

Annual Major Discipline Reporting Form
Internal Affairs Policy & Procedures | Appendix L

Pursuant to Attorney General Law Enforcement Directive No. 2022-14, 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, as well as sustained findings listed in the above directive, regardless of the type or severity of discipline imposed, 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. In addition, include all discipline from earlier years which has been on appeal, the final appeal was resolved during 2023, and the discipline remains in one of the enumerated categories. Instructions for completing this form can be found on the "Instructions" tab of the Excel version of this document.

Time period

County

Agency

January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024
Monmouth
Monmouth Co Corrections

No.	Disciplined Officer			Sanction						Synopsis	
	Rank	First Name	Last Name	Terminated?	Demoted?	Suspended?	# Days Susp.	Resigned, retired, transferred, or separated while IA Pending	Specify other sanction type, if applicable	Sustained Charge	Description
1	CPO	Jonathan	Scotto-Difrega	No	No	Yes	20	No	N/A	Absent Without Leave	January 3, 2024, CPO Scotto-Difrega received a 20 day suspension for being absent without leave for multiple tours of duty.
2	CPO	Michael	Stewart	No	No	Yes		Yes	Job forfeiture pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:51-2(d).	Indictable Offense	January 31, 2024, CPO Stewart was charged with the indictable crime of 2C:20-25(A) - Computer Theft, related to an incident in which he accessed a law enforcement database without authorization. CPO Stewart was suspended without pay, pending the disposition of the criminal case. On June 3, 2024, Stewart forfeited his public employment in accordance with a court order.
3	CPO	Jonathan	Scotto-Difrega	No	No	Yes	30	No	N/A	Absent Without Leave	February 21, 2024, CPO Scotto-Difrega received a 30 day suspension for being absent without leave for multiple tours of duty.
4	CPSGT	Michael	Scalese	No	No	Yes	15	No	N/A	Policy Violation of Written Memorandum	April 9, 2024, CPSGT Scalese received a 15 day suspension for failing to follow a written memorandum relating to Outside Agency access to the facility on February 12, 2024, when he authorized an Officer to allow an agent from DCP&P to enter the facility.
5	CPSGT	Louis	DeDonno	No	No	Yes	20	No	N/A	Insubordination/Unprofessional & Inappropriate Behavior	April 10, 2024, CPSGT DeDonno received a 20 day suspension for insubordination, conduct unbecoming a public employee, unprofessional demeanor, inappropriate behavior, and related charges arising from inappropriate and unprofessional behavior with civilian employees as well as directly violating orders from a superior.
6	CPO	Edward	Espinosa	No	No	Yes	10	No	N/A	Policy Violation of Written Memorandum	April 10, 2024, CPO Espinosa received a 10 day suspension for failing to follow a written memorandum relating to Outside Agency access to the facility on February 12, 2024, when he let an agent from DCP&P enter the facility.
7	CPO	Brian	Johnson	No	No	Yes	20	No	N/A	Violation of B-Scan Policy 3.24	May 31, 2024, CPO Johnson received a 20 day suspension for failing to follow policy relating to the X-Ray scanning of a new intake on March 21, 2024.
8	CPO	Amos	Osborne	No	No	Yes	30	No	N/A	Absent Without Leave	July 2, 2024, CPO Osborne received a 30 day suspension for being absent without leave on April 29, 2024.
9	CPO	Brian	Feirstein	No	No	Yes	6	No	N/A	Violation of Uniform and Appearance Policy 3.18	August 8, 2024, CPO Feirstein received a 6 day suspension for violating policy relating to staff uniforms and appearance on July 1, 2024, specifically by having unauthorized facial hair.
10	CPO	Jeanpierre	Castillo	No	No	No		Yes	N/A	Indictable Offense	August 11, 2024, CPO Castillo was charged with the indictable crime of 2C:12-1.1 - Knowingly leaving scene of motor vehicle accident, resulting in serious bodily injury, related to an incident while off-duty, when he left the scene of an accident that caused serious bodily injury while under the influence. CPO Castillo resigned from his law enforcement position on that same day.
11	CPO	Keila	Diaz	No	No	Yes		No	Indefinite Suspension Pending Disposition	Indictable Offense	September 15, 2024, CPO Diaz was charged with the indictable crime of 2C:12-1B(7) - Aggravated Assault, specifically by kicking and punching someone in the head, related to an incident while off-duty. CPO Diaz was suspended without pay, pending the disposition of the criminal case.
12	CPO	Jonathan	Scotto-Difrega	No	No	Yes		No	Suspension without pay for a length to be determined.	Law Enforcement License Suspension/Domestic Violence	October 23, 2024, CPO Scotto-Difrega's Law Enforcement License was suspended by the Police Training Commission when a Final Restraining Order was issued against him relating to a domestic violence incident. Scotto-Difrega was then suspended without pay for inability to perform essential job duties in the absence of a valid License, which will remain in place until such time at the PTC takes further action with respect to his License.
13	CPO	Phillip	Paone	No	No	Yes		No	Suspension without pay for a length to be determined.	Law Enforcement License Suspension/Domestic Violence	October 28, 2024, CPO Paone's Law Enforcement License was suspended by the Police Training Commission when a Final Restraining Order was issued against him relating to a domestic violence incident. Paone was then suspended without pay for inability to perform essential job duties in the absence of a valid License, which will remain in place until such time at the PTC takes further action with respect to his License.