

A photograph of the Sacramento skyline at dusk, with city lights reflecting on the water. The Sacramento River is in the foreground, and the city buildings are in the background. The sky is a mix of blue and orange from the setting sun. A large white oval is overlaid on the top right of the image, containing the city's logo and report title.

City of
SACRAMENTO
Office of Public Safety Accountability

Quarterly Report

Q4 - 2023

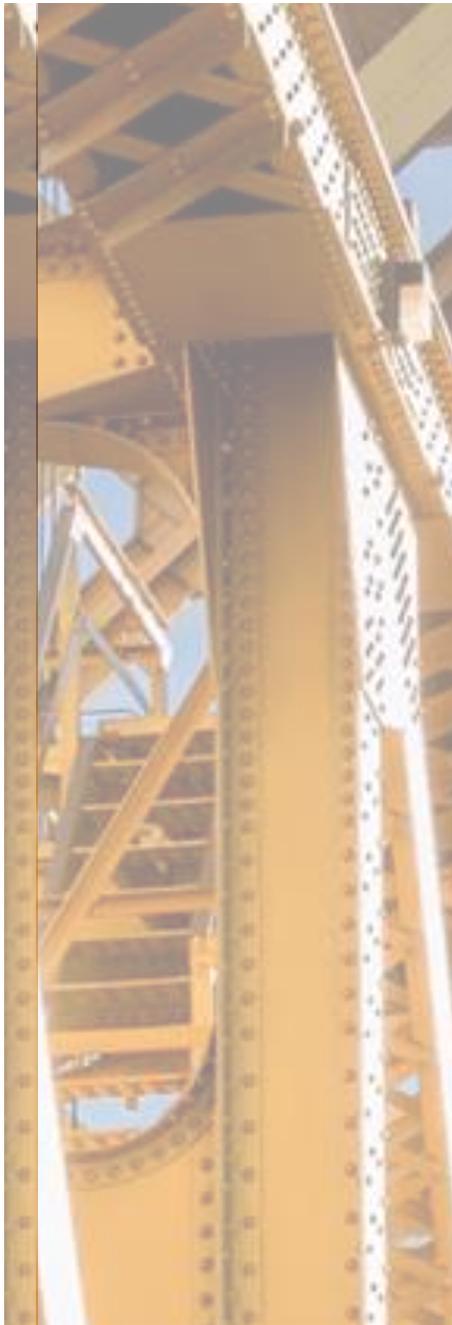
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As required by City Code section 2.22.040, the director, at a minimum, shall prepare quarterly reports consistent with California Penal Code section 832.7(c), relating to the number, kind, and status of all citizen complaints filed against police department personnel for review by the Sacramento community police review commission and the city council.



SUMMARY

The City of Sacramento’s Office of Public Safety Accountability (OPSA) encompasses oversight practitioners responsible for the investigation, review, and audit of allegations of misconduct involving the Sacramento Police Department (SPD) and the Sacramento Fire Department (SFD) personnel. OPSA ensures that investigations have been completed fairly, thoroughly, and objectively.

The Office of Public Safety Accountability continues its efforts in the improvement of policing and better serving the interests of the public. The goals and objectives of the office involves creating meaningful opportunities for the community to influence decisions that impact them, incorporating innovative and progressive ideas to resolve issues, explaining challenges and limitations, and ensuring outcomes meet goals while remaining inclusive and accessible.

OPSA MISSION

The Mission of the Office of Public Safety Accountability is to improve the relationship between the City's public safety departments and the community they protect and serve. We promote trust, excellence, transparency, and accountability through independent and impartial oversight of complaints related to public safety employee misconduct.

SPOTLIGHT: COMPLAINTS

- Complainant alleged that an officer used profanity during the interaction and violated police General Orders.
- Complainant alleged that her 15-year-old daughter was detained in a police vehicle with her breasts exposed. Complainant requested that her daughter be covered up, but the officer was angry and would not cover her up.
- Complainant alleged that she was assaulted by the grocery store manager and an officer observed the assault but did not do anything.
- Complainant alleged that she was pulled over by officers and ordered out of her vehicle. Officers ordered her out of vehicle with their guns drawn and her 8-year-old son was in the vehicle as well. Complainant advised that officers told her that they made a mistake and stopped the wrong vehicle. Complainant believes that the mistake should not have occurred.
- Complainant alleged that she was the victim of an unlawful search and seizure. Six officers occupying an unmarked vehicle pulled the complainant over while she was stopped at a red light. Officers frightened the complainant by knocking on her windows and reaching into her vehicle as she rolled her windows down. The complainant attempted to ask questions regarding why she was pulled over, but the officers ordered her out of the vehicle.
- Complainant alleged that another officer inappropriately touched her and attempted to kiss her while they were working an overtime assignment.
- Complainant alleged the 911 dispatcher failed to dispatch the police in a timely manner resulting in her being sexually assaulted.
- Complainant alleged that he visited police headquarters, and the officer was rude and condescending. The complainant requested to speak with a supervisor, but the officer refused to contact a supervisor.
- Complainant alleged that he contacted the police regarding a man that was providing drugs to the homeless. The complainant stated that the police did not take any action and laughed at him during the interaction. The complainant requested to speak with a supervisor and the supervisor failed to act but admitted that the officers were wrong.

WAYS TO FILE A COMPLAINT



Call: (916) 808-7525



Online: <https://www.cityofsacramento.org/OPSA>



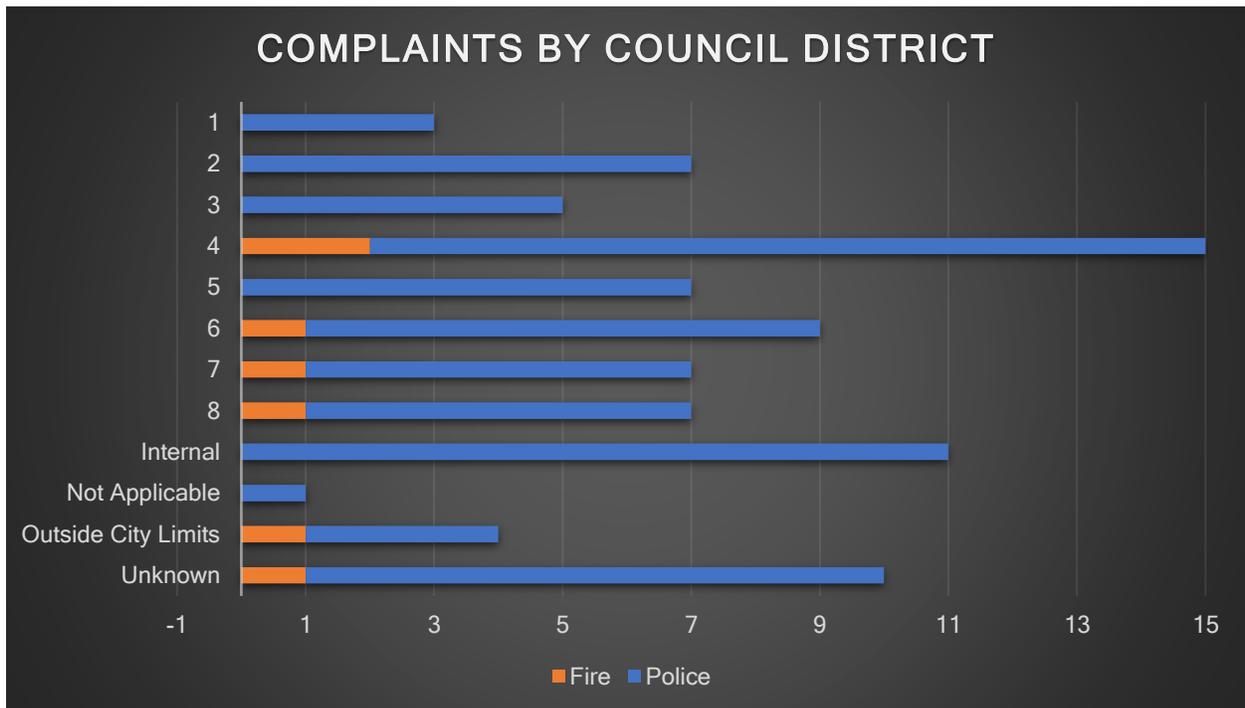
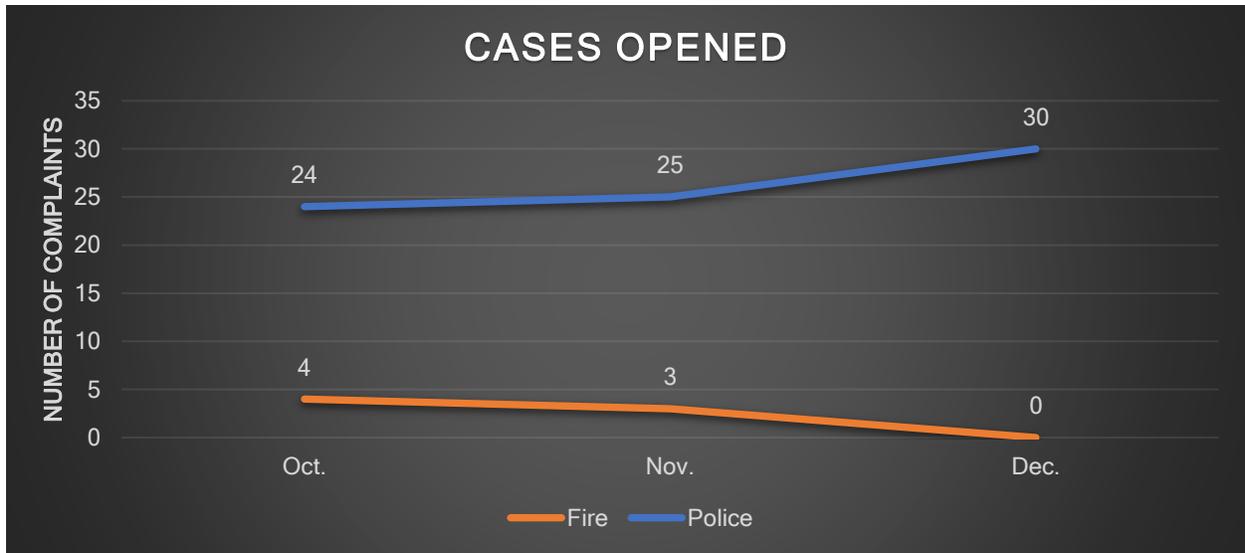
Mail: 915 I Street, Historic City Hall 3rd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Due to COVID-19, OPSA staff is currently not available to receive in person complaints at the office.

ALLEGATIONS/COMPLAINTS

The Office of Public Safety Accountability received 79 complaints against police personnel containing 183 allegations and seven complaints against fire personnel containing 11 allegations during the Fourth Quarter of 2023.

There were 10 additional allegations of misconduct reported to the office that did not involve public safety employees in the City of Sacramento. The OPSA staff does its best to connect these complainants with the proper agency or provide further information to help them resolve their concern.

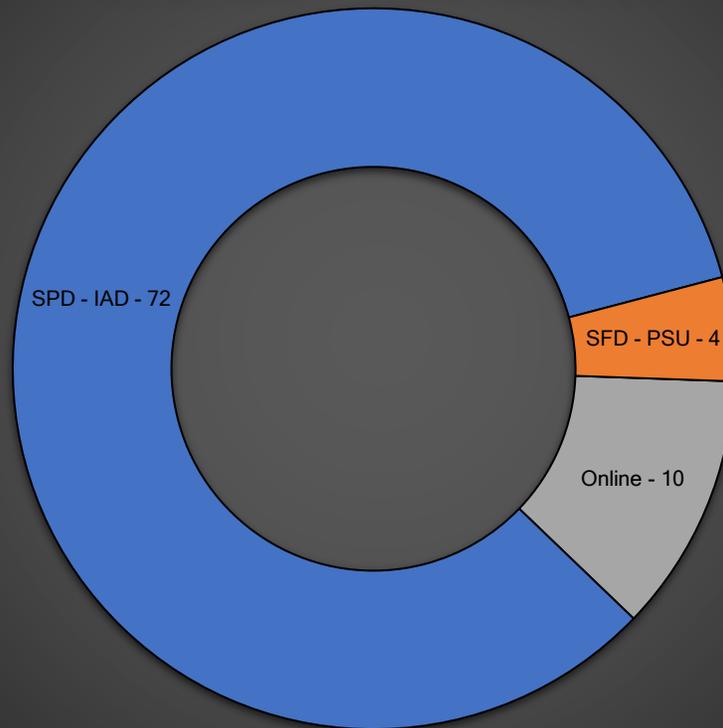


ALLEGATIONS BY TYPE

Allegation	Number of Allegations	
	Fire	Police
Conduct Unbecoming	0	12
Discourtesy	3	14
Discrimination	0	10
Dishonesty	1	5
False Arrest	0	7
Force	0	8
Harassment	0	10
Improper Search & Seizure	0	31
Improper Tactics	0	7
Insubordination	0	1
Missing Property	0	3
Neglect of Duty	0	22
Profiling	0	3
Service	6	49
Traffic	1	1
Total	11	183

Note: One complaint can include multiple allegations.

COMPLAINT FILING METHOD



Note: Online data reflects complaints filed directly with OPSA. Internal Affairs Division (IAD) and Professional Standards Unit (PSU) complaints are filed directly with their respective departments.

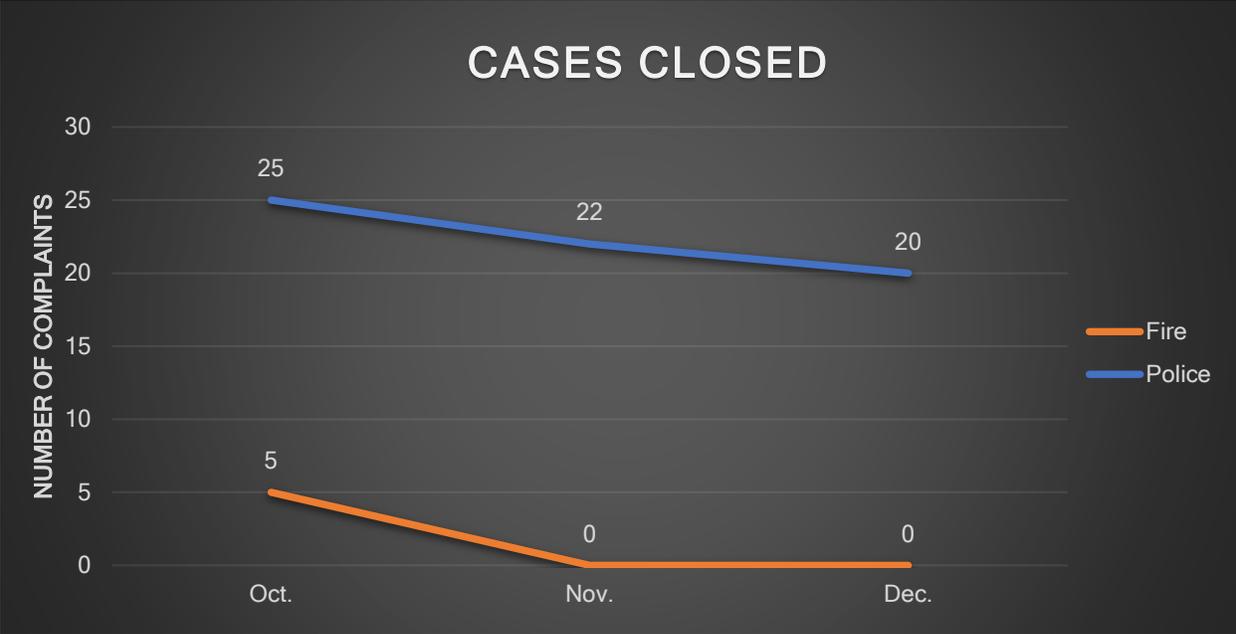
FINDINGS

Police

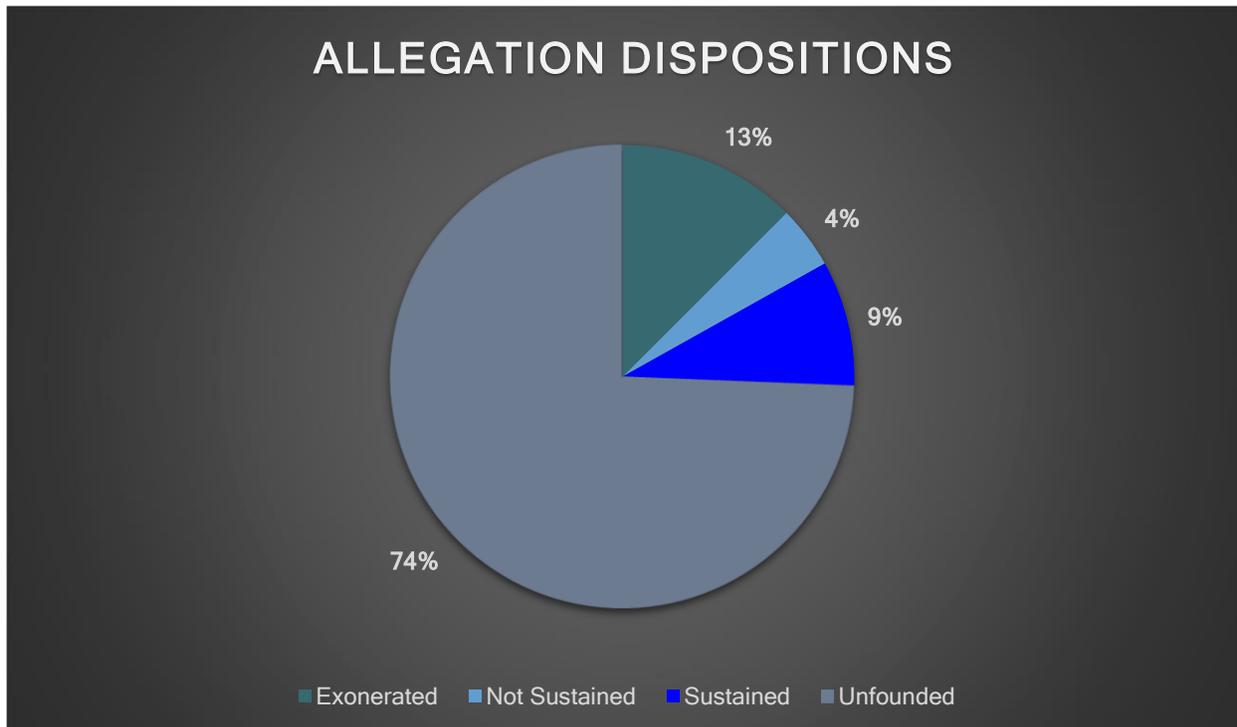
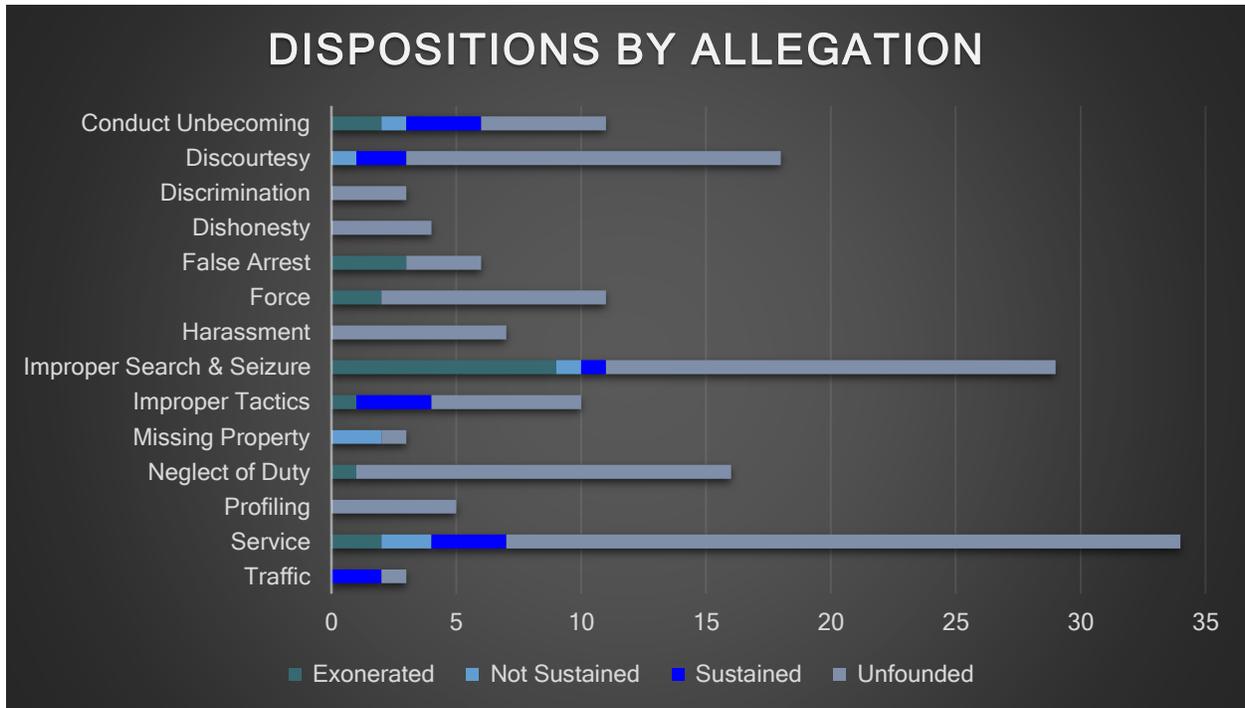
There were 67 police complaints containing 160 allegations that were closed during the Fourth Quarter of 2023. Fourteen of the allegations were closed with a disposition of Sustained, which is a 9% Sustained rate. The remaining 146 allegations did not yield any policy violations.

Fire

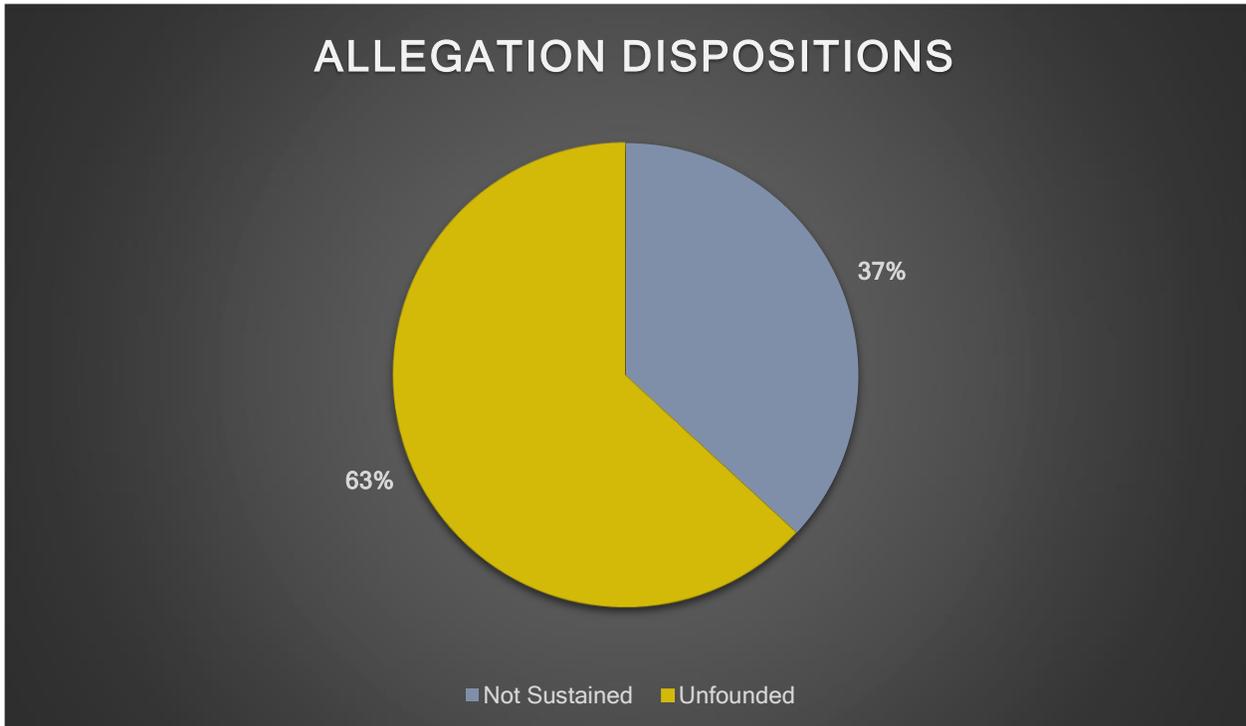
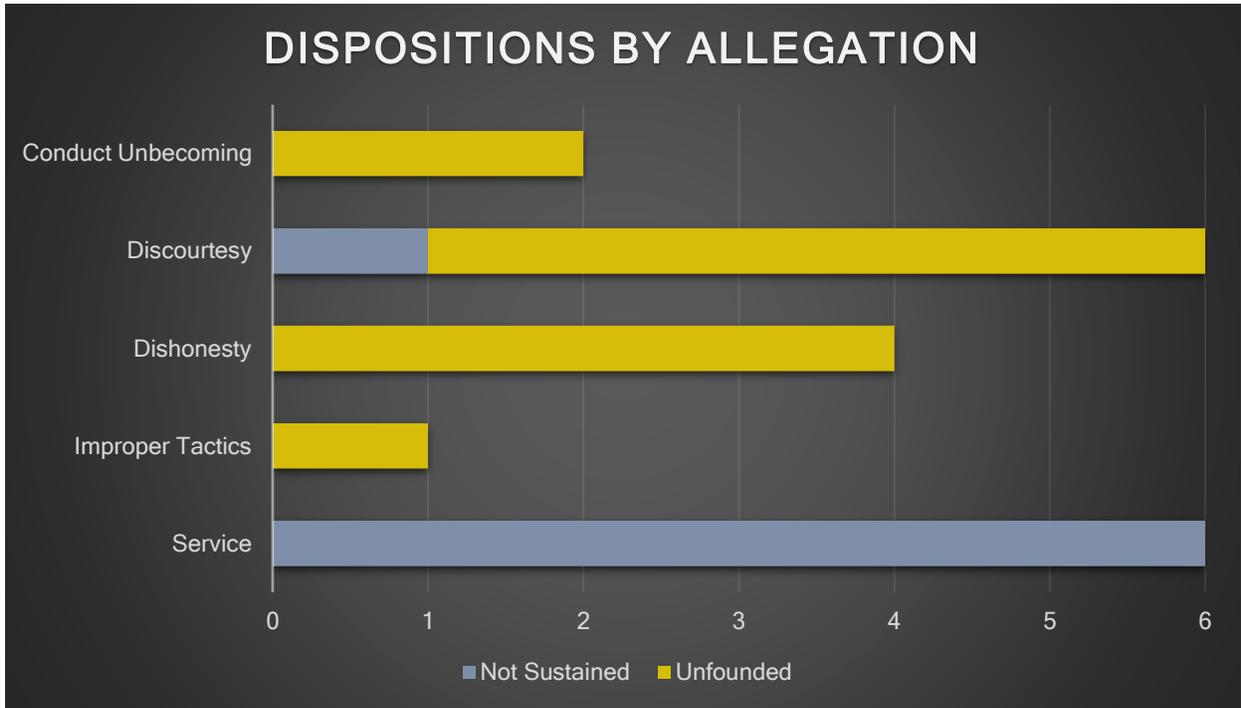
There were five fire complaints containing 19 allegations that were closed during the Fourth Quarter of 2023. Zero allegations were closed with a disposition of Sustained. None of the 19 allegations yielded any policy violations.



Police



Fire



COMPLAINANT DEMOGRAPHICS

The OPSA does its best to collect demographic information from complainants and through information provided by SFD and SPD for complaints filed directly with each department. Departmental complaints that are internally generated without a specific complainant are not included in the data below.

Complainant	Fire		Police	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
18 and under	0	0%	1	2%
19-30	0	0%	13	20%
31-40	1	14%	15	23%
41-50	1	14%	18	27%
51-60	1	14%	9	14%
61-70	1	14%	3	5%
Over 70	1	14%	3	5%
Did Not Disclose	2	29%	1	2%
Unknown	0	0%	3	5%
Total	7	100%	66	100%

Gender	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Female	2	29%	36	55%
Male	3	43%	23	35%
Did Not Disclose	2	29%	2	3%
Unknown	0	0%	5	8%
Total	7	100%	66	100%

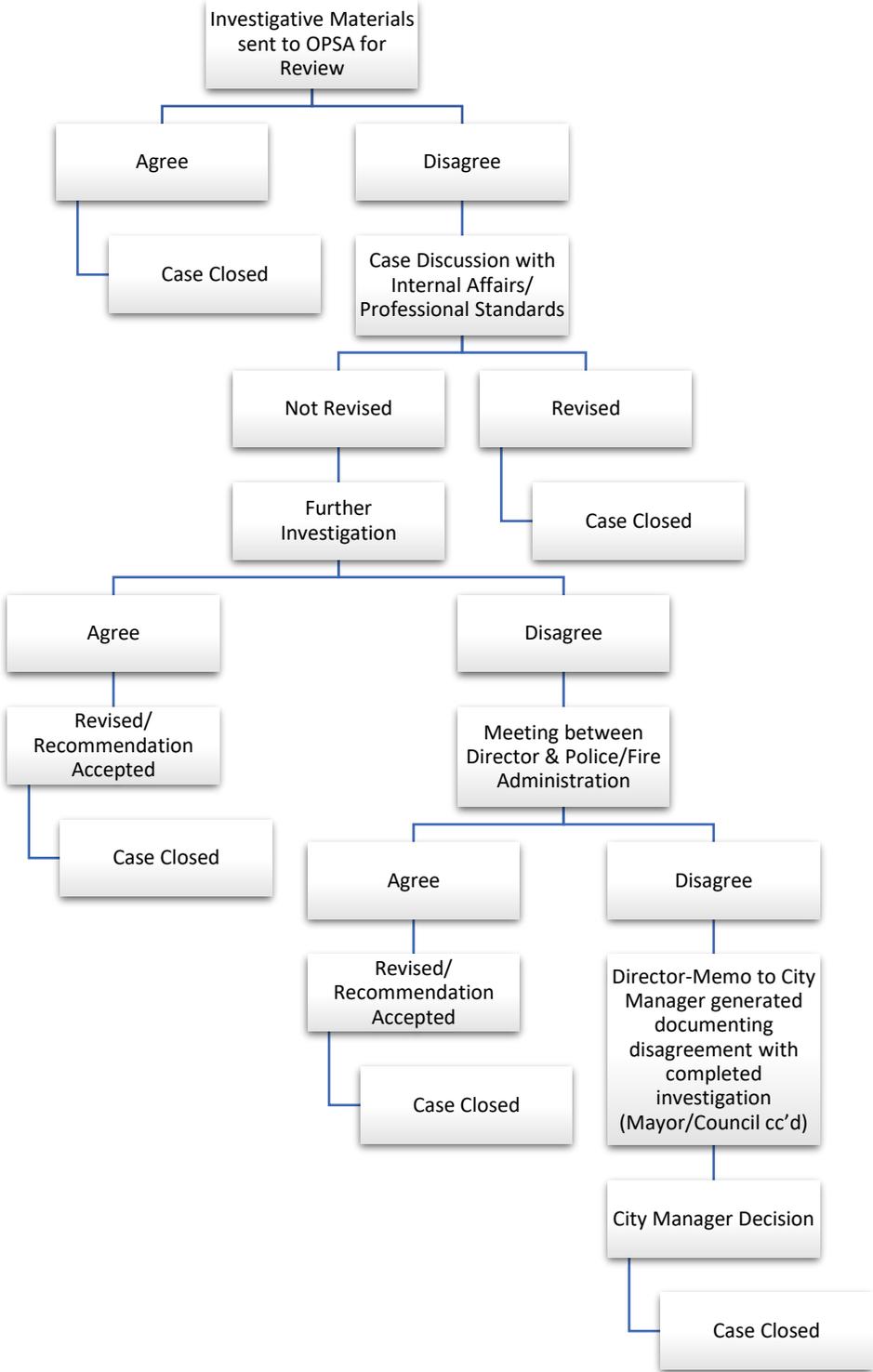
Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Asian	1	14%	1	2%
Black/African American	1	14%	24	36%
Hispanic/Latino	1	14%	7	11%
White/Caucasian	1	14%	16	24%
Did Not Disclose	3	43%	3	5%
Unknown	0	0%	15	23%
Total	7	100%	66	100%

Note: Percentages may not add up due to rounding. Internal cases are not included in this data set. OPSA tracks additional Gender/Race/Ethnicity categories, but only includes reportable quarterly data.

REVIEWS

An overview of the OPSA review process can be found in the chart below.

Review Process Chart



REVIEWS

Under the direction, control, and supervision of the City of Sacramento Mayor and City of Sacramento City Council, the Office of Public Safety Accountability tracks and monitors any internal investigation, reviews completed investigations, and advises the Sacramento Police Chief and the Sacramento Fire Chief of deficient investigations involving misconduct allegations against public safety personnel.

OPSA receives all police and fire complaints, regardless of where the complaints are filed. After OPSA conducts a preliminary review of each alleged complaint, a determination is made as to whether the case will or will not be reviewed. OPSA documents the determination by sending a review form to the Sacramento Police Department Internal Affairs Division and Sacramento Fire Department Professional Standards Division indicating whether the case will be reviewed or not reviewed. For all cases selected for oversight review, OPSA receives access to all investigative materials utilized to render a finding prior to discipline being imposed.

During Q4 of 2023, OPSA reviewed 100% of the completed investigations filed against the Sacramento Fire Department and 45% of the completed investigations filed against the Sacramento Police Department. Of the completed investigations reviewed by OPSA, five investigations for fire and eight investigations for police required further review.

Review Finding Options

- Agree
- Discussed – Revised
- Discussed – Not Revised, Memo Sent
- Discussed – Further Investigation, Agree/Recommendation Accepted
- Discussed – Further Investigation, Disagree/Memo Sent

Further Review Results

Police

Month	Recommendation/Disagreement	Outcome
October	Allegation Correction	Discussed-Further Investigation, Agree
November	Disposition Incorrect	Discussed - Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration
November	Additional Information Needed	Discussed-Further Investigation, Agree
December	Additional Allegation Needed	Discussed - Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Accepted
December	Disposition Incorrect	Discussed - Further Investigation, Agree
December	Disposition Incorrect	Discussed - Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration

December	Additional Allegation Needed	Discussed - Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Accepted
December	Disposition Incorrect	Discussed-Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration/Recommendation Accepted

Fire

Month	Recommendation/Disagreement	Outcome
October	Incomplete Investigative Information	Discussed – Further Investigation, Agree
October	Incorrect Disposition/ Additional Investigative Information Needed	Discussed-Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration/Recommendation Accepted
November	Additional Investigative Information Needed	Discussed-Further Investigation. Recommendation Accepted
November	Additional Investigative Information Needed/ Missing Dispositions	Discussed-Further Investigation. Agree

CRITICAL INCIDENTS

There were no critical incidents reported during the Fourth Quarter of 2023.

OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

- Sacramento Community Police Review Commission Presentation – October 9, 2023
- San Joaquin Delta College Paralegal Studies Program - November 9, 2023
- Sacramento Observer’s 60th Anniversary Gala Celebration – November 10, 2023
- Sacramento Public Defender Racial Justice Meeting – November 16, 2023