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## Independent Police Review processing complaints after several days of demonstrations

The Independent Police Review is here to serve the community by investigating complaints and taking commendations about Portland Police. Our mission is to increase accountability and public trust through our work providing impartial oversight of police conduct, practices and policies. We remain committed to that mission through this public health crisis and increased awareness around police conduct.

In the last week, IPR has received a high volume of contacts. As of Monday afternoon, over 2,300 of those contacts were form letters related to funding for Portland Police, the contract negotiations with the Portland Police Association, or related generally to tactics used during the protest events. We have also received several dozen complaints about individual interactions with police during the protests and reviewed videos circulating on social media of several individual use of force events. Additionally, we received eight commendations about police actions. In general, complaints have centered around force used on protesters, including the use of gas, various munitions, and LRAD (the sonic warning tone), as well as police denying the open movement of protesters. Given the high volume of contacts, IPR is still in the process of evaluating protest-related complaints and will be opening misconduct investigations where appropriate.

Due to ongoing restrictions on physical distancing, currently all IPR staff are working remotely and investigators are still investigating complaints.

How to Contact us:

- File a [complaint online](#)
- Call (503) 823-0146
- Mail: 1221 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Room 140, Portland, OR 97204 *\*Please note that response times may be slower for complaints sent by mail*

The IPR office is not open to in-person visits at this time. We will provide updated information on our website when we resume taking these visits.

We thank the community for sharing your concerns about the police response to protest events with our office.

