

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**

Q2 - 2023

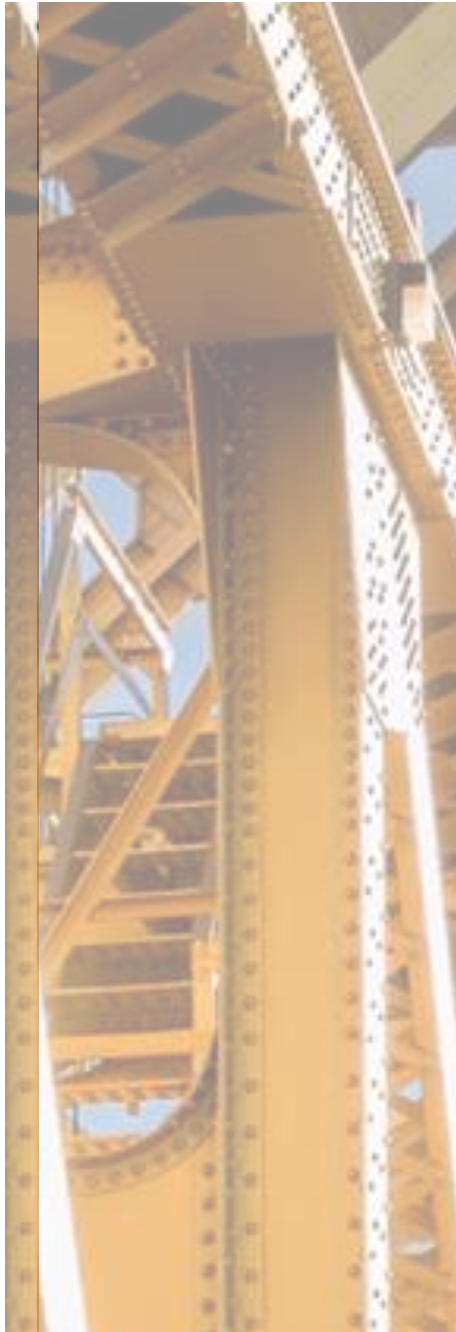
**PRESENTED TO:**

*The City of Sacramento Mayor and City Council*

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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 the responding officer lied in the police report.
- Complainant alleged that an officer spoke to a man with a swastika and Nazi eagle shirt and gave the man a fist bump. The complainant then stated that the man did a Nazi salute to the crowd before leaving.
- Complainant stated that she was assaulted in the parking lot of the Spaghetti Factory and had a seizure. The complainant advised that one of the responding officers repeatedly asked what was wrong with her and that the female officer took a statement from the other party but did not take a statement from her or her son because of their race.
- Complainant advised that he was charged with resisting arrest in March of 2023, but the charge was dismissed. The complainant alleged that the officers involved in his arrest used excessive force.
- Complainant alleged that she and her family were dissatisfied with the service of an SPD sergeant and stated that the sergeant was discourteous. The complainant advised that the sergeant also hung up the phone her and her family.
- Complainant alleged that Gang Unit detectives served a search warrant at her location and broke cameras, flipped beds and trash cans over, and destroyed her home without reason.
- Complainant alleged that she has been dealing with ongoing harassment and disrespectful behavior from an SPD officer.
- Complainant alleged that SPD is ignoring 911 calls concerning criminal activity at the emergency housing facility.

### WAYS TO FILE A COMPLAINT



Call: (916) 808-7525



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



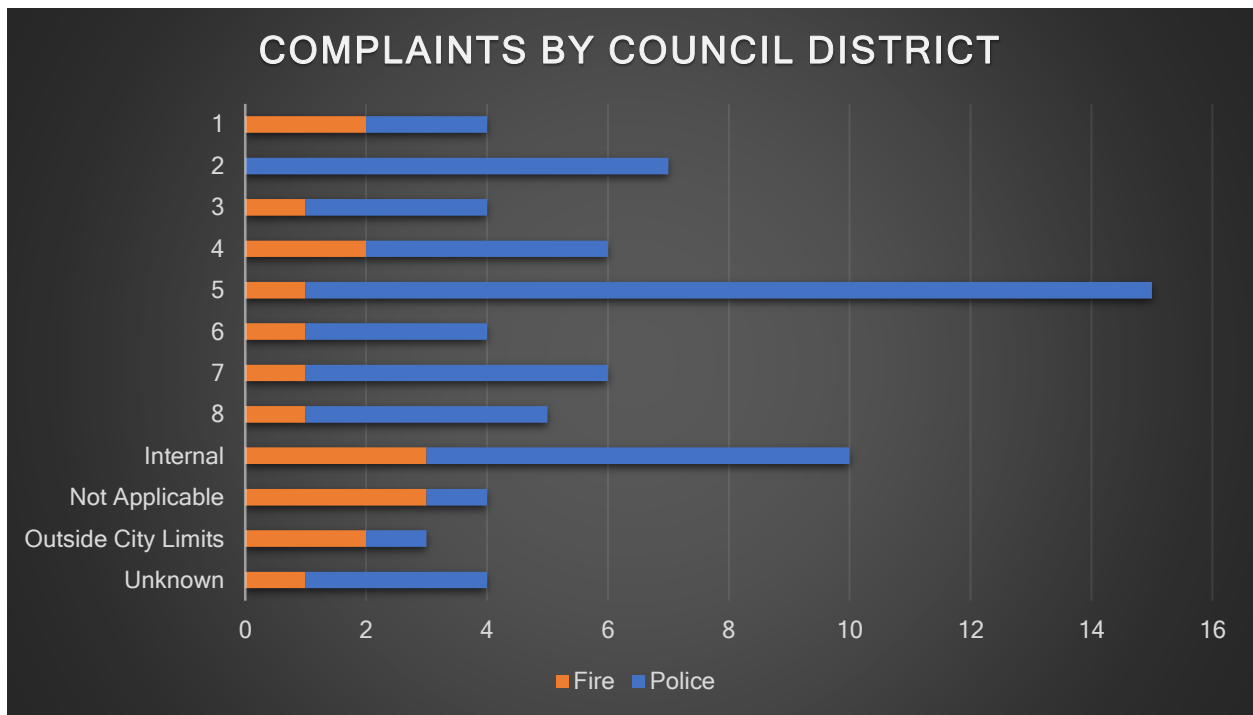
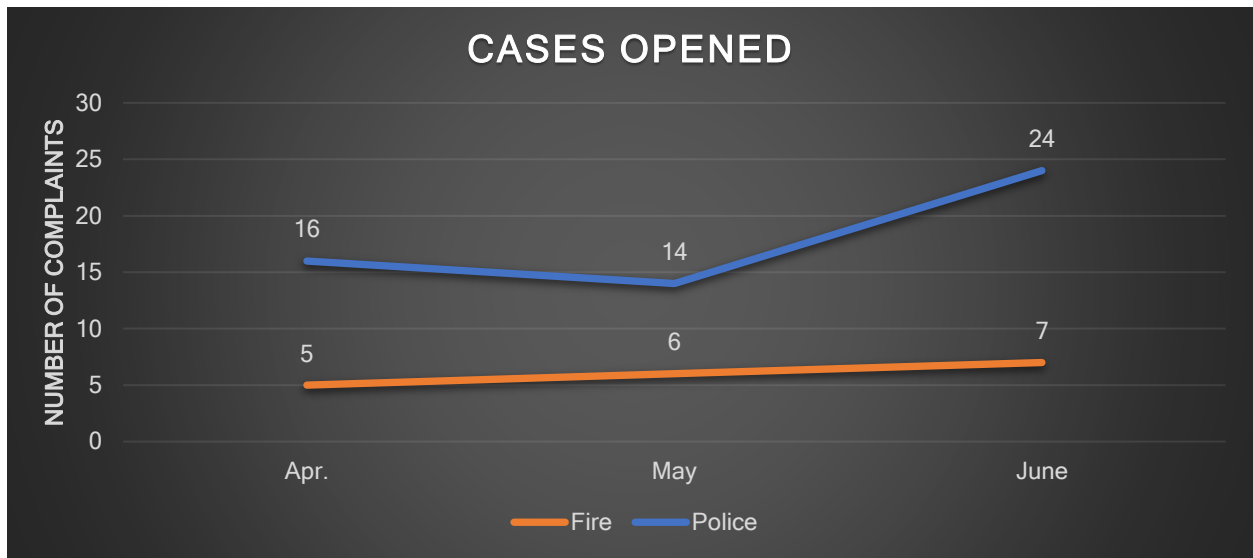
Mail: 915 I Street, Historic City Hall 3rd Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*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 54 complaints against police personnel containing 118 allegations and 18 complaints against fire personnel containing 30 allegations during the Second Quarter of 2023.

There were 9 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.

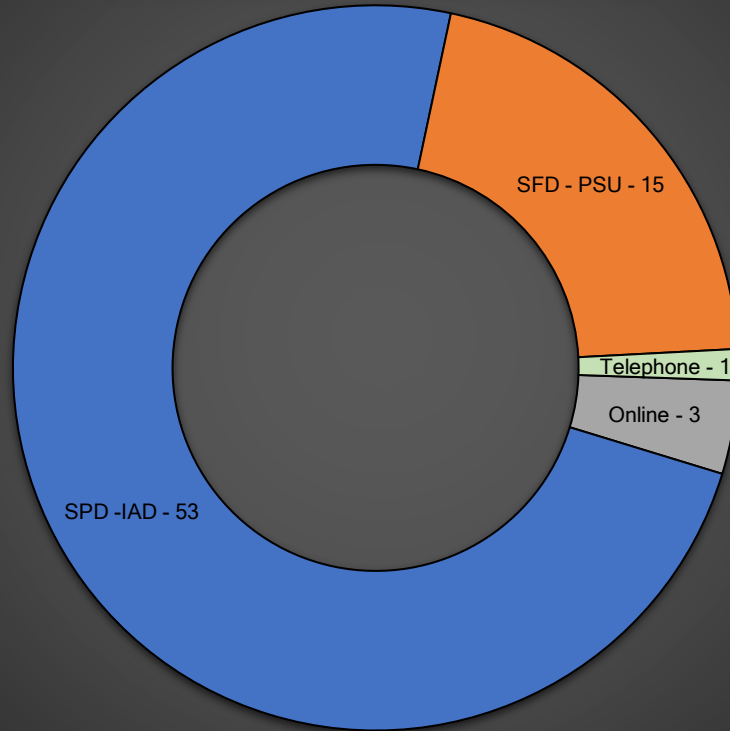


## ALLEGATIONS BY TYPE

Allegation	Number of Allegations	
	Fire	Police
Conduct Unbecoming	3	11
Criminal Offense	2	0
Discourtesy	9	11
Discrimination	0	9
Dishonesty	1	2
False Arrest	0	9
Force	0	16
Harassment	0	2
Improper Search & Seizure	0	11
Improper Tactics	2	5
Missing Property	0	3
Neglect of Duty	0	15
Profiling	0	3
Service	12	17
Traffic	1	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>118</b>

*Note: One complaint can include multiple allegations.*

## COMPLAINT FILING METHOD



*Note: Internal Affairs Division (IAD), Professional Standards Unit (PSU), & Online and Telephone data reflect complaints filed directly with OPSA*

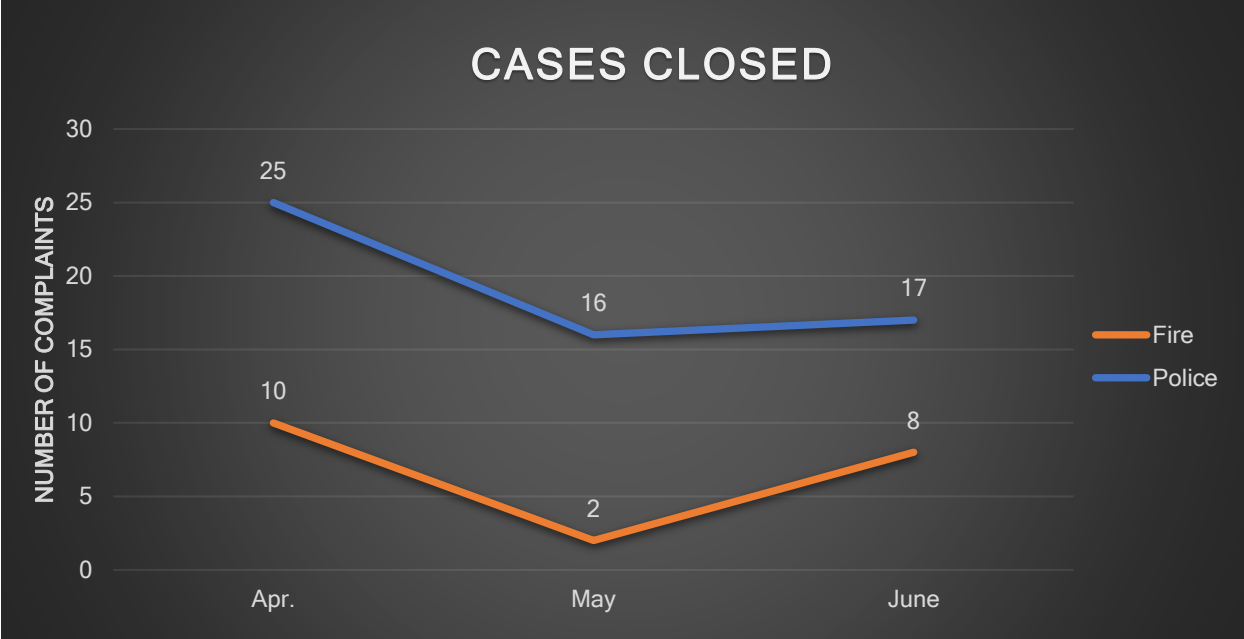
# FINDINGS

## Police

There were 58 police complaints containing 177 allegations that were closed during the Second Quarter of 2023. 20 of the allegations were closed with a disposition of Sustained, which is a 11% Sustained rate. The remaining 157 allegations did not yield any policy violations.

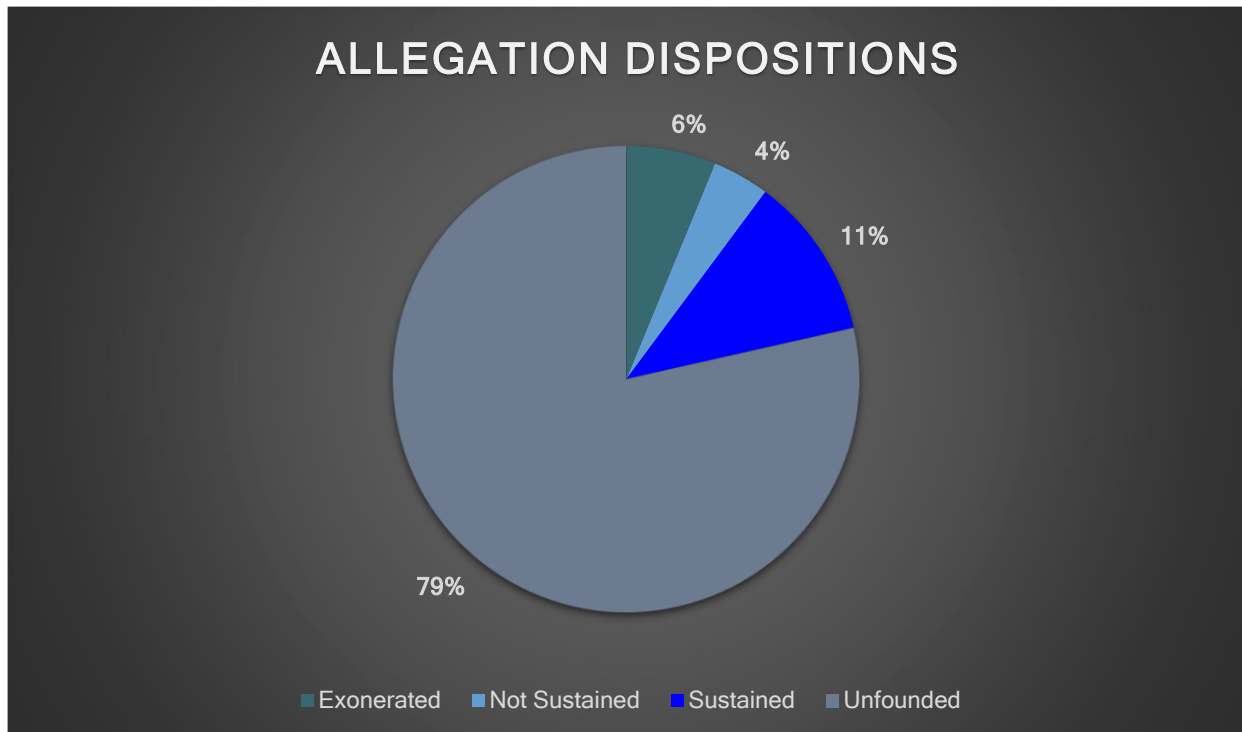
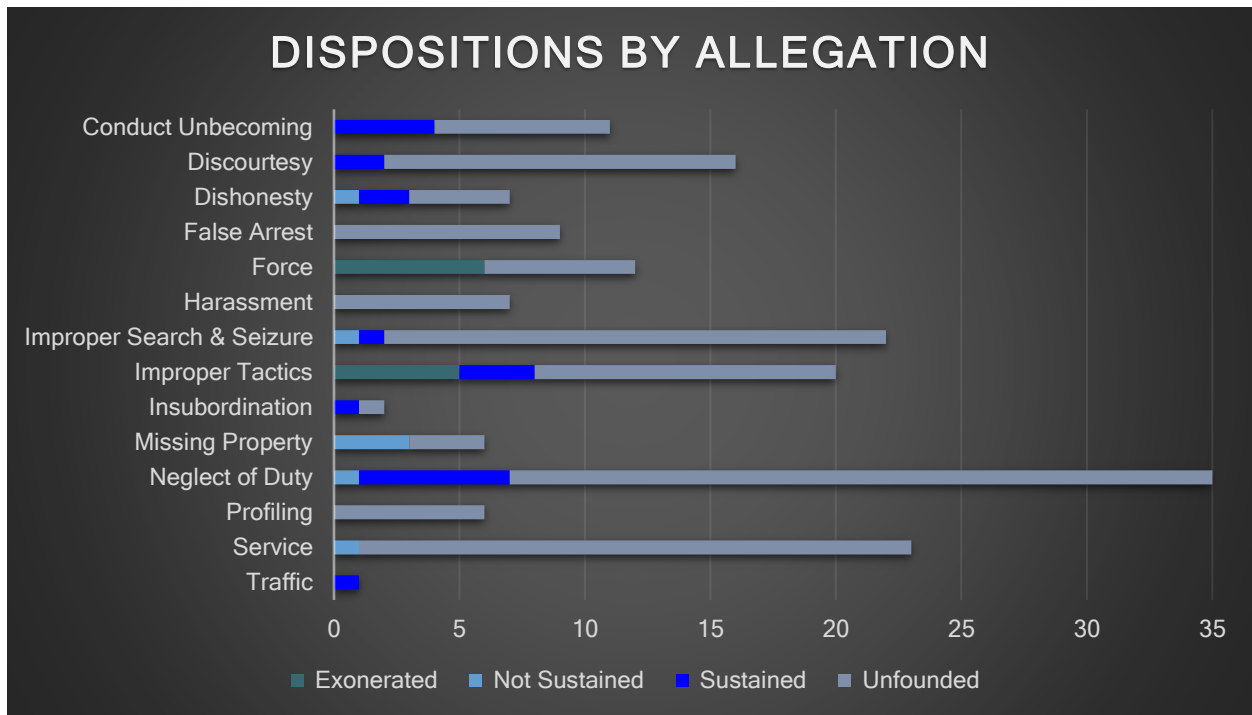
## Fire

There were 20 fire complaints containing 49 allegations that were closed during the Second Quarter of 2023. 13 of the allegations were closed with a disposition of Sustained, which is a 26% Sustained rate. The remaining 36 allegations did not yield any policy violations.

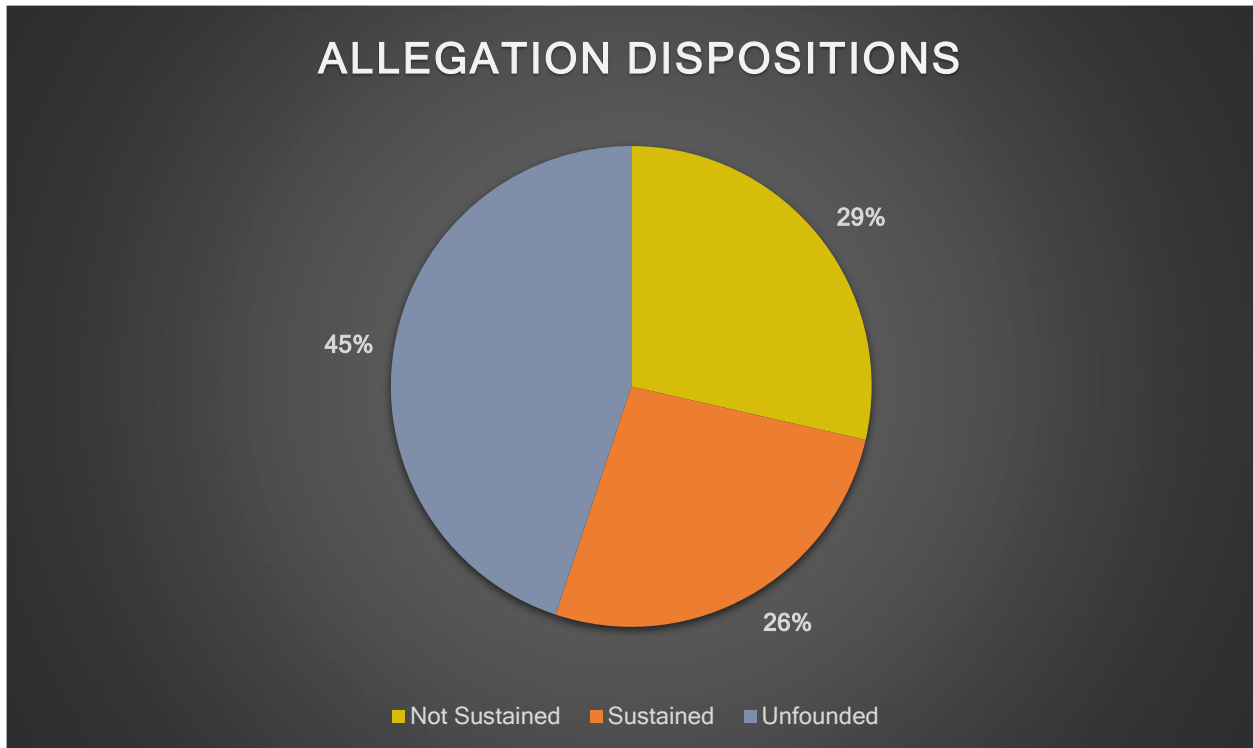
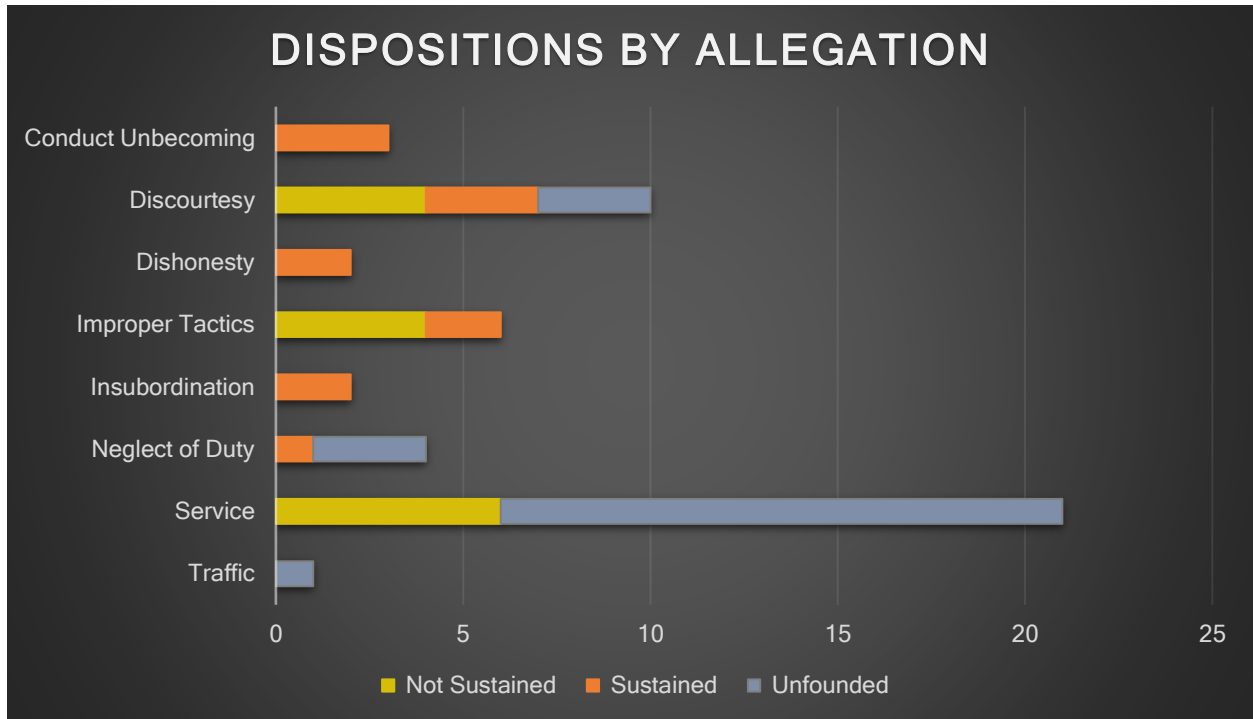




**Police**



# 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
Age				
18 and under	0	0%	0	0%
19-30	1	7%	11	23%
31-40	3	21%	10	21%
41-50	5	36%	10	21%
51-60	1	7%	8	17%
61-70	1	7%	1	2%
Over 70	0	0%	1	2%
Unknown	3	21%	7	15%
Total	14	100%	48	100%

Gender	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Female	8	57%	22	46%
Male	4	29%	22	46%
Unknown	2	14%	4	8%
Total	14	100%	48	100%

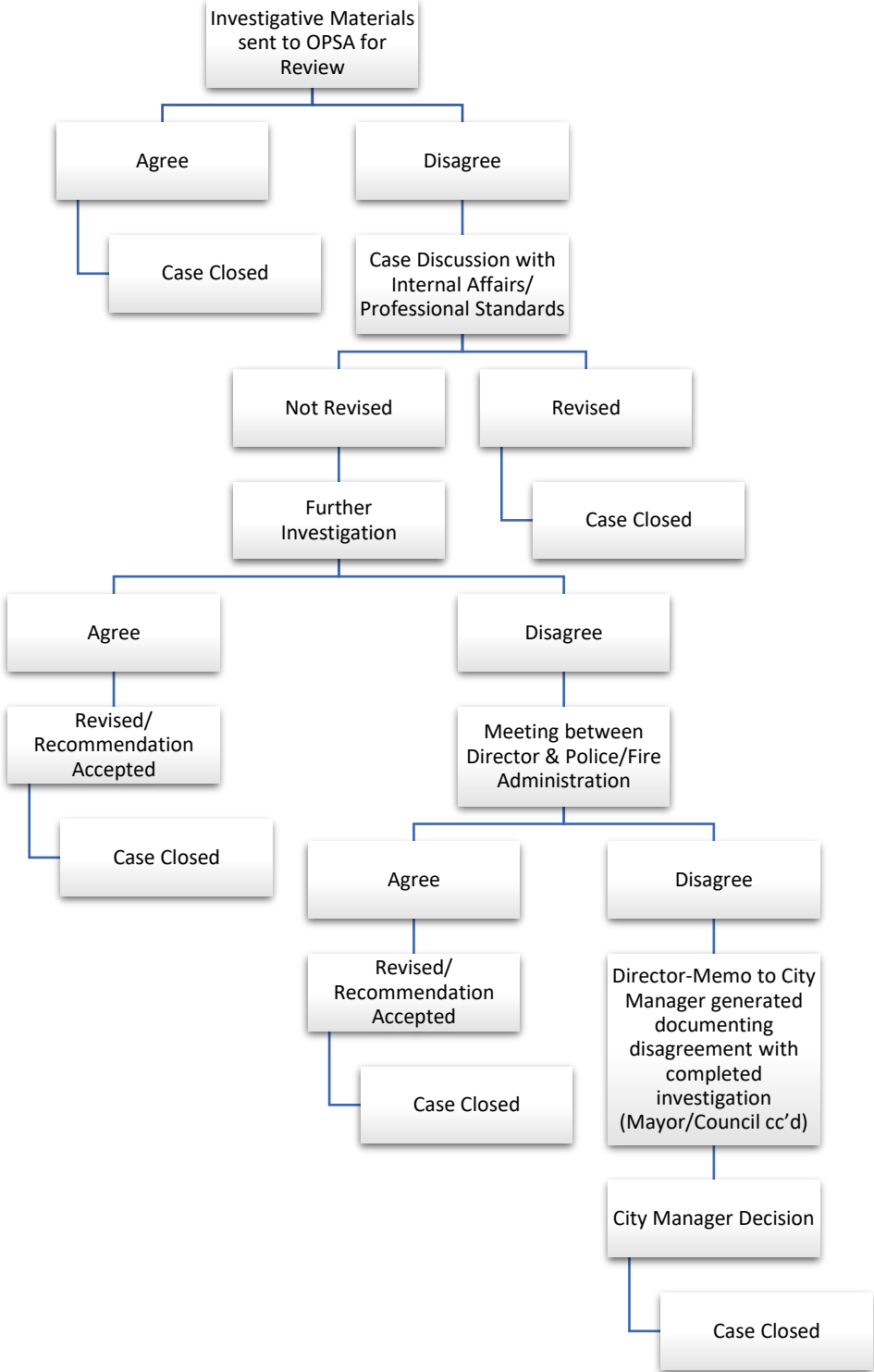
Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Asian	0	0%	2	4%
Black/African American	3	21%	23	48%
Hispanic/Latino	0	0%	8	17%
White/Caucasian	4	29%	6	12%
Did Not Disclose	6	43%	0	0%
Unknown	1	7%	9	19%
Total	14	100%	48	100%

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 Q2 of 2023, OPSA reviewed 100% of the completed investigations filed against the Sacramento Fire Department and 40% of the completed investigations filed against the Sacramento Police Department. Of the completed investigations reviewed by OPSA, four investigations for police and 10 investigations for fire 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
April	Disposition Incorrect	Discussed - Further Investigation, Agree
June	Disposition Incorrect	Discussed - Further Investigation, Agree
June	Additional allegation needed	Discussed - Further Investigation, Agree
June	Disposition Incorrect	Discussed - Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration

## Fire

Month	Recommendation/Disagreement	Outcome
April	Disposition Incorrect	Discussed-Further Investigation, Disagree/Memo Sent/Recommendation Accepted
April	Incomplete investigative information	Discussed – Further Investigation, Agree
April	Additional allegation needed	Discussed-Further Investigation, Agree/Recommendation Accepted
May	Incomplete investigative information	Discussed – Further Investigation, Agree
May	Incomplete investigative information	Discussed-Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration
May	Incomplete investigative information	Discussed – Further Investigation, Agree
June	Incomplete investigative information	Discussed – Further Investigation, Agree
June	Incomplete investigative information	Discussed – Further Investigation, Agree
June	Incomplete investigative information	Discussed-Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration
June	Incomplete investigative information	Discussed-Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration

# CRITICAL INCIDENTS

## Officer-Involved Shooting - Q Street and 28th Street

On May 20, 2023, at approximately 12:15 p.m., Sacramento Police Department patrol officers responded to a business in the 1100 block of 24th Street regarding reports of an individual saying they had a gun. The complainant provided a detailed description of the individual. Officers responded to the location and checked the area.

About twenty minutes later, while officers were checking the area of the above-listed call, the Sacramento Police Department received a report of an individual waving around a gun near the intersection of 28th Street and N Street. A third additional caller stated an individual was pointing a gun at the customers of a business in the same area. Detailed descriptions of the armed individual were provided to dispatch, similar to those provided on the 24th Street call.

Sacramento Police Department patrol officers responded to the 28th Street and N Street area. A uniformed Sacramento Police Department K9 handler observed an individual near 28th Street and Q Street matching the description provided by the callers. The officer attempted to contact the individual, but the individual ran from the officer. As the individual was running from the officer, the officer issued numerous commands that were ignored. An additional uniformed K9 handler arrived in his patrol vehicle. The individual stopped running, turned toward the officers, and produced what appeared to be a silver handgun. The officers confronted the individual, who continued to ignore the officers' orders to comply and pointed the silver gun at the K9 handlers. An officer-involved shooting occurred shortly thereafter. Both K9 handlers discharged their weapons, and neither was injured.

Officers rendered emergency medical aid to the adult female. She was transported to an area hospital by the Sacramento Fire Department, where she is listed in stable condition. After receiving medical clearance, the female will be booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail on related charges.

This incident is being investigated by the Sacramento Police Department's Homicide Unit, Internal Affairs Division, and Professional Standards Unit. An investigation into the incident will also be conducted by the Force Investigation Team. The investigation will focus on policy, tactics, and training as it relates to the use of force. The Office of Public Safety Accountability and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office are providing oversight by monitoring the investigation.

This incident falls under the City Council's policy on Police Use of Force as well as SB 1421. As a result, the video and audio associated with this incident will be released to the public within 30 days. Detectives are in the process of identifying and retrieving video associated with this incident.

The Sacramento Police Department encourages any witnesses with information regarding this incident to contact the dispatch center at (916) 264-5471 or Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP (4357). Callers can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000. Anonymous tips can also be submitted using the free "P3 Tips" smartphone app.

## **Death in Custody Investigation - 2500 Block of 51st Avenue**

On June 27, 2023, at approximately 4:27 a.m., Sacramento Police Department patrol officers responded to multiple calls of a person possibly prowling in the 2500 block of 51st Avenue. One caller indicated they heard an unknown individual enter their backyard. Officers arrived on the scene and contacted a male adult in the area of the calls. The officers initiated a preliminary investigation. During the investigation, the male began experiencing an apparent medical emergency. Officers rendered emergency medical aid, including CPR. The Sacramento Fire Department arrived on the scene and transported the male to an area hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.

Due to the male having a medical emergency while detained by the officers, the department initiated a death-in-custody investigation. Homicide Detectives responded to the scene and worked closely with Crime Scene Investigators to determine the incident's circumstances. Detectives are in the early stages of this investigation. The officers did not use force against the male, nor was he handcuffed at any point during the encounter. Detectives are investigating the possibility that the male was involved in a vehicle collision before contact with the officers.

The Sacramento County Coroner's Office will release the individual's identity after the next of kin has been notified.

This incident is being investigated by the Sacramento Police Department's Homicide Unit, Internal Affairs Division, and Professional Standards Unit. The Office of Public Safety Accountability and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office are providing oversight by monitoring the investigation. This incident falls under the City Council policy on video release. As a result, the video and audio associated with this incident will be released to the public within 30 days.

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# OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT