



City of Phoenix

To: Jeri L. Williams
Police Chief

Date: April 25, 2019

From: Charles Morin, Commander
Professional Standards Bureau

CPM # 6471
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Subject: INTERNAL INVESTIGATION – PSB18-0163

Internal Investigators: Lieutenant Matt Siekmann (Investigative Review)
Sergeant Brandon Warner (Primary Investigator)
Sergeant AJ Steinberger (Secondary Investigator)

Allegation: On or after May 23, 2018, it is alleged that Officer Gregory Baranski #8822 knowingly submitted an internal written document with false information.

Findings: Sustained

Employee/s Involved: Officer Gregory Baranski #8822
Black Mountain Precinct / 23K

Sergeant John Sweeney #9073; Reference PSB18-0128
Black Mountain Precinct / 23K

Complainant: Department Initiated

Attachments: See Attachments Section

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION:

Beginning on February 19, 2018, and ending on May 23, 2018, Officer Gregory Baranski #8822 recorded inaccurate radar training certification hours on a radar qualification hours log and submitted the form for approval to Sergeant John Sweeney #9073 as a qualified radar operator. Sergeant Sweeney is a radar certified officer. Sergeant Sweeney acknowledged he was aware a radar certified officer was required to be present with the trainee during the radar training.

Although, Sergeant Sweeney and Officer Baranski were unable to estimate any of the locations, times, and actual training hours they spent together; Officer Baranski recorded twenty-three

separate entries on the radar qualification hours log and submitted it to Sergeant Sweeney with inaccuracies. On May 23, 2018, Sergeant Sweeney signed the training log as a "Qualified Officer" with his last name and badge number under "Signature & Serial #," before returning the training log to Officer Baranski.¹ Officer Baranski then submitted the radar qualification hours log to the Traffic Bureau affirming he completed a total of sixty-four hours of practical radar certification training.

Officer Anthony Konesky #5507 is responsible for reviewing all radar qualification hours logs and verifying them for accuracy. Prior to submitting Officer Baranski's radar qualification hours log, Officer Konesky discovered several inaccuracies. Officer Konesky said he noticed several entries where 4-5-hours of radar training was recorded with no breaks in-between.² This prompted Officer Konesky to check Officer Baranski's unit history. Officer Konesky said what he observed in Officer Baranski's unit history did not accurately reflect what was recorded on Officer Baranski's radar qualification hours log.³

Officer Konesky immediately notified Lieutenant Patrick Hofmann #4933, who forwarded the information to the Professional Standards Bureau (PSB) for review. Officer Baranski acknowledged to PSB investigators in a subsequent interview that he did not keep an accurate radar qualification hours log. Sergeant Sweeney acknowledged to PSB investigators he was not present with Officer Baranski during the training. Sergeant Sweeney acknowledged he signed the radar qualification hours log. Sergeant Sweeney acknowledged he did not verify the entries on Officer Baranski's radar qualification hours log because he assumed any inconsistencies would be discovered once the log was audited by the Traffic Bureau.

