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IPR RECEIVES SEVERAL COMPLAINTS AFTER THIS WEEKEND'S PROTEST AND MARCH

The Independent Police Review, a division of the City Auditor's Office created in 2001, is tasked with taking commendations and complaints regarding the actions of Portland Police Bureau officers.

The Independent Police Review had several staff members observing the J20 protest held on January 20, 2017, and the Women's March held on January 21, 2017. IPR staff were present for both events in their entirety.

As of this afternoon, IPR has received 12 commendations and 10 complaints for the actions of Police Bureau personnel on January 20 and 21. Complaints alleging misconduct against a PPB officer will be subject to an investigation conducted by IPR. Mayor Wheeler as the Police Commissioner will make the ultimate decision whether an officer's conduct violated PPB's policy and procedures manual.

Complaints that are of a systemic nature regarding the manner in which PPB handles protests will be compiled and referred to PPB Chief Marshman and Mayor Wheeler.

Both events over the weekend had multiple law enforcement agencies providing support to PPB. IPR only has the jurisdiction to conduct investigations of members of the Portland Police Bureau.

Due to the confidentiality that attaches to community complaints, IPR will not be able to make further comment while an investigation is pending.

To contact IPR to file a complaint, call (503) 823-0146 or email ipr@portlandoregon.gov. Complaints can also be completed and submitted online at the IPR website, www.portlandoregon.gov/ipr.

