

Annual Major Discipline Reporting Form

Internal Affairs Policy & Procedures | Appendix L

Pursuant to IAPP Section 9.11.2, every state, county, and local law enforcement agency in New Jersey is required to submit to the Attorney General and the County Prosecutor, and publish on the agency's public website, a brief synopsis of all complaints where a termination, reduction in rank or grade, and/or suspension of more than five days was assessed to an agency member. For the purposes of this report, please include all major disciplines in which a plea agreement was reached or final sanction was imposed during the time period listed below. Instructions for completing this form can be found on the "Instructions" tab of the Excel version of this document.

Time period

January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

Agency

New Jersey State Police

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County

Statewide or Regional LEA

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Disciplined Officer				Sanction				Synopsis	
No.	Rank	First Name	Last Name	Terminated?	Demoted?	Suspended?	# Days Susp.	Sustained Charge	Description
1	Trooper	Allen	Cheng	No	No	Yes	30	Questionable Conduct - Off Duty, Misleading Statements, Failure To Notify The Division Of Information To Which The Division Would Take Cognizance	The member admitted to acting in an unofficial capacity to the discredit of the Division. While off-duty, after being followed closely by another vehicle, the member was confronted by the other driver and removed their weapon from its holster but failed to identify themselves as a trooper. The member then provided misleading information to local police during their investigation of the incident and failed to immediately report the matter to their command. The member received a 30 day suspension.
2	Detective Sergeant	Steven	Foster	No	No	Yes	365	Assault, Questionable Conduct - On Duty, Disobey Written Order, Interfering With An Internal Investigation, Intentional False Statements, Questionable Conduct - Off Duty, Failure To Notify The Division Of Information To Which The Division Would Take Cognizance, Intentionally Providing False Information During A Misconduct Investigation, Use Of Position To Intimidate Or Gain Favor, Criminal Mischief, Off Duty Incident - Alcohol Related, Unprofessional Conduct Toward Other Law Enforcement Officers	The member admitted to acting in an unofficial capacity to the discredit of the Division. During a dispute, the member denied another of property, damaging it in the process, and falsely reported an assault so as to cause another to be arrested without merit. The member also failed to surrender firearms pursuant to an investigation and provided false information to internal investigators. The member received a 365 day suspension.

3	Lieutenant	Glenn	Garrels	No	No	Yes	30	Culpable Inefficient Supervision, Unprofessional Conduct Toward Other Law Enforcement Officers, Unauthorized Use Of Division Computer, Unauthorized Use / Access Of Law Enforcement Databases, Improper Use Of Division Computer, Disobey Written Order, Disparaging Statements, Inappropriate Actions - On Duty	The member admitted to acting in an official capacity to the discredit of the Division while on-duty. The member improperly utilized the New Jersey Criminal Justice Information System and violated the State of New Jersey Anti-Discrimination Policy by creating a newsletter which contained inappropriate language concerning other members of the Division. The member received a 30 day suspension.
4	Trooper I	Charles	Lewandowski	No	No	Yes	90	Intentional False Statements	The member admitted to acting in an official capacity to the discredit of the Division while on-duty. The member provided false or misleading information during an investigation. The member received a 90 day suspension.
5	Sergeant	Kristofer	Gertsen	Yes	No	No		Drunk On Duty, Sleeping On Duty, Alcohol Violations, Drinking On Duty, Failure To Carry Duty Weapon, Culpable Inefficient Supervision	The member violated the terms of a previously negotiated plea agreement for misconduct by being intoxicated while on duty. The member was terminated from employment with the Division.
6	Sergeant	Stephen	Wlazlo	No	No	Yes	30	Questionable Conduct - Off Duty, Intentionally Providing False Information During A Misconduct Investigation	The member admitted to acting in an unofficial capacity to the discredit of the Division. While off-duty, the member failed to intercede when alarming and inappropriate remarks were made in his presence at a public venue. The member also provided misleading statements during the ensuing misconduct investigation. The member received a 30 day suspension.
7	Detective Sergeant	Christopher	Tropiano	No	No	Yes	365	Driving While Intoxicated, Unauthorized Use Of Troop Transportation, Failure To Safeguard - Off Duty Weapon, Failure To Safeguard - NJSP Duty Weapon, Gambling (On and Off Duty), Use Of Position To Intimidate Or Gain Favor, Unprofessional Conduct Toward Other Law Enforcement Officers, Failure To Safeguard - Troop Car, Off Duty Incident - Alcohol Related	The member admitted to acting in an unofficial capacity to the discredit of the Division. While off-duty, the member used his office to gain a benefit, operated his assigned troop transportation while intoxicated, violated policy prohibiting certain activities while employed as a New Jersey State Trooper both on and off duty, and failed to properly secure his duty weapon. The member received a 365 day suspension.

8	Sergeant First Class	Roy	Blackledge	No	No	Yes	270	Off Duty Incident - Alcohol Related, Driving While Intoxicated, Failure To Notify The Division Of Information To Which The Division Would Take Cognizance	The member admitted to acting in an unofficial capacity to the discredit of the Division. While off-duty, the member became disorderly at a private event and was subsequently involved in a motor vehicle crash due to their level of intoxication. The member received a 270 day suspension.
9	Staff Sergeant	Edward	Wagner	No	No	Yes	35	Culpable Inefficient Supervision, Failure To Follow MVR Procedures, Failure To Document Patrol Chart, Failure To Follow Radio Procedures, Disobey Written Order, Inaccurate E-Daily Entry	The member admitted to acting in an official capacity to the discredit of the Division while on-duty. The member failed to properly supervise his squad and entered his own sick time into the eDaily system. Additionally, the member failed to arrive for work on time and incorrectly accounted for work hours. The member received a 35 day suspension.
10	Trooper	Michael	Hicks	No	No	Yes	45	Criminal Restraint	The member admitted to acting in an unofficial capacity to the discredit of the Division. While off-duty, the member prevented a civilian from departing a room during an argument and deprived them of their cellular telephone. The member received a 45 day suspension.
11	Trooper II	Raymond	Carrasco	No	No	Yes	150	Theft, Failure To Document Patrol Chart, Unsafe Operation Of Troop Car, Falsification Of Reports And Records, Questionable Conduct - Off Duty, Failure To Safeguard - NJSP ID, Violation Of Criminal Law, Off Duty Incident - Alcohol Related	The member admitted to acting in both an official and unofficial capacity to the discredit of the Division. While on-duty the member operated troop transportation in an unsafe manner at a toll plaza on a private roadway to improperly obtain toll tickets which the member later used in an unauthorized manner. Furthermore, the member knowingly entered inaccurate and false information into the eDaily system. Additionally, while off-duty, the member consumed alcoholic beverages and failed to obey the commands of local police officers, partially due to his level of intoxication. The member received a 150 day suspension.
12	Trooper I	Brian	Kerrigan	Yes	No	No		Harassment, Questionable Conduct - Off Duty	The member violated the terms of a previously negotiated plea agreement for misconduct by repeated harassing behavior towards a civilian. The member was terminated from employment within the Division.

13	Detective Sergeant	Dorothy	Ogden	Yes	No	No		Falsification Of Reports And Records, Misleading Statements, Off Duty Incident - Alcohol Related, Unprofessional Conduct Toward Other Law Enforcement Officers, Questionable Conduct - Off Duty, Failure To Notify The Division Of Information To Which The Division Would Take Cognizance	The member was criminally charged with fourth degree Falsifying or Tampering with Records and entered into the Pretrial Intervention Program. As a result of the agreement, the member was disqualified from any employment with the State of New Jersey and was terminated from employment with the Division.
14	Detective Sergeant First Class	Gregg	Ogden	Yes	No	No		Simple Assault, Falsification Of Reports And Records, Misleading Statements, Off Duty Incident - Alcohol Related, Questionable Conduct - Off Duty, Failure To Notify The Division Of Information To Which The Division Would Take Cognizance	The member was criminally charged with fourth degree Falsifying or Tampering with Records and entered into the Pretrial Intervention Program. As a result of the agreement, the member was disqualified from any employment with the State of New Jersey and was terminated from employment with the Division.
15	Trooper I	Jeremy	Wilford	No	No	Yes	30	Falsification Of Reports And Records, Theft, Questionable Conduct - On Duty	The member admitted to acting in an official capacity to the discredit of the Division. The member entered inaccurate information into the eDaily system and received compensation to which the member was not entitled. The member received a 30 day suspension.
16	Trooper	Derrick	Russell	No	No	Yes	30	Off Duty Incident - Alcohol Related, Alcohol Violations, Harassment	The member admitted to acting in an unofficial capacity to the discredit of the Division. While off-duty, the member engaged in a verbal dispute which elicited response from local police and consumed alcohol within eight hours of his next scheduled shift. The member received a 30 day suspension.
17	Trooper I	Andrew	Menconi	No	No	Yes	60	Unsafe Operation Of Troop Car Causing Damage, Questionable Conduct - Off Duty, Leaving The Scene Of MV Accident, Reporting Requirements	The member admitted to acting in an unofficial capacity to the discredit of the Division. While off-duty, the member was involved in a single-vehicle accident while operating his assigned troop transportation and failed to report the crash for several days. The member received a 60 day suspension.

18	Trooper I	Spencer	Bailey	No	No	Yes	180	Terroristic Threats, Left Assigned Area Or Post Without Permission, Criminal Mischief, Harassment, Questionable Conduct - Off Duty, Falsification Of Reports And Records	The member admitted to acting in both an official and unofficial capacity to the discredit of the Division. While off-duty, the member was involved in multiple questionable situations and threatening verbal altercations which also included damage to property. While on-duty, the member left the station at the beginning of their shift for personal reasons and, though they did not return, documented ten-hours worked, which was inaccurate. The member received a 180 day suspension.
19	Trooper	Konrad	Klosowski	No	No	Yes	180	Driving While Intoxicated, Alcohol Violations, Questionable Conduct - Off Duty, Violation Of Traffic Law	The member admitted to acting in an unofficial capacity to the discredit of the Division while off-duty. The member was arrested for driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol following a motor vehicle crash. The member received a 180 day suspension.
20	Trooper	Michael	Patterson	Yes	No	No		Terminated Prior To Sustained Charges	The member was criminally charged with fourth degree Tampering with Public Records, third degree Deprivation of Civil Rights, and fourth degree Stalking. The member pled guilty to Tampering with Public Records and was required to forfeit their position with the New Jersey State Police. As a result of the agreement, the member was disqualified from any employment with the State of New Jersey and was terminated from employment with the Division.
21	Trooper I	Anthony	Wolcott	No	No	Yes	29	Criminal Mischief, Questionable Conduct - On Duty	The member admitted to acting in an official capacity to the discredit of the Division. While off-duty and directing traffic at the scene of a motor vehicle crash, the member threw their flashlight at a vehicle passing through the accident scene causing damage to the driver's side door. The member received a 29 day suspension.
22	Sergeant	Stephen	Wlazlo	No	No	Yes	20	Failure To Safeguard - NJSP Duty Weapon, Questionable Conduct - Off Duty, Disobey Written Order	The member admitted to acting in an unofficial capacity to the discredit of the Division. While off-duty, the member failed to properly secure their duty weapon which was later accessed by another and discharged. The member also provided misleading statements during the ensuing misconduct investigation. The member received a 20 day suspension.

23	Staff Sergeant	Matthew	Sosnicki	No	No	Yes	10	Inappropriate Actions - On Duty, Illegal Search	The member admitted to acting in an official capacity to the discredit of the Division. The member conducted an improper search of an individual working inside an NJSP facility and failed to document the incident. The member received a 10 day suspension.
24	Trooper I	Jason	Bobo	No	No	Yes	20	Failure To Follow BWC Procedures, Failure To Follow MVR Procedures, Unsafe Operation Of Troop Car Causing Damage, Failure To Call In MV Stop, Disobey Written Order, Failure To Notify The Division Of Information To Which The Division Would Take Cognizance, Failure To Take Appropriate Police Action, Failure To Document Patrol Chart, Misleading Statements, Culpable Inefficiency	The member admitted to acting in an official capacity to the discredit of the Division. The member engaged in a motor vehicle pursuit but failed to advise dispatch and made other procedural errors. After the pursuit ended in a crash, the member failed to clearly disclose what had occurred when asked by supervision. The member received a 20 day suspension.