

## **CITY OF PORTLAND**

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## IPR CONDUCTING INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION INTO PPB HANDLING OF FERGUSON RELATED PROTESTS

The City Auditor's Independent Police Review (IPR) will be conducting an independent investigation into community member concerns about the Portland Police Bureau's handling of local protests stemming from the death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri.

Portland City Code 3.21.070 authorizes IPR to open an investigation into incidents or complaints that are of community concern.

As of 4 pm today, IPR has received over 20 complaints from community members. Several IPR investigators are assigned to the investigation and will be conducting witness interviews and gathering evidence.

IPR requests members of the public who witnessed interactions between community members and PPB officers during the recent protests to contact our office. IPR is also collecting all available video. For further information, please contact IPR Director Constantin Severe (503) 823-0146.