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CITY AUDITOR RELEASES OUTSIDE EXPERT'S REVIEW OF THE INVESTIGATIONS OF SEVEN OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS

City Auditor LaVonne Griffin-Valade today released a report from the OIR Group, the outside experts hired by the Auditor to review the closed investigations pertaining to seven officer-involved shootings. The oldest of the incidents reviewed occurred in March 2004, and the most recent of the incidents reviewed occurred in March 2010.

This is the sixth review of closed Police Bureau investigations of deadly force incidents since 2002 when the Auditor was authorized to hire experts and oversee those reviews. As their primary focus in this particular review, the OIR Group selected incidents involving Police Bureau encounters with individuals experiencing some level of mental or emotional crisis. Another theme the OIR Group considered was communication at the scene of a critical event.

Over the course of the review, the OIR Group met with Portland Police Bureau members, the Auditor's Independent Police Review (IPR) division staff, community members, and others significant to the investigations, many of whom were interviewed on multiple occasions. All investigatory materials and pertinent tactical, training, and procedural documents were provided to OIR Group for their review.

The OIR Group will present their findings and recommendations before City Council at approximately 2:45 p.m., Wednesday June 6 in the 2nd Floor Auditorium of the Portland Building, 1120 SW 5th Avenue (next to City Hall).

Contact: Michael Gennaco of the OIR Group at 310-937-4009. The full report, OIR Group Report on Officer-Involved Shootings – May 2012, can be found online here: http://www.portlandonline.com/auditor/index.cfm?c=52199&a=399048 .

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