



# CITY OF PORTLAND

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## **Independent Police Review**

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## **Director's Report**

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

#### **Hip Hop Review**

IPR released its review of PPB's procedures and practices regarding hip-hop events in Portland. IPR Director Constantin Severe presented the findings of the report to OPB, XRAY FM Radio and was interviewed by the Oregonian, the Mercury, and other local newspapers. He was also interviewed for TV news.

#### **Citizen Review Committee (CRC) Recruitment:**

The CRC recruitment ended on Thursday October 30, 2014. Community Outreach Coordinator Irene Konev solicited 30 applicants, 18 female and 12 male, a diverse group of community members from varied backgrounds. CRC nominees are going through the background checks and will be presented to City Council for their three-year appointment in February.

#### **Office of Independent Review Report**

The Office of Independent Review (OIR) released their third report on officer-involved shootings and in-custody deaths. IPR reached out to the public and to community leaders/advocates who work with the houseless population, and those struggling with mental health to receive the presentation and ask questions of the OIR group.

#### **IPR Community Outreach**

Konev and IPR Investigator Eric Nomura made a presentation to the staff/youth advocates of Outside In on the IPR commendation and complaint process. Director Severe and IPR Assistant Director Bent-Albert made a presentation to ACLU staff and volunteers on IPR powers and duties. Konev attended and gave updates on IPR and CRC to the Community and Police Relations Committee.

Bent-Albert, Investigator Eric Berry, Office Assistant David Nguyen, PSU Master of Social Work student intern Kayse Crump and Konev, went on a tour of the PPB Property and Evidence Facility.

The Slavic Advisory Council (SAC) is a partnership that brings together members of the Portland Slavic/Russian-speaking community and the Portland Police Bureau to promote mutual understanding and cooperation in community enhancement and problem solving. The SAC held a two-year anniversary party in December to celebrate the effective relationship-building with the Portland Police and the Slavic/Russian-speaking immigrant community leaders. The co-founders of this Council are Officer Haunsperger and Konev. Nationally, this is the only Slavic advisory council to law enforcement.

Konev attended and participated in Community Police Dialogue with Slavic/Russian-speaking community members and Officers Haunsperger and Morinville to hear feedback on policing.

### **IPR/CRC Outreach**

A community public forum was held with the Burmese immigrant community to promote awareness of IPR and CRC. Working with an interpreter, CRC members Roberto Rivera, Jeff Bissonnette, IPR Investigator Casey Bieberich and Konev presented, answered questions and received feedback about policing.

CRC members of the Outreach and the Use of Deadly Force workgroups held a two-hour community forum with Don't Shoot Portland. The forum was well attended, and community feedback on IPR/CRC and policing in Portland was received. The outreach workgroup is planning a facilitated forum with Don't Shoot Portland.

### **Community Feedback:**

- IPR has received positive feedback about our review of PPB's procedures and practices regarding hip-hop events in Portland.
- The Burmese language has many dialects, but translators/interpreters used by the PPB are from subcultures, and do not speak the main dialect. Community leaders suggest a better interpreter: Sandy Khaine, a Multnomah County Court interpreter.

IPR is on Twitter, follow us @PortlandIPR (<https://twitter.com/PortlandIPR>)

## **2. IPR Caseload**

<b>Cases Pending at IPR</b>			
	11-3-14	12-1-14	1-5-15
Number of cases (and median age)	48 (36.5 days)	42 (29.5 days)	42 (35 days)

## **3. Internal Affairs Caseload**

<b>Cases Pending at Internal Affairs</b>			
	11-3-14	12-1-14	1-5-15
Under investigation (median age*)	10 (55.5 days) (2 Community, 8	10 (60 days) (2 Community, 8	16 (95 days) (8 Community, 8

	Bureau)	Bureau)	Bureau)
Awaiting assignment (median age*)	4 (88.5 days) (3 Community, 1 Bureau)	1 (55 days) (1 Bureau)	1 (90 days) (1 Bureau)
Service Improvement Opportunities (median age*)	3 (70 days)	3 (69 days)	1 (47 days)

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

#### 4. Status of Officer-involved Shootings and In-Custody Death Investigations

	INCIDENT DATE	CASE	SUBJECT	OFFICER(S)	IA INV	IPR NOTES
1	9-1-14	14-B-39	McClendon	Honl	Towle, Magill	<b>Findings with Chief's Office for Review</b>
2	4-16-14	14-B-15	Ropp	Dorn/Worthington	Renna, Courtney	<b>Findings with Chief's Office for Review</b>

Respectfully submitted,



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