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### Independent Police Review

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# **INDEPENDENT POLICE REVIEW RELEASES ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

The Auditor's Independent Police Review (IPR) division has released its annual report for calendar year 2011. IPR is Portland's civilian police oversight agency, established in 2002 under the authority of the independently elected City Auditor. IPR is monitored and advised by a nine-member Citizen Review Committee (CRC) appointed by the City Council.

This is IPR's ninth annual report to the public. Complaint intake and processing data for 2011 are detailed, as are major policy and program changes. The 2011 annual report and executive summary, previous reports and summaries, and more information can be found at IPR's web site: <a href="https://www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/ipr">www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/ipr</a>.

# Complaint, Investigation, and Discipline Summary

- IPR opened 426 community complaints about police conduct; rude behavior was the most common allegation.
- Sixty-three complaints alleged violations of the Portland Police Bureau's (Police Bureau) use-of-force policies.
- Two officers were terminated, three resigned or retired with an investigation pending, and 10 were suspended without pay (between 10-80 hours).
- There were four officer-involved shootings in 2011 one was fatal. There was also one non-shooting, in-custody death.

### **Expanded Oversight Authority**

In 2010, City Council increased IPR's authority to conduct independent investigations, required the Police Bureau to obtain IPR approval of all Internal Affairs investigations, and created a more balanced and transparent Police Review Board to recommend findings and discipline to the Chief of Police. In 2011, Council expanded CRC's authority to make policy recommendations directly to the Chief of Police, extended the term of service for CRC members to three years, and clarified procedures of the CRC when hearing appeals.

# **Citizen Review Committee**

CRC held a Community Public Forum to discuss police accountability and to hear community concerns; formed a new workgroup to review the Police Bureau's recruitment, retention, and promotion policies; revised several appeal-related protocols and influenced the City Code changes enacted by Council; and conducted two investigative case file reviews.

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