



QUARTERLY REPORT – Q2 2015

Independent Police Review (IPR) – Citizen Review Committee (CRC)

IPR DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

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As a relatively small agency of twelve employees, IPR’s success as a police oversight agency depends on the community feeling invested in the work that our office does and that IPR reflects this community’s values as we engage in oversight. To that end, IPR engages in significant outreach efforts to get a sense of community issues related to police oversight.

IPR has an extraordinary outreach coordinator in Irene Konev who has built connections with many stakeholder groups and community organizations that have allowed us to reach populations that IPR has struggled to reach. Over the last year IPR has focused much of its outreach efforts at reaching local youth, immigrant communities, and the homeless community.

During the 2014-15 school year, IPR was able to make presentations about police accountability to students at Roosevelt, Grant, Franklin, Jefferson, and Parkrose high schools. Meeting with the students allowed a conversation about police accountability nationally and locally. A significant topic of discussion with students was how could IPR best reach local youth.

Additionally, IPR has conducted a series of information and community engagement sessions to provide the broader public direct access to IPR on how Portland’s police accountability operates and to have a conversation on how can it be improved. As Portland’s police accountability system matures it is critical that the community is included and an integral part of any changes made.

QUARTERLY CASE STATISTICS

