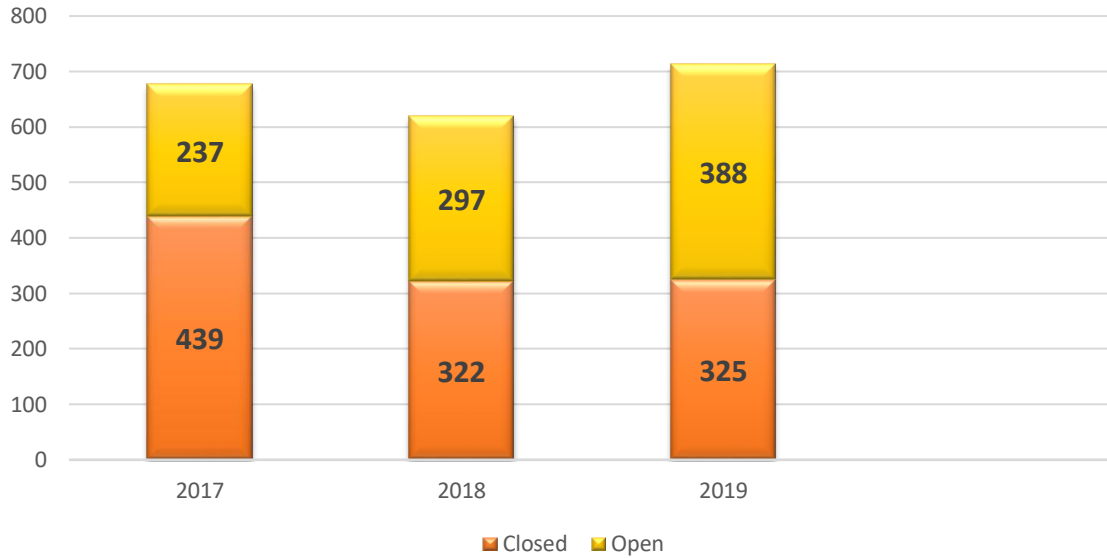


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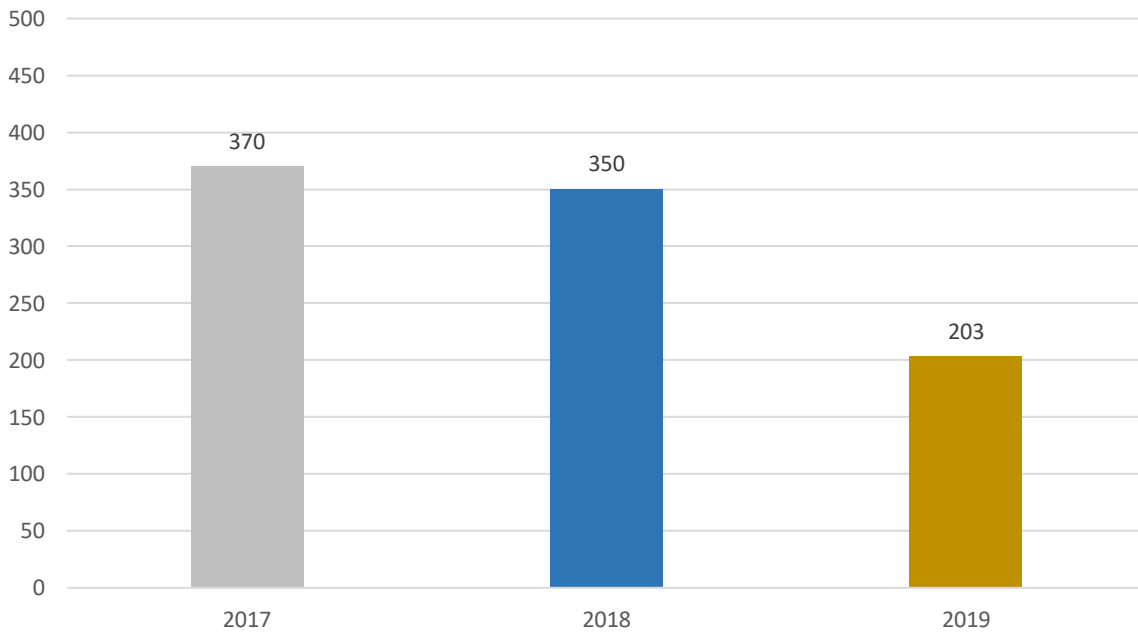
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Closed Investigations vs Open Investigations



Priority I Investigations

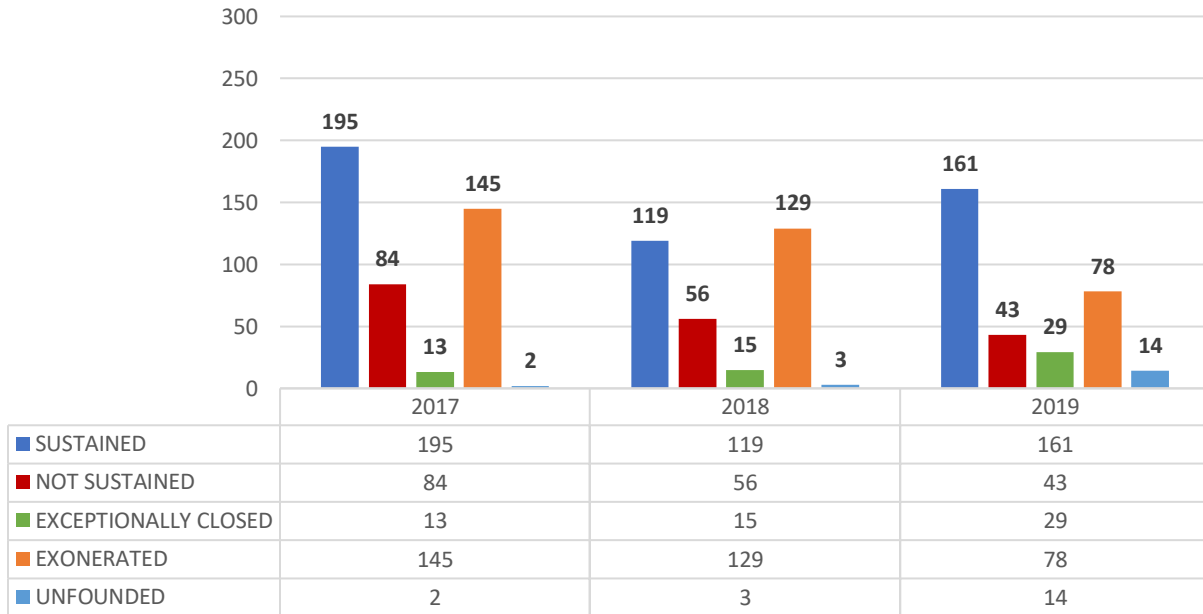


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DISPOSITIONS



Disposition Legend:

Exceptionally Closed: Reasons outside the Department’s control prevent it from continuing or completing its investigation of a complaint, and/or from charging and prosecuting an accused employee when sufficient evidence exists to charge the accused employee. Examples may include: the employee resigns, dies, or is no longer employed by the Department.

Exonerated: The incident occurred but the employee’s actions were justified, lawful, and proper.

Not-Sustained: There is insufficient evidence to sustain a finding that the employee committed the violation.

Sustained: The investigative file provides sufficient evidence to support the finding that the employee committed the violation.

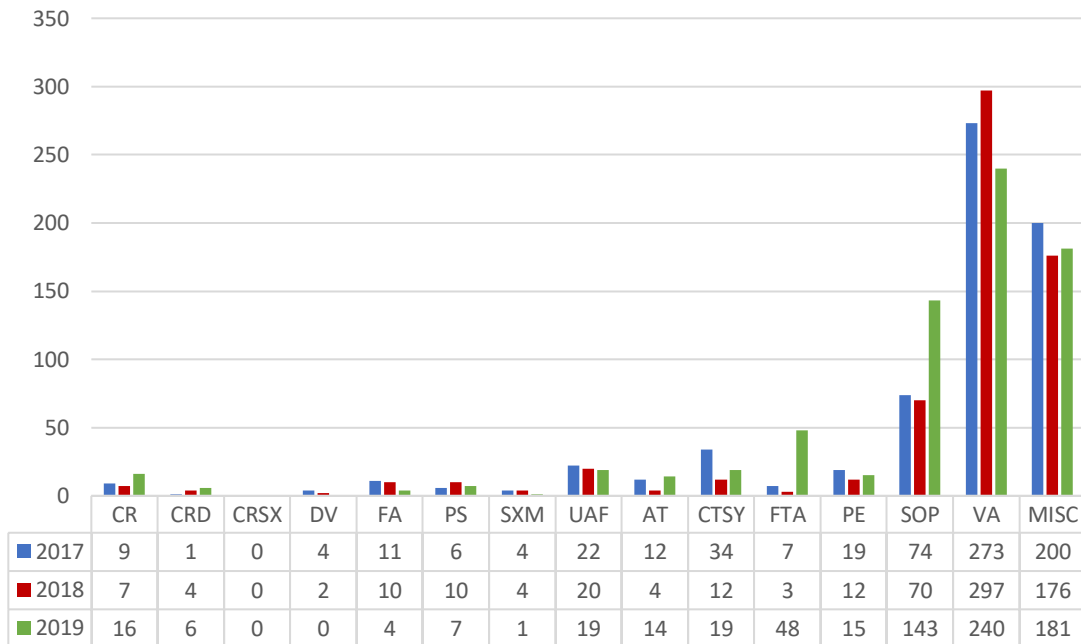
Unfounded: Complainant admits to the false allegation, the charge is false or not factual, or the accused employee was not involved in the incident.

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Sub-Classification



Sub- Classifications Legend:

AT – ATTENDANCE

CR - CRIMINAL MISCONDUCT

CRD - CRIMINAL MISCONDUCT DOMESTIC

CRSX - CRIMINAL MISCONDUCT SEX CRIME

CTSY – COURTESY

DV - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

FA - FIREARM DISCHARGE

VA - VEHICLE ACCIDENT

FTA - FAILURE TO APPEAR

MISC - MISCELLANEOUS

PE - PROPERTY & EVIDENCE

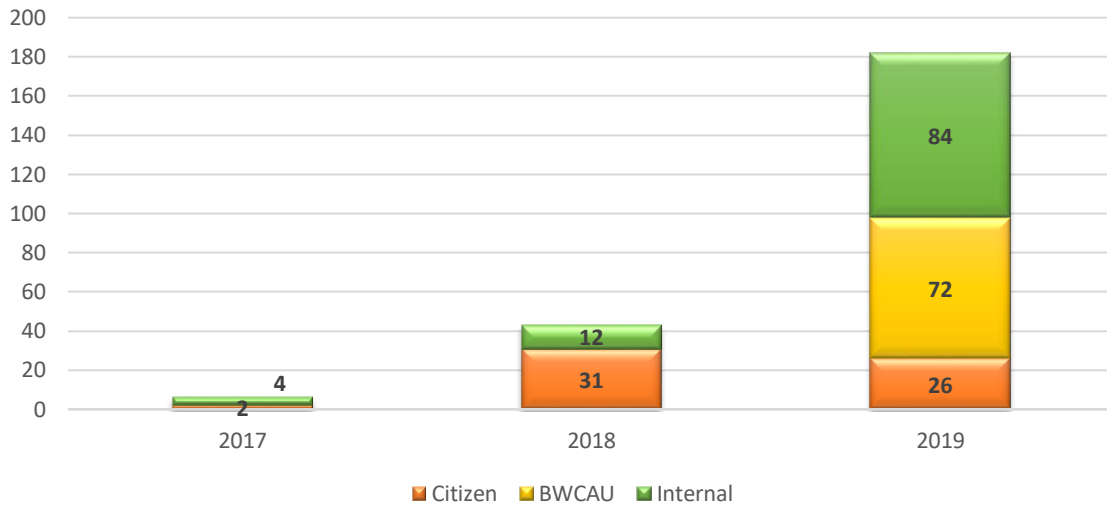
PS - PERSON SHOT

SOP - STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

SXM - SEXUAL MISCONDUCT NOT CRIMINAL

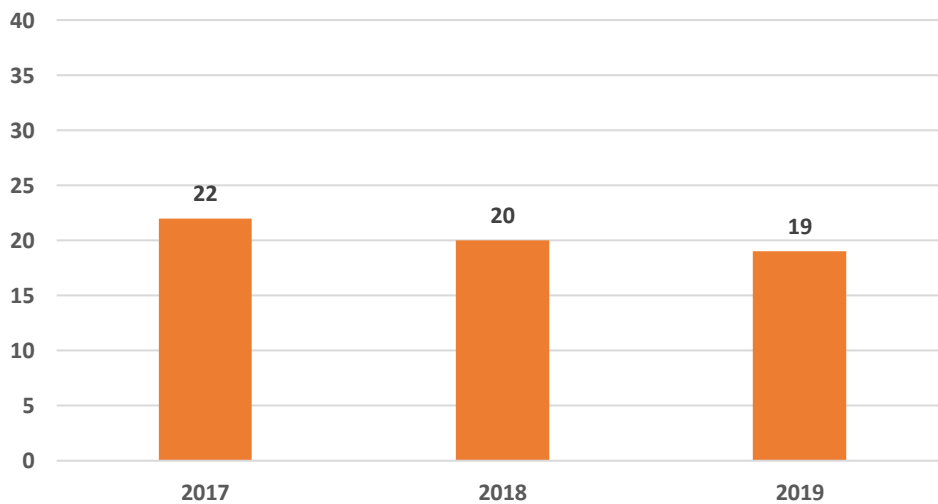
UAF - UNAUTHORIZED FORCE

Body Worn Camera vs Body Worn Camera Audit Unit



The Body Worn Camera Audit Unit was established in April 2019. The 26 citizen investigations were separate complaints where a BWC violations was discovered.

Use Of Force Complaints

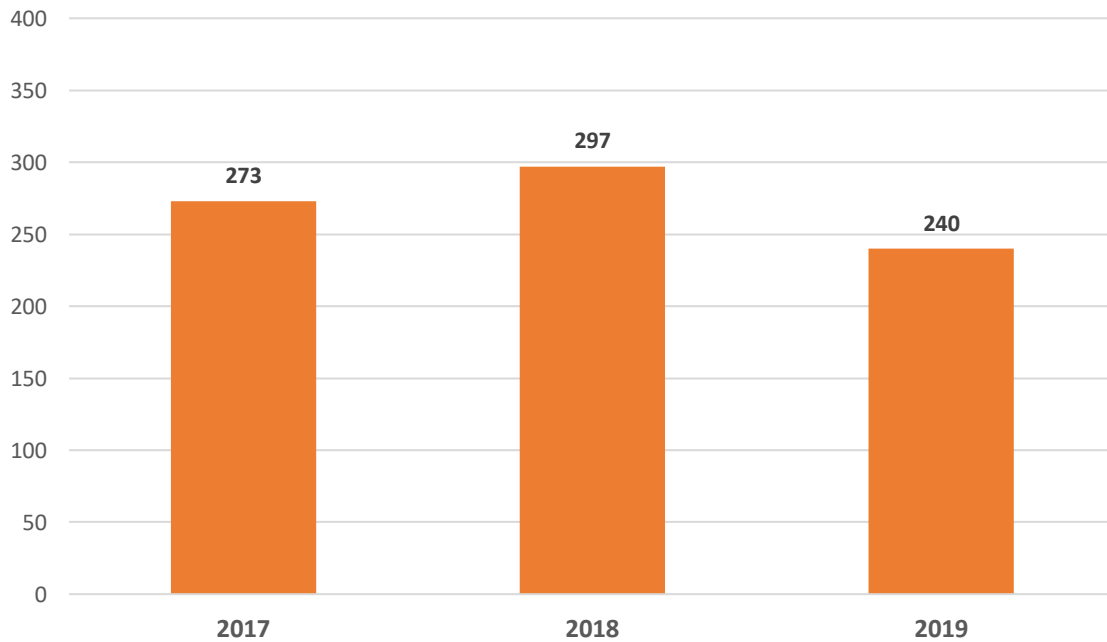


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Vehicle Accidents



Received Not Opened (RNO)

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3 YEAR COMPARISON	2017	2018	2019
TOTAL COMPLAINTS RECEIVED NOT OPEN	25	28	166

These were cases handled by the OPS staff where the allegation was either not against an Atlanta Police Department member or there was physical evidence that immediately contradicted the initial allegation.

3 YEAR COMPARISON	2017	2018	2019
MEDIAN DAYS TO CLOSE FILES	69	92	109
AVERAGE DAYS TO CLOSE FILES	86	107	114

The increase of time to close cases were a result of the Super Bowl 10-day detail and the other administrative details that members of OPS had to assist in.

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