

Quarterly Report – Q3 2020

Protest related complaints drive increase in investigations

Community contacts decreased by nearly half to 165 in the third quarter, compared to the high of 308 in the second quarter. Complaints related to protests decreased from 113 in the second quarter to 45 in the third.

As community contacts began to decrease at the end of the second quarter, the number of investigations conducted by IPR started to spike in the third. Prior to the third quarter, IPR had opened twelve independent investigations during the first six months of the year. Typically, IPR retains cases related to protests for independent investigation rather than referring them to Internal Affairs because of the high level of public interest in those cases. Sixteen new independent investigations were initiated in the third quarter, bringing the yearly total to 28. This is more independent investigations than every year since 2016 when election related protests led to an increase in complaints.

Community members can contact IPR over the phone, email, through the mail, or with our [online form](#). Investigators review all contacts received and enter them into a case management system.

Independent investigations increase after spike in community contacts



In addition to independent investigations stemming from community contacts, IPR also opened cases based off media coverage of protests and social media posts. In these situations, IPR initiates a case without a complainant contacting the office and alleging misconduct. These types of cases are challenging because, without a complainant reaching out to our office, it is difficult to contact the people involved and they may not want to engage in the investigation process. However, we initiate these types of cases because we want to be responsive to community concerns and remove the barrier of someone having to contact us directly.

During the second quarter, the Citizen Review Committee's Crowd Control workgroup requested recurring information about protest related cases. We turned this information into a visualization that is updated weekly on Wednesdays on our [website](#).

OIR Group releases seventh review of officer-involved shootings

IPR contracts with the OIR Group to conduct an outside review of officer involved shootings and in-custody deaths and make recommendations to the Bureau. The Group released its [most recent report](#) during the second quarter and a virtual community meeting to discuss the report will be held on November 6th from 9:00-10:30am in conjunction with Portland's Interfaith Peace & Action Collaborative. A link will be shared through our [email alerts](#) when it is available.