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Director's Report to the Citizen Review Committee (CRC)

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**1. Independent Police Review Division (IPR) Work Plan**

- **CRC Nominations / Appointments:** We are excited for the upcoming appointments of the new CRC members on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm in Council Chambers.
- **Support the CRC workgroups:** Assist the "IPR Structure Review" workgroup to produce a final product by the end of the year.
- **Attend the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) conference:** Auditor Griffin-Valade, IPR Assistant Director Severe, CRC member Rochelle Silver and I will attend the NACOLE conference in Austin, Texas from October 31 – November 3, 2009.

**2. IPR Accomplishments / Outreach**

- **Chasse Investigation Review and Evaluation:** On October 1, Portland City Auditor LaVonne Griffin-Valade announced plans to hire a nationally recognized expert to evaluate the how the Portland Police Bureau handled the internal investigation regarding of the 2006 in-custody death of James Chasse, including why it took nearly three years to complete. Chasse, 42, who suffered from schizophrenia, died in police custody Sept. 17, 2006. The outside expert has yet to be selected, but the report will review the quality of the internal investigation as well as the adequacy of the police policies that affected the actions of the officers. The request for proposals will be released in the coming weeks, and proposals (tentatively) will be due mid November. CRC members Rochelle Silver and JoAnn Jackson will assist Auditor Griffin-Valade, Asst. Director Severe and I review and rank the proposals. IPR will release the final report to the public, elected officials and the Chief of Police.
- **Community Outreach:** Irene Konev arranged for the IPR Director and CRC Chair to appear on *Portland Community Media's program – Face to Face: Community Matters*. Chair Michael Bigham and I used this great opportunity to explain to the community that civilian oversight exists in Portland and explain the roles and responsibilities of both IPR and the CRC. I encourage CRC members to use this media source prior to the next CRC recruitment as a way to educate and engage the community in the work that CRC does.

Specific outreach took place to African American agencies such as Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs, Africa House, and Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs as well as with individual community members. Russian Oregon Social Services sexual assault survivor support group had a presentation and a Ukrainian Church Festival was attended. Awareness was also brought to North Neighborhood

Association, and the Chief's Racial Profiling Report to City Counsel was attended. Networking has begun with the Community Relations Services from Department of Justice based out of Seattle. New procedures were set up for providing six hours of intercultural training to incoming CRC members through local trainers, which Myra Simon and Jeff Bissonnette have graciously attended. New CRC orientation plan is being carried out.

Most recently Irene Konev has been working with the Office of Human Relations (OHR) and has completed the six days of Intergroup Dialogues sponsored by the Human Rights Commission Truth and Reconciliation Training. Working with OHR she is poised to help begin peace dialogues with the community and police.

**3. IPR Caseload**

Cases Pending at IPR			
	8-17-09	9-14-09	10-19-09
Number of cases (and median age)	31 (14 days)	50 (24 days)	61 (33 days)

**4. Internal Affairs Division (IAD) Caseload**

Cases Pending at IAD			
	8-17-09	9-14-09	10-19-09
Under investigation (median age*)	10 (62.5 days) (3 Citizen, 7 Bureau)	10 (90.5 days) (4 Citizen, 6 Bureau)	13 (49 days) (2 Citizen, 11 Bureau)
Awaiting assignment (median age*)	16 (36.5 days) (All Citizen)	16 (47 days) (12 Citizen, 4 Bureau)	4 (52.5 days) (All Citizen)
Service Improvement Opportunities (median age*)	7 (68 days)	11 (70 days)	9 (66 days)

\* Median age includes the time the cases were pending at IPR before being referred to IAD

**5. Appeals:**

**Appeal 2006-C-0475:**

IPR has received a timely appeal request for IPR/IAD case number 2006-C-0475. The IPR and IAD case files are available for your review. Please call IPR at 503-823-0972 and IAD at 503-823-0236 to make an appointment to review the files prior to the next CRC meeting.

At the November 17, 2009 CRC meeting, thirty minutes will be set aside on the agenda for a case review discussion. Questions about the substance or merit of the complaint will not be addressed during the case review discussion. The appeal will take place at the December 15, 2009 meeting.

If you have any questions, please call IPR Investigator Judy Taylor at 503-823-0905.

Respectfully Submitted,

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