



LEWISTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Lieutenant James Theiss
Criminal Investigations Division



TO: Chief David St. Pierre

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All citizen concerns and inquiries are fully investigated by the Lewiston Police Department in order to identify training issues, and conduct quality control checks on both police employees and department operational procedures; thus advancing the professional performance and accountability of the agency within the community which we serve. It is understood that events and incidents will occur in this profession which can cause questions of concern to be raised. Each instance which is reported will be investigated and dealt with in a professional and fair manner with documentation.

The process for filing of a personnel complaint most generally begins by contacting the on-duty Shift Commander. The Patrol Commander/supervisor will hear out the nature of the complaint being made, and will be able to provide forms which will document the receipt of a formal complaint being initiated. The person who is filing the complaint may be referred for follow-up contact with the commanding supervisor of the officer who is the subject of the complaint. Types of legitimate complaints would be concerning allegations of such which would include: 1) criminal conduct by agency personnel; 2) neglect of duty; 3) violation of Departmental rules, regulations, or procedure; 4) specified conduct which would reflect unfavorably upon the individual or agency; 5) instance of problem occasioned by what is deemed to be a faulty or defective policy or procedure. The person who is filing the complaint will be requested to cause it to be put into written form, and will also request that it be signed as in accordance with any formal legal document. The supervisor taking the complaint will provide a copy of the complaint form serving as a receipt to verify that the complaint will be processed. Follow-up contact will be made within (5) days and the person filing the complaint will be informed of its on-gong status and disposition when completed, in a timely manner.

A formal investigation can be initiated from a concern and/or complaint brought to report by a citizen, and an investigation can be initiated internally based upon knowledge obtained through information or observation with or without a formalized citizen report being made. Not all investigations of civilian complaints are handled in a formal manner. A minor complaint or situation may only require an informal investigation conducted by a supervisory officer as a routine part of employee performance control and the supervisor taking the complaint can resolve the issue to the complainant's satisfaction.



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Synopsis/Analysis of Lewiston Police Department Actions:

In 2021, the Lewiston Police Department responded to **45,828** calls for service, which resulted in **5,516** cases of further follow-up handling, and made **1,674** arrests (including citations). Of those **5,516** complaints, **476** were referred to Youth and Family Services, while **387** were referred to Criminal Investigation Detectives.

During 2021, there were **3** formal citizen concerns and/or complaints brought to report involving **4** personnel.

Complaint Categorization	Complainant Race	Complaint Disposition
Failure to Act	White	Unfounded
Inattention to Duty	African American/White	Sustained
Excessive Force	African American	Pending

During 2021, there were **5** internal affairs/patrol supervisor investigations conducted involving **7** personnel that resulted in disciplinary action:

Complaint Categorization	Disposition
Failure to Follow a Direct order or Directive	Sustained
On Duty Accident	Sustained

During the year of 2021, there were **114** individual Forced Response to Resistance Reports completed stemming from (80) instances of force response encounters involving **41** officers or **52%** of the sworn compliment. Using an average of approximately **3** incidents per officer, **10** officers or **13%** of the sworn compliment of officers were above the average, accounting for **59**, or **52%** of the response to resistance reports. Of the **80** reported incidents, **76%** involved Caucasians, **31%** involved Blacks, **0%** involved Hispanics. *(In some incidents Caucasians, Blacks and Hispanics may have been involved in the same incident which would cause overlapping percentages)*



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None of the aforementioned **10** officers were involved in above listed complaints from the public. Supervisors have been notified so that they can take note for future analysis of any possible patterns of officers involved in repeat incidents to try and determine if appropriate actions are being utilized and whether more supervision or additional training is needed.

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