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[Portland Auditor releases external review of nine police officer-involved shootings](#)

Outside experts hired by the Independent Police Review have reviewed nine completed investigations of shootings by Portland Police Bureau officers. During its review, the [OIR Group](#) identified several themes that warrant further attention by Police Bureau command staff, according to a report released today.

Portland City Code authorizes the Independent Police Review to hire outside experts to conduct a review of closed Police Bureau officer-involved shootings and in-custody death investigations. Since 2003, there have been 11 external reviews identifying policy and investigative issues.

The OIR Group has reviewed the investigative practices and policies of a number law enforcement agencies around the United States, including the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Madison Police Department, and the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office.

This is the OIR Group's sixth report for the City. They have reviewed a total of 50 completed officer involved shootings and in-custody death investigations.

The [latest report](#) covers officer-involved shootings that occurred between 2014 and 2017. The OIR Group provided the Police Bureau with 40 recommendations, including:

- In officer-involved shooting investigations, the Police Bureau should video record interviews of involved and witness officers.
- The Police Bureau should ensure that the administrative investigation of every officer-involved shooting includes an explicit review of pre-shooting tactical decision making and require express findings from the Commander and Police Review Board on whether an officer's tactical performance was consistent with training and policy.
- When an officer uses deadly force, the Bureau's review of that incident – by the Training Division, Commander, and Police Review Board – should consider any prior uses of deadly force and evaluate whether there are significant parallels between the officer's tactical decision making in the incidents.

The OIR Group had complete access to the Police Bureau's criminal and administrative investigations, training documents, and other relevant documents. Over the course of this review, the OIR Group met with Portland Police Bureau members, Independent Police Review staff, and community members.

The OIR Group will hold a community meeting on Tuesday, February 5 at 1:00 pm in the Lovejoy Room at Portland City Hall to answer questions from the community about the report

The OIR Group will present their report and recommendations before City Council on Wednesday, February 6 at 2:00 pm, at Portland City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Avenue.

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