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Independent Police Review
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Director's Report

1. Independent Police Review (IPR) Division Work Plan / Accomplishments

Auditor's Police Accountably Reforms
City Auditor Lavonne Griffin-Valade and IPR presented to City Council on December 18 and January 8, regarding the Auditor's proposal to make changes to Portland's police accountability structure. Among the key changes:

- CRC expanded to 11 members
- CRC members will serve on a rotating basis on the Police Review Board in cases involving use of force, including Officer Involved Shootings/In Custody Deaths.
- All fact finders in the discipline of PPB officers will use discipline guideline
- Expansion on the public reporting requirements for cases that go to the Police Review Board
- City Code authorization for IPR to be able to directly question all PPB employees
- Strengthens IPR's ability to conduct independent investigations

Going Forward
2013 was a year filled with accomplishments and transitions. We lost a giant with the passing of original CRC member Hank Miggins. Several CRC members moved on including Michael Bigham, Steve Yarosh, Pamela Dunham, and Keeble Giscombe. The CRC added Teresa Baldwin and Roberto Rivera as new members. IPR would like to thank all current and past CRC members for their service and their dedication to the cause of citizen involvement in our police oversight structure. Our system could not function without all of your hard work.

As the City moves to implement the DOJ settlement agreement there will be a need to change some aspects of how the CRC conducts appeals to meet the agreement's 21 day limit. My hope is that IPR and CRC will work together to implement these reforms.

IPR Community Outreach
IPR Investigators Casey Bieberich and Eric Berry met with youth program participants of New Avenues for Youth, and Bieberich also met youth program participants of Outside In to expand awareness of IPR commendation/complaint process and gather community feedback on policing. Konev attended and networked at Kwanzaa Celebration, Slavic Advisory Council, and held a one – hour presentation on IPR commendation/complaint process to the Slavic community at the Russian Speaking Network.

Bieberich attended and networked at Rosewood Initiative in East Portland "Community Viewing and Discussion" of the film "Safe and Sound", presented by Consult Hardesty. The film viewing and forum was attended by Human Rights Commissioners and public.

IPR and CRC Outreach
CRC member Rochelle Silver and Konev attended and networked at the Community and Police Relations Committee and gave updates on IPR and CRC activities.

IPR is on Twitter, follow us at https://twitter.com/PortlandIPR

1. **IPR Caseload**

Cases Pending at IPR			
	11-4-13	12-2-13	1-6-14
Number of cases (and median age)	55 (26 days)	52 (36.5 days)	36 (42 days)

2. **Internal Affairs Caseload**

Cases Pending at Internal Affairs			
	11-4-13	12-2-13	1-6-14
Under investigation (median age*)	12 (53 days) (5 Community, 7 Bureau)	13 (59 days) (7 Community, 6 Bureau)	16 (76.5 days) (10 Community, 6 Bureau)
Awaiting assignment (median age*)	6 (45.5 days) (5 Community, 1 Bureau)	2 (55.5 days) (Both Community)	7 (41 days) (All Community)
Service Improvement Opportunities (median age*)	4 (32 days)	5 (59 days)	5 (75 days)

* Median age includes the time the cases were pending at IPR before being referred to Internal Affairs.

*** There are currently no officer involved shootings/in custody deaths under administrative investigation.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Director