



Beaufort County Sheriff's Office

Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR)

2020 Annual Activity Summary & Accountability Report

The Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), of the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), conducts or coordinates all administrative investigations and administrative inquiries to uncover, fully develop, and objectively report all facts and circumstances surrounding allegations of misconduct; whether it involves violations of policy and procedures, code of ethics, state or federal law, or other recognized standards of conduct.

Between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020, OPR conducted **ten administrative investigations** and **zero administrative inquiries** as a result of citizen complaints, information developed within BCSO or referred to by another agency.

The results of these investigations were six unfounded, three substantiated, and one partially substantiated.

OPR Investigations & Inquiries	Total
Administrative Investigations	10
Administrative Inquiries	0

Results	Total
Unfounded	6
Substantiated	3
Partially Substantiated	1

The complaints against BCSO personnel involved alleged violations of one or more of the following BCSO Policies and Procedures:

- Code of Conduct
- Use of Force
- Evidence Handling Procedures
- Patrol Dog Handling Procedures
- Unauthorized Search

The complaints involved six male complainants – four white and two Black. Four complaints were internal or from other agencies.