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Independent Police Review Division Announces Recruitment for Volunteers to Serve on the Citizen Review Committee

Mary-Beth Baptista, the Director of Portland's Independent Police Review Division (IPR), announces the opening of recruitment for volunteers to serve on the Citizen Review Committee (CRC) for two-year terms, two positions commencing on September 1, 2009 and three positions beginning on January 1, 2010.

"Service on this committee requires objectivity, fairness, impartiality, and lack of bias — either for or against law enforcement. We are looking for citizens that have a strong commitment to public service," said Baptista.

The Independent Police Review Division receives and screens complaints about Portland Police Bureau (PPB or Bureau) officers. IPR may investigate, mediate, dismiss, or refer complaints to the Bureau. IPR oversees investigations, analyzes complaint patterns, and conducts policy reviews.

The nine-member Citizen Review Committee monitors and advises IPR, hears appeals, and receives public concerns. Candidates must be Portland, Oregon residents or business owners — with a lack of real or perceived conflicts of interest.

Applications are available at the IPR office in City Hall as well as on IPR's website at www.portlandonline.com/auditor/ipr. Applications will be evaluated and scored by the Selection Committee and the most qualified candidates will be asked to appear for an interview. Those selected will be presented for appointment by City Council.

Applications must be received at the IPR office in City Hall by 4:30 PM on Monday, July 20, 2009. Delivery can be done by: mail or in person at 1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 320, Portland OR, 97204, email at iprcrc@ci.portland.or.us, or fax at 503-823-3530. If you have any questions, please call IPR's main line 503-823-0146.

"I cannot say enough about the integrity and work ethic of the outstanding CRC volunteers — I am encouraged by what this successful collaboration of dedicated professionals have, and will continue to, accomplish," Baptista concluded.