

## CITY OF PORTLAND

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## News Release - November 24, 2014

## AUDITOR RELEASES EXPERT'S REVIEW OF INVESTIGATIONS OF EIGHT OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS AND ONE IN-CUSTODY DEATH

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 one in-custody death and eight officer-involved shootings. The oldest of the incidents reviewed occurred in December 2006, and the most recent of the incidents reviewed occurred in July 2011.

Since 2003, the City Auditor has contracted with two outside experts to examine such events: PARC (four reports between 2003 and 2009) and the OIR Group (2010 report on the in-custody death of James Chasse, the 2012 report on seven officer-involved shootings, and the 2013 review of six officer-involved shootings and one in-custody death).

Over the course of the review, the OIR Group met with Portland Police Bureau members, the Independent Police Review (IPR) staff, community members, and others significant to the investigations. All investigatory materials and pertinent tactical, training, and procedural documents were provided to the OIR Group for their review.

The OIR Group will present their findings and recommendations before City Council at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 3, in City Council chambers at Portland City Hall, 1221 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Contact: Michael Gennaco of the OIR Group at 310-937-4009. The full report can be found online here: OIR Group Report on Officer-Involved Shootings and In-Custody Deaths – November 2014.

Please check the IPR website for previous reports: <a href="www.portlandonline/auditor/ipr">www.portlandonline/auditor/ipr</a>.