



City of Margate Police Department

ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

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PIO Number: 18-01

Police Case Number: N/A

Event: 2017 Annual Statistics

Place of Occurrence: N/A

Date/Time of Occurrence: Calendar Year 2017

Victim(s): N/A

Suspect(s): N/A

PIO/Releasing Authority: Sergeant Efrain Suarez

Investigator: N/A

Release Date: January 29, 2018

Summary of Incident

Annually the Margate Police Department publishes a statistical summary of all complaints made against departmental personnel. During the period from January 01, 2017 through December 31, 2017, a total of fifteen (15) complaints were made.

Following a thorough investigation, five (5) of the complaints were resolved as not sustained. Five (5) complaints were determined to be sustained and appropriate action was taken by the department. Five (5) complaints are still under investigation.

Also during this period, department personnel responded to forty-five thousand thirty five calls for service (45,035). These calls covered a wide variety of incidents, from violent crimes to minor police service calls. Included in these calls for service were traffic related incidents, such as traffic crashes and traffic stops.

As a result of many of these calls for service, over one-hundred individuals believed that the service that they received was worthy of praise, and wrote letters and sent e-mails to the department that commended the actions of the personnel involved. In addition, the department presented sixty-six (66) awards to employees based upon outstanding job related performances during the year.

The Margate Police Department is committed to providing excellence in the delivery of law enforcement services. However, if the service is not acceptable, any person may file a complaint against any employee. Complaints of a less serious nature will generally be handled by the employee's immediate supervisor with the results being made available to the complainant. Complaints of a more serious nature will be handled by the Internal Investigations Unit. All complaints will be handled in a manner prescribed by Florida State Statute 112.533 and in accordance with department policy, which includes documenting the complaint on a prescribed form.