

MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Bureau of Internal Oversight

Audits and Inspections Unit



Complaint Intake Testing Inspection February 2022

Inspection # BI2022-0024

The Bureau of Internal Oversight's (BIO) Audits and Inspections Unit (AIU) conducts Complaint Intake Test inspections on a monthly basis. The purpose of this inspection is to determine employee compliance with Office Policies GH-2, *Internal Investigations* and GI-1, *Radio and Enforcement Communications Procedures* as they relate to the civilian complaint intake process. To ensure consistent inspections, the *Complaint Intake Testing Matrix* developed by the AIU is utilized.

To achieve this, the AIU will conduct monthly inspections of the complaint intake tests completed by an outside vendor selected by the MCSO for this purpose. This vendor is responsible for having testers file fictitious complaints either in person at MCSO facilities, by telephone, by mail, by e-mail or by using MCSO's website in order to determine if MCSO employees process the intake of complaints in accordance with MCSO policy.

The vendor has been issued open Purchase Orders for Fiscal Year ending June 30th which allows for a sufficient number of random and targeted tests to allow MCSO to assess the complaint intake process. The vendor determines the number of tests it will conduct on a monthly basis and when and how it will conduct these tests. Additionally, the vendor has submitted testing methodologies and testing paperwork which has been approved by the AIU. These methodologies include the requirement to audio and video record all in-person tests and audio record all telephone tests. The testing vendor will adhere to these methodologies when conducting complaint intake testing for the Office.

Compliance Objectives:

- Are employees providing civilians with appropriate and accurate information about the complaint process?
- Are employees promptly notifying the Professional Standards Bureau (PSB) upon the receipt of a complaint?
- Are employees providing the PSB with accurate and complete information?
- Are employees attempting to discourage, interfere with, or delay civilians from registering a complaint?

Criteria:

MCSO Policy GH-2, *Internal Investigations*

MCSO Policy GI-1, *Radio and Enforcement Communications Procedures*

Conditions:

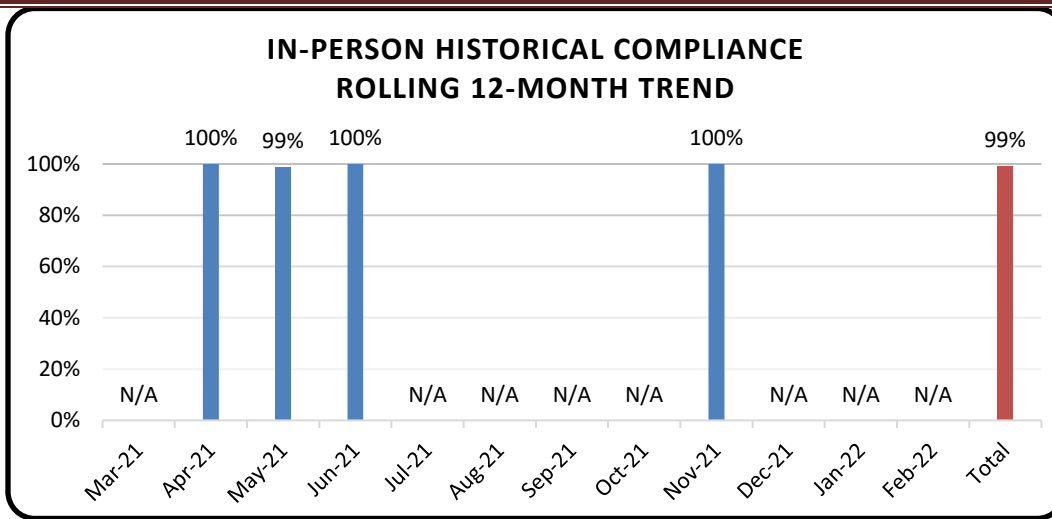
AIU began conducting the inspection of Complaint Intake Testing in January 2019 for tests performed during the month of December 2018. The following charts illustrate rolling 12-month histories of compliance with Office Policy. "N/A" indicates a particular type of testing was not performed during that month.

There were two Complaint Intake Tests conducted during the month of February 2022; one was an e-mail test, and the other was a test conducted online by using the Office's website. AIU inspected both complaint intake tests. These tests are discussed in further detail under the applicable report sub-sections below.

In-Person Testing

There were no In-Person Complaint Intake Tests conducted during the month of February 2022.

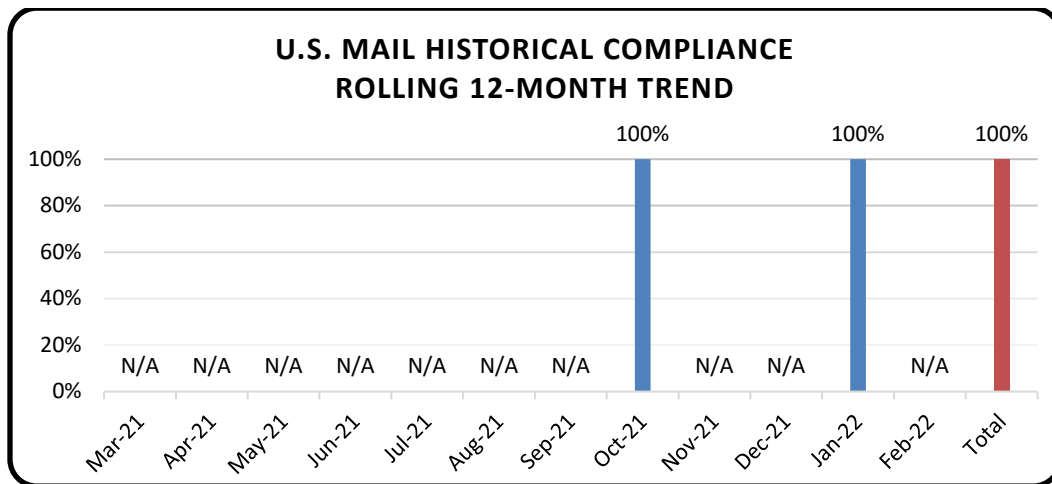
Below is a rolling 12-month historical comparison of compliance for In-Person tests:



Testing by U.S. Mail

There were no Complaint Intake Tests conducted by U.S. Mail during the month of February 2022.

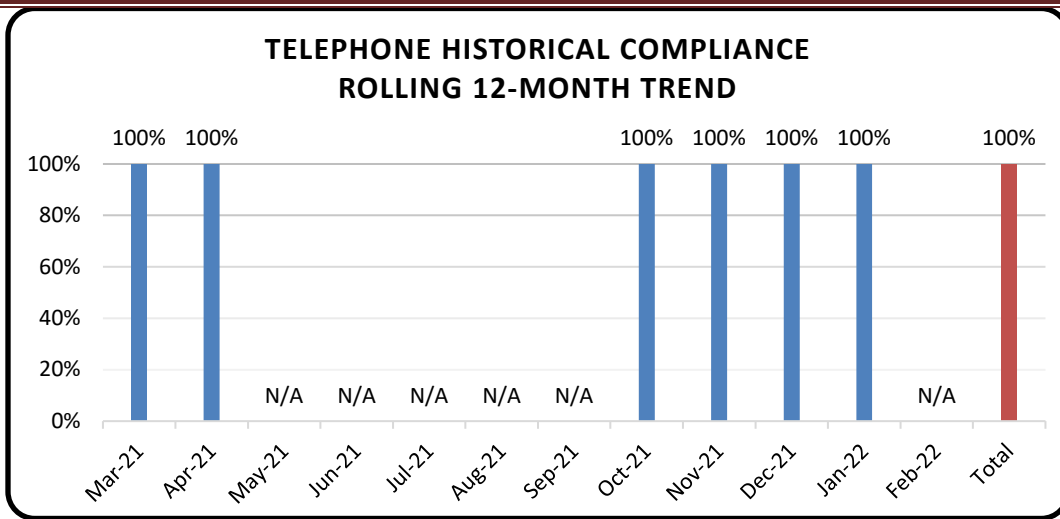
Below is a rolling 12-month historical comparison of compliance for tests conducted by U.S. Mail:



Testing by Telephone

There were no Complaint Intake Tests conducted by Telephone during the month of February 2022.

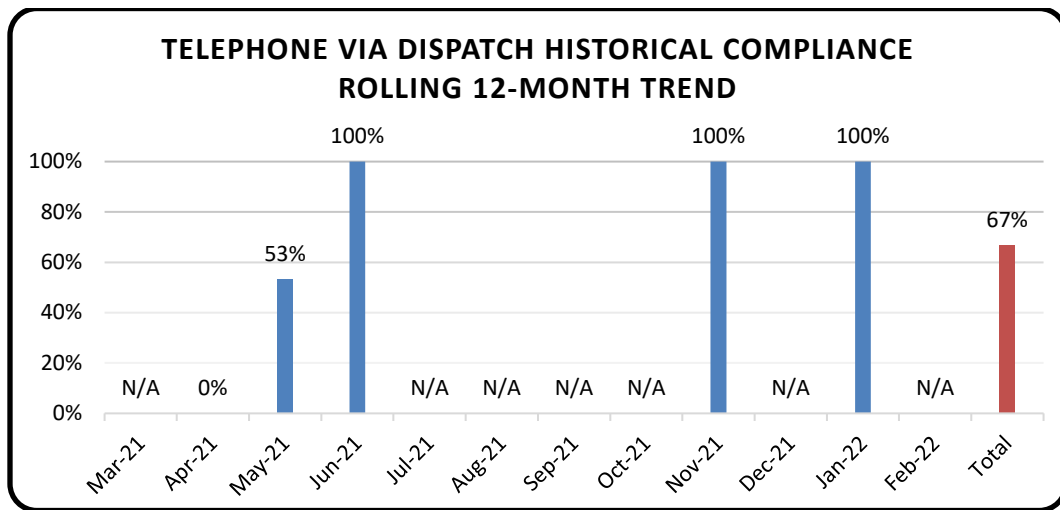
Below is a rolling 12-month historical comparison of compliance for tests conducted by Telephone:



Testing by Telephone via Communications Division

There were no Complaint Intake Tests conducted by Telephone via the Communications Division for the month of February 2022.

Below is a rolling 12-month historical comparison of compliance for tests conducted by Telephone via the Communications Division:



Testing by E-Mail

There was one Complaint Intake Test conducted by E-mail during the month of February 2022.

TEST #: 100

DISTRICT/DIVISION: PSB

TEST SCENARIO: A deputy was allegedly rude, and berated employees of a business establishment in a very loud and aggressive manner.

ACTIONS TAKEN: The tester e-mailed PSB directly. The following day, the tester received a response from PSB with the IA number and contact information for the assigned investigator.

RESULTS: No deficiencies were noted.

TESTER COMMENTS: *"Very professional and prompt response."*

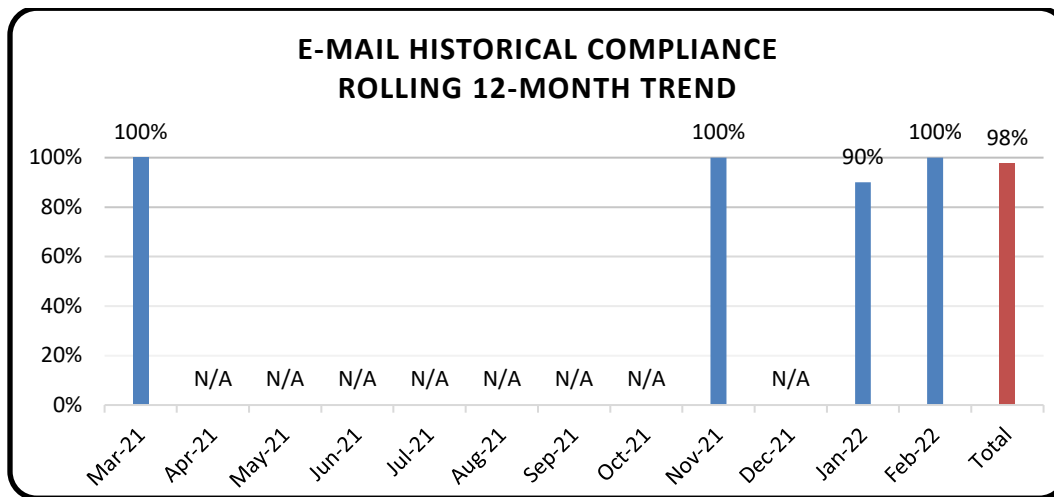
BIO FOLLOW UP: N/A.

It was determined that MCSO employee compliance with applicable Office Policy (GH-2, *Internal Investigations*) was 100%, as illustrated by the table below:

Inspection Element	Not In Compliance	In Compliance	Total	Compliance Rate
Determine if the complaint was accepted.	0	1	1	100%
Determine if the complaint was taken in a courteous manner.	0	1	1	100%
If the complainant did not speak, read, or write in English, or was deaf or hard of hearing, determine if the complaint was accepted.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Determine if the complaint was referred to the on-duty supervisor.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
If a supervisor was not available, verify that the employee obtained pertinent information and had a supervisor make contact with the complainant as soon as possible.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Determine if original recordings and documents were attached to BlueTeam or sent via interoffice mail to PSB.	0	1	1	100%
Verify that complaint was entered into BlueTeam or IPro.	0	1	1	100%
Determine if the employee attempted to discourage, interfere or delay complaint.	0	1	1	100%
If alleged conduct is of a criminal nature, determine that the chain of command was notified, who then notified PSB.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Verify that the complaint was audio and/or video recorded.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Determine if the following minimum amount of information was obtained: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complainant's name • Complainant's contact information • Location of the complaint occurrence • Report number and deputy name, if known 	0	1	1	100%
Determine if verbal or written acknowledgement was provided that the complaint was received, documented, forwarded for investigation and that complainant would be contacted by a department representative.	0	1	1	100%
Determine if the complaint was immediately forwarded to PSB.	0	1	1	100%

Determine if the complaint notification was sent within 7 days including IA# and investigator name and contact number.	0	1	1	100%
Determine if the employee reported accurate information in the complaint.	0	1	1	100%
Overall compliance for testing by E-mail	0	10	10	100%

Below is a rolling 12-month historical comparison of compliance for tests conducted by E-mail:



Testing Online via MCSO’s Website

There was one Complaint Intake Test conducted online during the month of February 2022 using the Office’s website.

TEST #: 103

DISTRICT/DIVISION: District 4

TEST SCENARIO: The tester posed as a Hispanic female. She alleged that a deputy was rude during a vehicle accident investigation and made racially insensitive remarks to her.

ACTIONS TAKEN: The tester filed the complaint through the MCSO website at www.mcso.org/i-want-to/share-comments-or-complaints. Four days later, the tester received an e-mail response from PSB with an IA number and the name and contact information of the assigned investigator.

RESULTS: No deficiencies were noted.

TESTER COMMENTS: “The email was professional and easy to understand.”

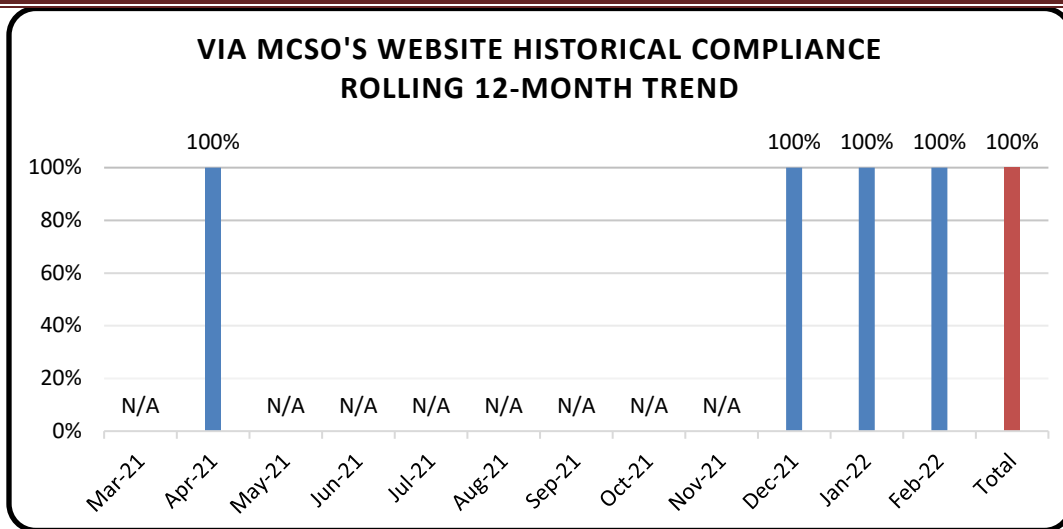
AIU FOLLOW-UP: N/A.

For the Online test, it was determined that MCSO employee compliance with the applicable Office Policy (GH-2, *Internal Investigations*) was 100%, as illustrated in the table below:

Inspection Element	Not In Compliance	In Compliance	Total	Compliance Rate
Determine if the complaint was accepted.	0	1	1	100%

Determine if the complaint was taken in a courteous manner.	0	1	1	100%
If the complainant did not speak, read, or write in English, or was deaf or hard of hearing, determine if the complaint was accepted.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Determine if the complaint was referred to the on-duty supervisor.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
If a supervisor was not available, verify that the employee obtained pertinent information and had a supervisor make contact with the complainant as soon as possible.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Determine if original recordings and documents were attached to BlueTeam or sent via interoffice mail to PSB.	0	1	1	100%
Verify that complaint was entered into BlueTeam or IAPro.	0	1	1	100%
Determine if the employee attempted to discourage, interfere or delay complaint.	0	1	1	100%
If alleged conduct is of a criminal nature, determine that the chain of command was notified, who then notified PSB.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Verify that the complaint was audio and/or video recorded.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Determine if the following minimum amount of information was obtained: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complainant's name • Complainant's contact information • Location of the complaint occurrence • Report number and deputy name, if known 	0	1	1	100%
Determine if verbal or written acknowledgement was provided that the complaint was received, documented, forwarded for investigation and that complainant would be contacted by a department representative.	0	1	1	100%
Determine if the complaint was immediately forwarded to PSB.	0	1	1	100%
Determine if the complaint notification was sent within 7 days including IA# and investigator name and contact number.	0	1	1	100%
Determine if the employee reported accurate information in the complaint.	0	1	1	100%
Overall compliance for testing by Website	0	10	10	100%

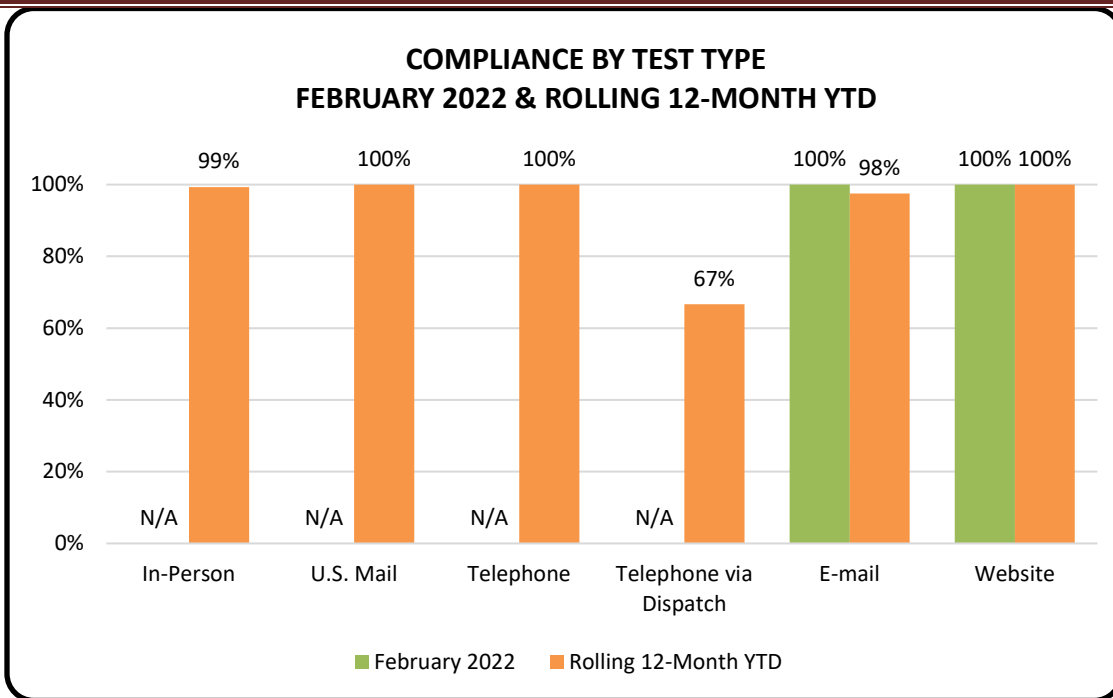
Below is a rolling 12-month historical comparison of compliance for filing a complaint Online:



Overall Compliance for February 2022:

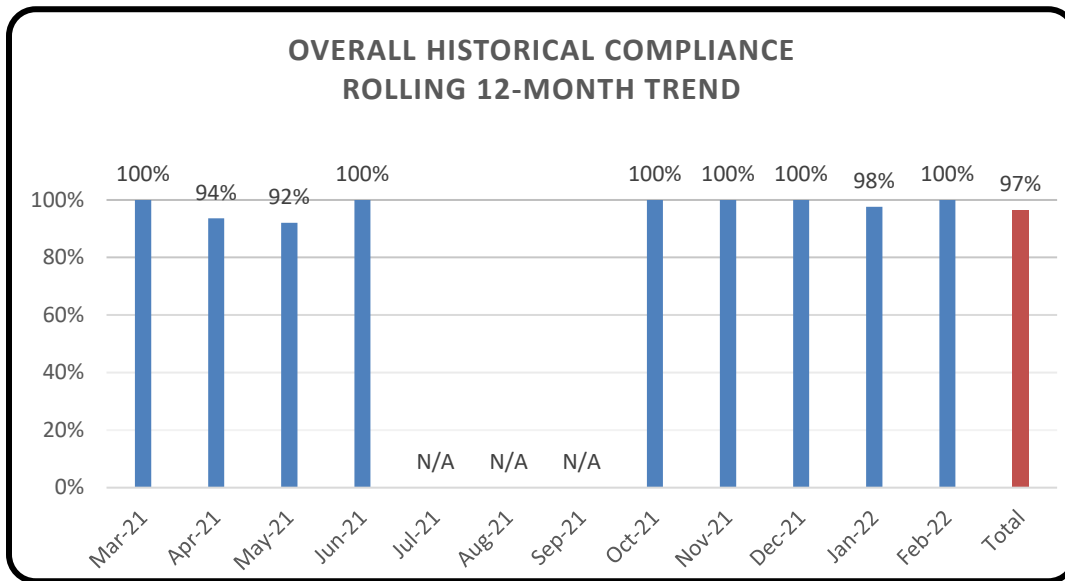
Compliance Rate by Method of Testing February 2022	Compliance Rate
Tests conducted In Person	N/A
Tests conducted by U.S. Mail	N/A
Tests conducted by Telephone	N/A
Tests conducted via Dispatch	N/A
Tests conducted via E-mail	100%
Tests conducted by filing a complaint Online	100%
Overall Compliance for all Complaint Intake Tests Inspected – February 2022	100%

Below is a chart illustrating compliance rate by type of test conducted for the month of February 2022 as compared with the corresponding year-to-date compliance rate:



History of Overall Compliance:

Below is a rolling 12-month historical comparison of compliance for all Complaint Intake Testing:



Action Required:

The compliance rate is **100%** for Inspection #BI2022-0024; therefore, **no BIO Action Forms** are requested.

Date Inspection Started: February 7, 2022
Date Completed: March 8, 2022
Timeframe Inspected: February 1st to February 28th, 2022
Assigned Inspector: Connie Phillips B3345

I have reviewed this inspection report.

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