

On 2022-10-19 17:08, Schrofer, Rochelle (DPS) wrote:

Hi Mike,

I'll make an attempt to answer your questions but please contact me for follow up. If it easier for us to talk, I can always be reached at [REDACTED].

1. How many total State Patrol officers were there in each of the years for which the data was provided? (Trying to find out what percentage of officers were disciplined).

The number of troopers is rarely static as we continually have resignations, retirements, and new hiring going on. I took a count on Dec 31st for each of the years in question. We currently have 605 troopers with another 30+ about to graduate in a couple of weeks.

December 2017 – Sworn staff is at 605

December 2018 – Sworn staff is at 609

December 2019 – Sworn staff is at 621

December 2020 – Sworn staff is at 604

December 2021 – Sworn staff is at 623

2. Much of the data contains coding, which I would like to get an explanation for. For example, GO 30-008 seems to concern a uniform policy violation. Can you provide me a summary of the coding, or direct me to where I can find the coding?

I have attached our General Order index for your reference. Let me know if this is sufficient for your request.

3. Are the individual files that comprise this data considered personnel files? Does DPS consider it public?

The individual files that contain the discipline data MAY be part of the HR personnel file – but also may be stored elsewhere (such as DPS Internal Affairs Division). As you know only the portion specified by Minn. Stat. § 13.43 is public.

Regards,

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Subject: Re: Follow up to phone conversation

Rochelle Schrofer

MN Department of Public Safety --

Rich had shared with me some data he had received concerning disciplinary actions against State Patrol officers over a 5 year period ending in December 2021. I had some questions as part of an attempt to gain some perspective on the data:

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Thanks in advance.

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