



# WALLA WALLA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2022 ANNUAL YEAR END REVIEW BIAS BASED POLICING REPORT



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**MEMORANDUM**  
**WALLA WALLA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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TO: Chris Buttice, Chief of Police

FROM: Kevin Braman, Patrol Captain

SUBJECT: 2022 review of Internal Investigations, Use of Force, Biased Based Profiling, Vehicle Pursuits, Evidence Audit, Training

DATE: February 6th, 2023

I reviewed all reports for 2022 regarding vehicle pursuits and use of force. In addition, I reviewed Internal Affairs complaints and inquiries, for the 2022 calendar year. The overall performance of Walla Walla Police personnel is operating within policy and procedure. I found no noticeable areas of concern.

**Internal Affairs Complaints**

Internal Affairs complaints totaled **eight (8)**. One additional case in which lethal force involving a vehicle is awaiting the results of the SIU investigation as well as the Prosecutors decision. The average time other complaints remained open was 59 days. No patterns of misconduct were noted. All first line supervisors received IA investigative training in 2022. One complaint was mislabeled with a finding of “*No Policy Violations*” by the former Chief of Police, Scott Bieber. \*\*\*It is not listed below\*\*\*

					<b>Total</b>	<b>Year</b>
Exonerated	Sustained	Not sustained	Unfounded	Incomplete		
4	0	0	2	0	<b>7</b>	<b>2022</b>

## 2022 Kudos and Notes of Praise to officers

A spreadsheet was created to keep track of the community support and notes the Police Department receives giving praise to the department and officers for various acts throughout the year. There were **11** independent notes of praise about the department and officers either emailed or sent to the department via regular mail that were tracked. It should be noted that there was a lack of referrals sent to by the former administrative sergeant from June 7<sup>th</sup>-December 27<sup>th</sup> leading to a lower-than-normal capture of these statistics. I do not anticipate this in the future.

## 2022 Use of Force Reports

There are no findings which would indicate a significantly higher level of force being used by a specific officer with the total number of **11** for that single officer followed by **9** use of force events by the next closest officers. The applications of force by Walla Walla Police officers appear to be appropriate response of force needed to subdue the actions of the offenders. It should be noted that our officers experiencing higher numbers of force used are also our most proactive and often lead the Department in total productivity.

### 60- Incidents

A-Shift	B-Shift	C-Shift	D-Shift	SCU	DET	SWAT	Total
13	25	6	16	0	0	0	<b>60</b>

### Offender profile 2022

Female	Male	Total	Native	White	Hispanic	Black	P/I	Unknown
<b>12</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
			0%	93.3%	1.6%	1.6%	0%	3.3%

The profiles listed are somewhat consistent with the demographic range of our community. There are no concerns in this area regarding bias-based use of force or profiling.

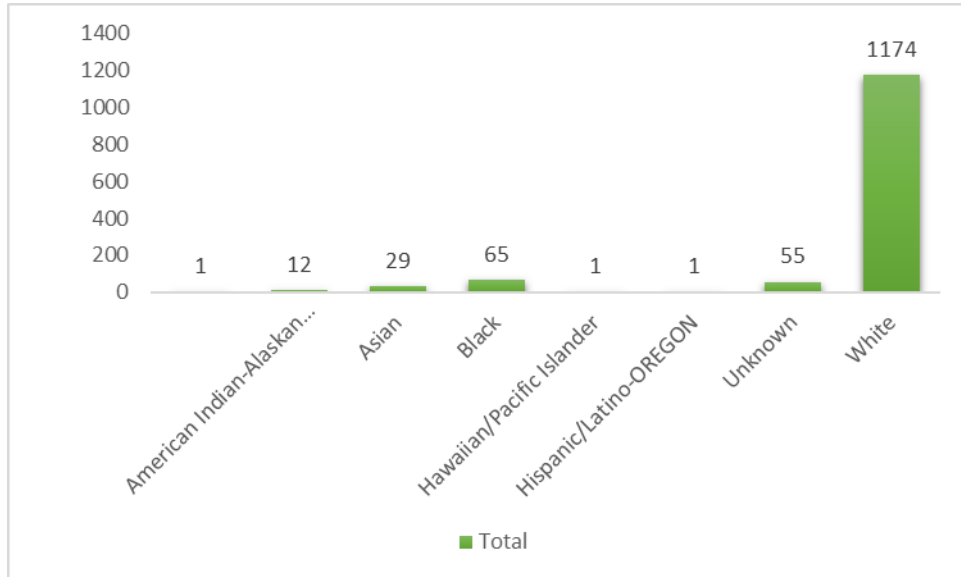
A use of force review was conducted of all incidents for the 2022 year. I did not find any uses of force that were outside of our policy or any that were deemed excessive use of force. Defensive Tactics instructor Jason Langley assisted by reviewing all use of force reports and the department spreadsheet. He advised me that he too found no areas of concern and would be completing a report stating his findings as well.

There was a **total of 6** less lethal deployments of the 40mm and FN 303. There were also **6** deployments of Tasers. There were **2** uses of force involving the drawing and display of firearm to gain compliance. No officer involved shootings took place. No training, equipment or policy revision needs currently exist. The department implemented red dot sighting systems on all department issued handguns this year and all staff were trained.

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## 2022 Biased Based Policing Report

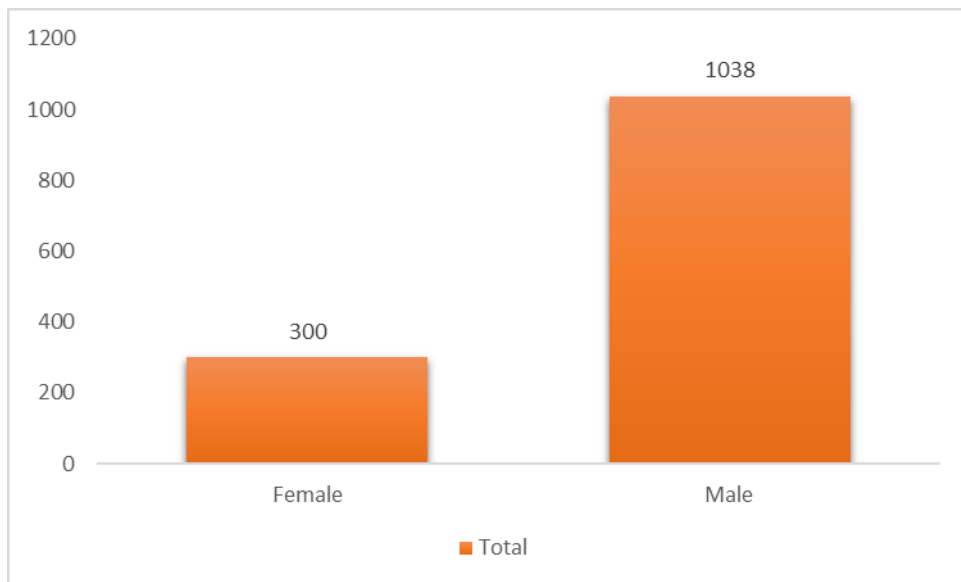
### Arrest summary by race



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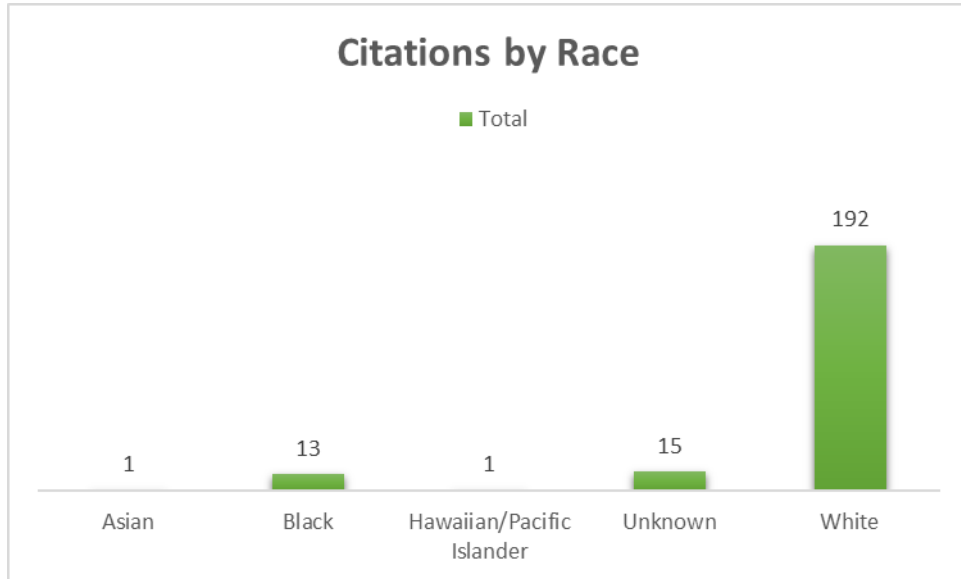
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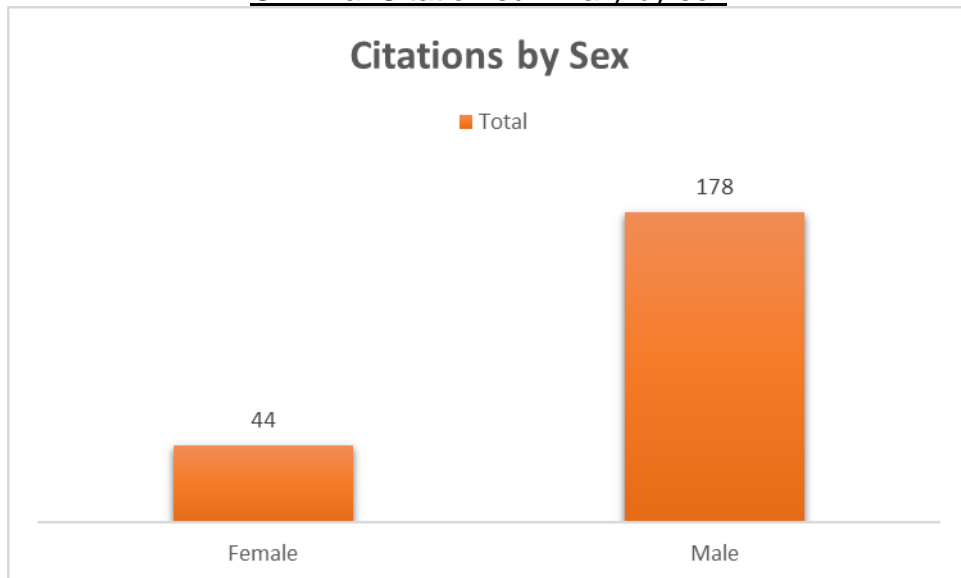
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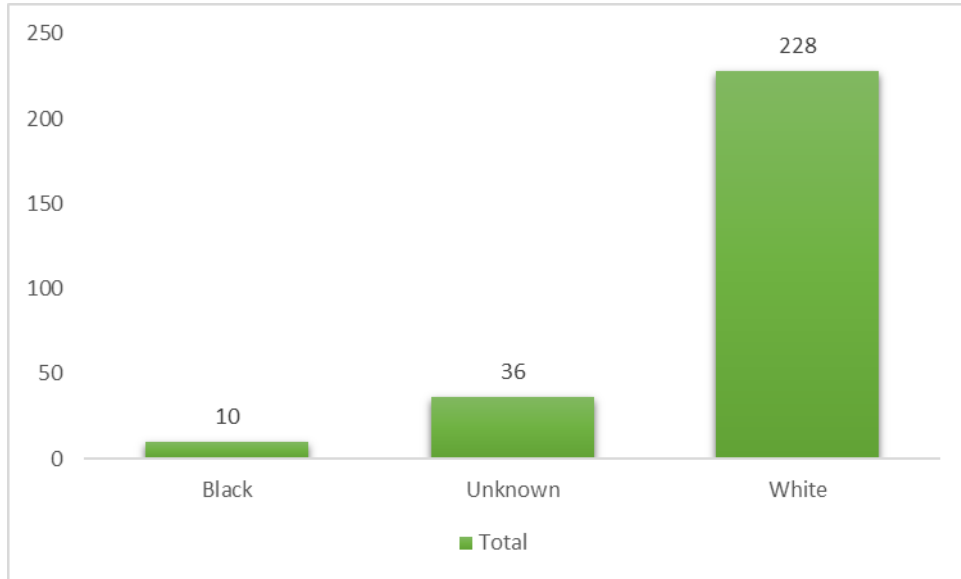
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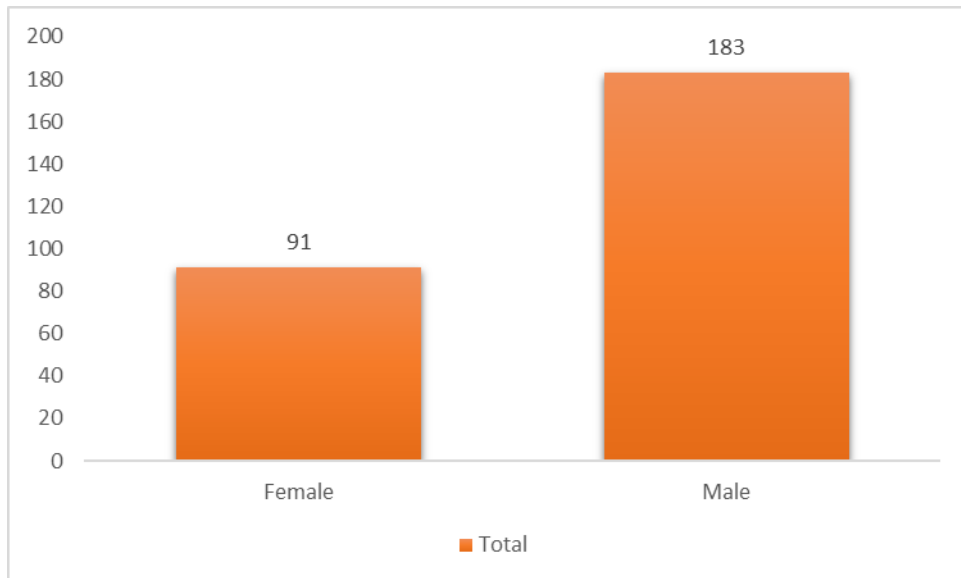
### Infraction summary by race



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### **Biased Based Policing**

In conducting the review based upon the data received from our records management system, I find no concerns of any racial or bias based profiling with enforcement. The citations and infractions along with arrests are in line with the overall demographics of the City of Walla Walla. I have attached graphs and charts with this information listed above. No public concerns or complaints regarding biased based treatment were documented in 2022. In the yearend report for 2019 it was identified that improvement in tracking demographics for traffic related tickets and criminal citations could be made. This is still not achievable in Sector where all infractions and citations are issued or in the Mobile report writing system.

### **Vehicle Pursuits**

In 2022 the Department responded to **10** vehicle pursuits. A review of these revealed no common trends or areas of concern among officers involved or supervisors. Seven of the ten were terminated by officers or supervisors. Officer's narratives indicated that they fully understand the public danger inherent of all pursuits and the increased liability of any pursuit. They terminated pursuits for several reasons but mostly due to dangerous driving exhibited by the suspects.

### **Evidence**

A 2022 spot audit of our Evidence Unit was completed by Captain Eric Knudson. All the evidence standards were found in compliance. A complete audit of the property and evidence room was completed in June after the change in Leadership with **100%** compliance. This will continue annually, although not required per policy.

### **Training**

Mandatory Training was completed by all personnel during 2022. Total documented training hours during 2022 are **9261**. The average training hours completed per staff member is **144.7**.