

Quarterly Report
Q1 - 2024

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 an officer lied in his police report and the police supervisor lied to cover it up.
- Complainant alleged that the Sacramento City Park Rangers followed him, illegally detained him, and used excessive force. The complainant believed that the incident was racially motivated. Complainant also alleged that an SPD officer observed the incident occur and an SPD sergeant failed to do his job.
- Complainant alleged that she was inappropriately touched by an SPD officer.
- Complainant stated that during her arrest for DUI, officers used excessive force and the back of her head was split open.
- Complainant alleged that he called the police needing help with his daughter experiencing a mental health issue but stated that fire personnel fought his daughter, and the police arrested her instead of helping her.
- Complainant stated that she was unhappy with how SPD has responded to her calls for service involving her ex. Complainant alleged that one of the officers made a remark about Black women and restraining officers during the interaction. Complainant also stated that she has reported these issues to Internal Affairs and City Hall.
- Complainant alleged that an officer observed a physical altercation and did not assist the public.
- Complainant alleged that she was falsely arrested for a bench warrant that was cleared three days prior to her arrest.
- Complainant alleged that excessive force was used during the arrest of his brother. Complainant stated that his brother sustained broken ribs and injuries as a result of the arrest and was hospitalized.

WAYS TO FILE A COMPLAINT



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

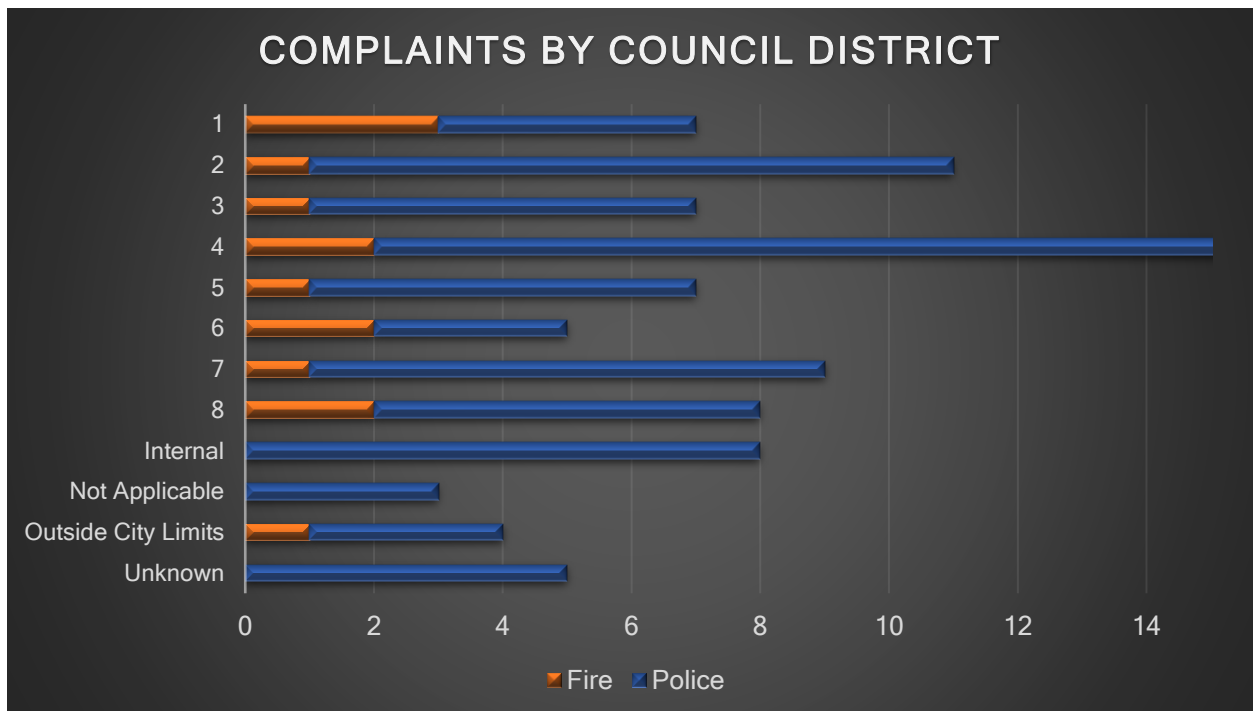
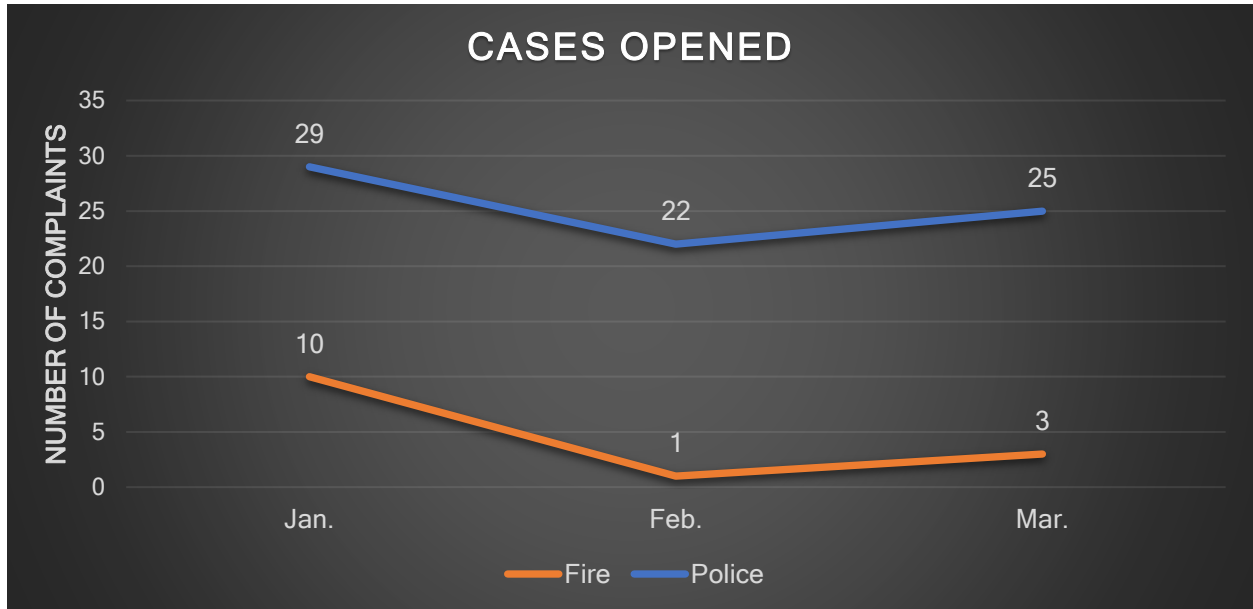


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ALLEGATIONS/COMPLAINTS

The Office of Public Safety Accountability received 76 complaints against police personnel containing 170 allegations and 14 complaints against fire personnel containing 36 allegations during the First Quarter of 2024.

There were 5 additional allegations of misconduct reported to the office that did not involve public safety employees in the City of Sacramento and one incomplete complaint. The OPSA staff does its best to connect these complainants with the proper agency or provide further information to help them resolve their concern.

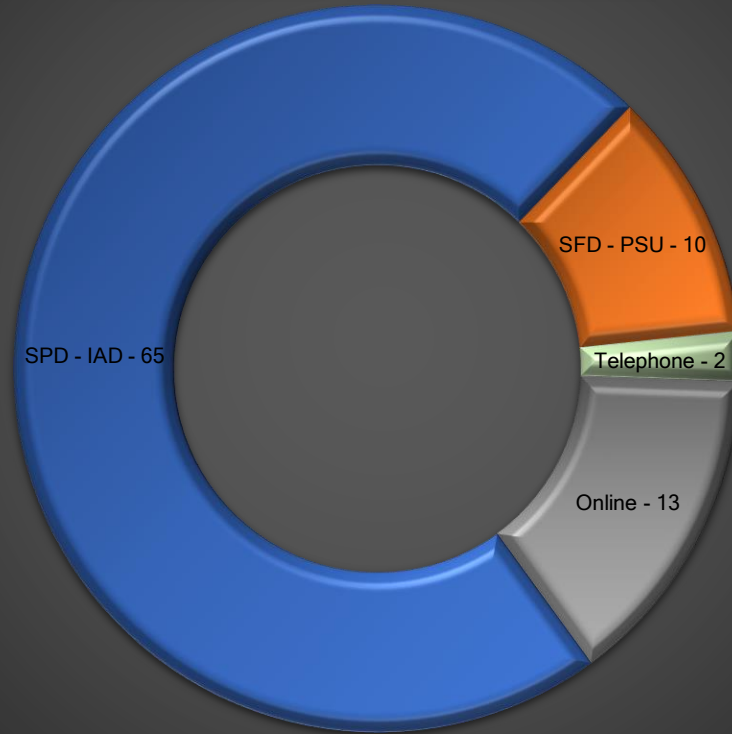


ALLEGATIONS BY TYPE

Allegation	Number of Allegations	
	Fire	Police
Conduct Unbecoming	0	3
Discourtesy	10	32
Discrimination	3	3
Dishonesty	0	5
False Arrest	0	6
Force	0	22
Harassment	0	4
Improper Search & Seizure	0	7
Improper Tactics	6	4
Missing Property	6	5
Neglect of Duty	0	33
Profiling	0	4
Service	11	40
Traffic	0	2
Total	36	170

Note: One complaint can include multiple allegations.

COMPLAINT FILING METHOD



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

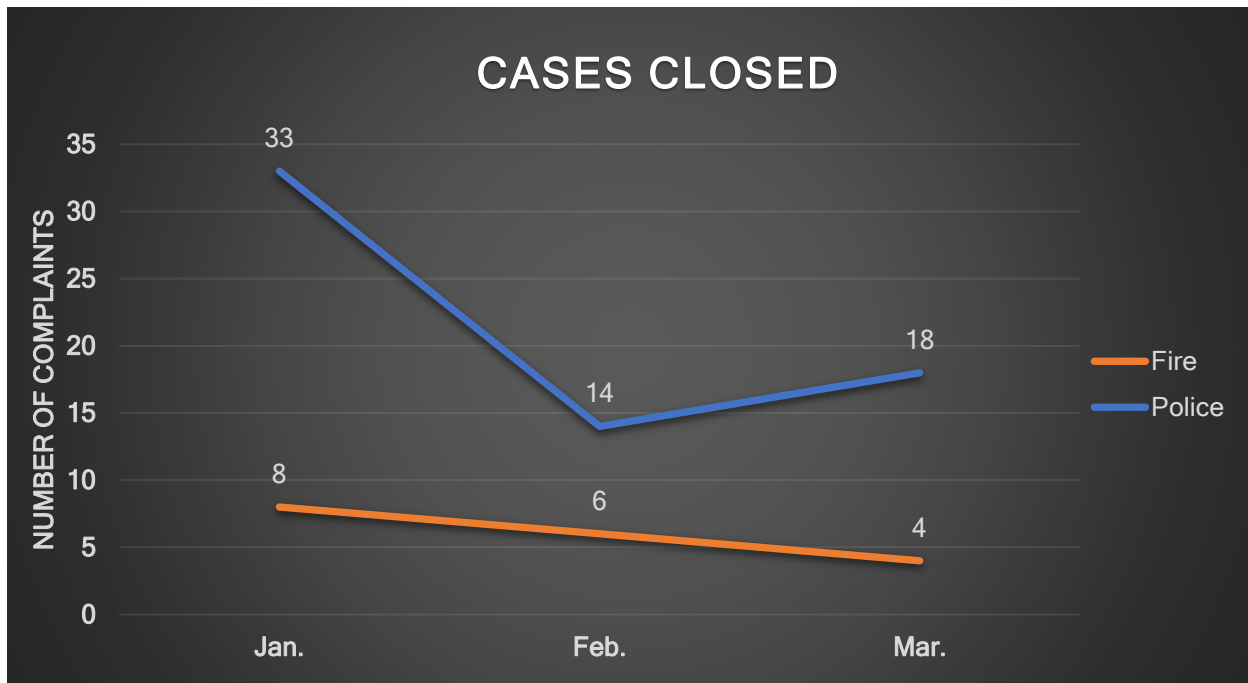
FINDINGS

Police

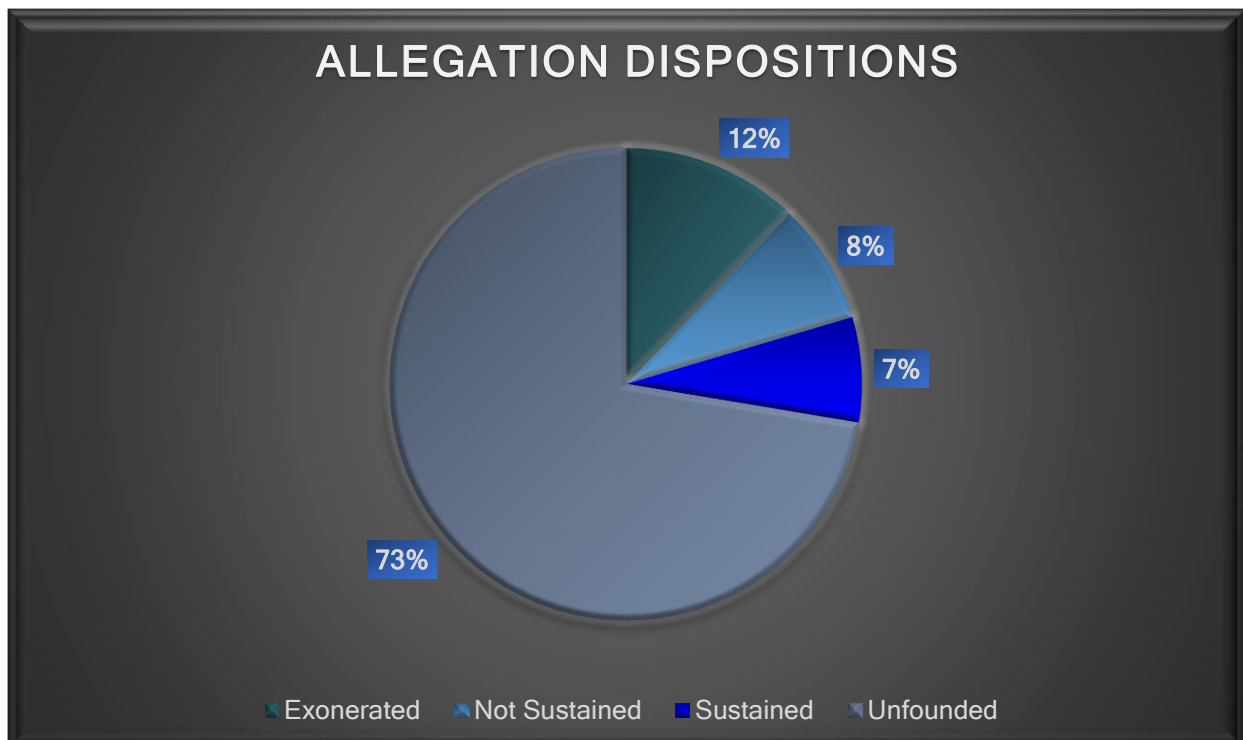
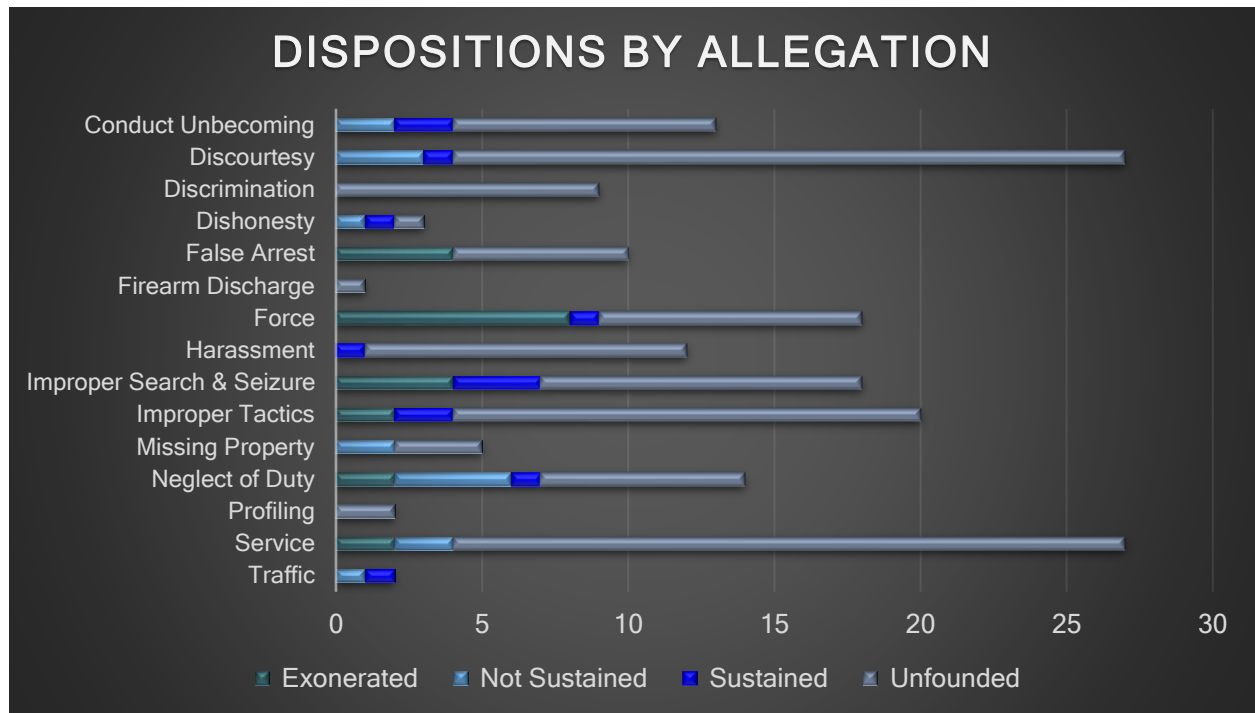
There were 65 police complaints containing 181 allegations that were closed during the First Quarter of 2024. Thirteen of the allegations were closed with a disposition of Sustained, which is a 7% Sustained rate. The remaining 168 allegations did not yield any policy violations.

Fire

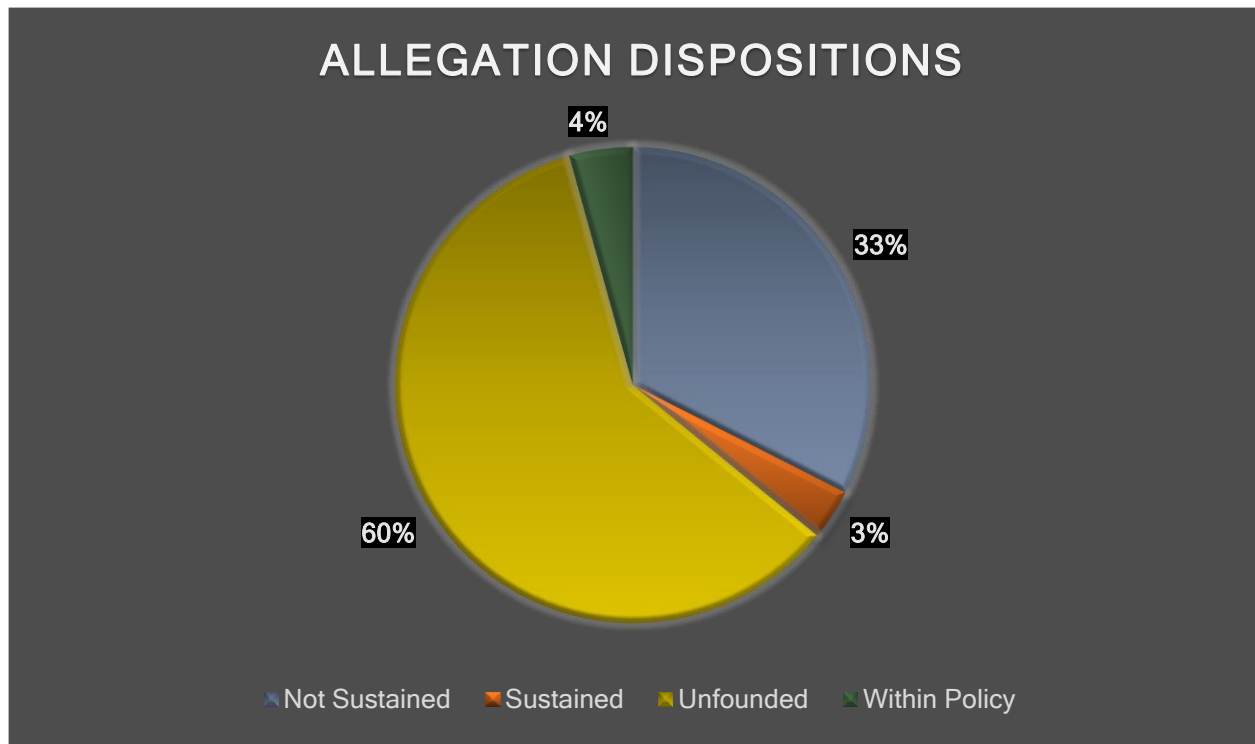
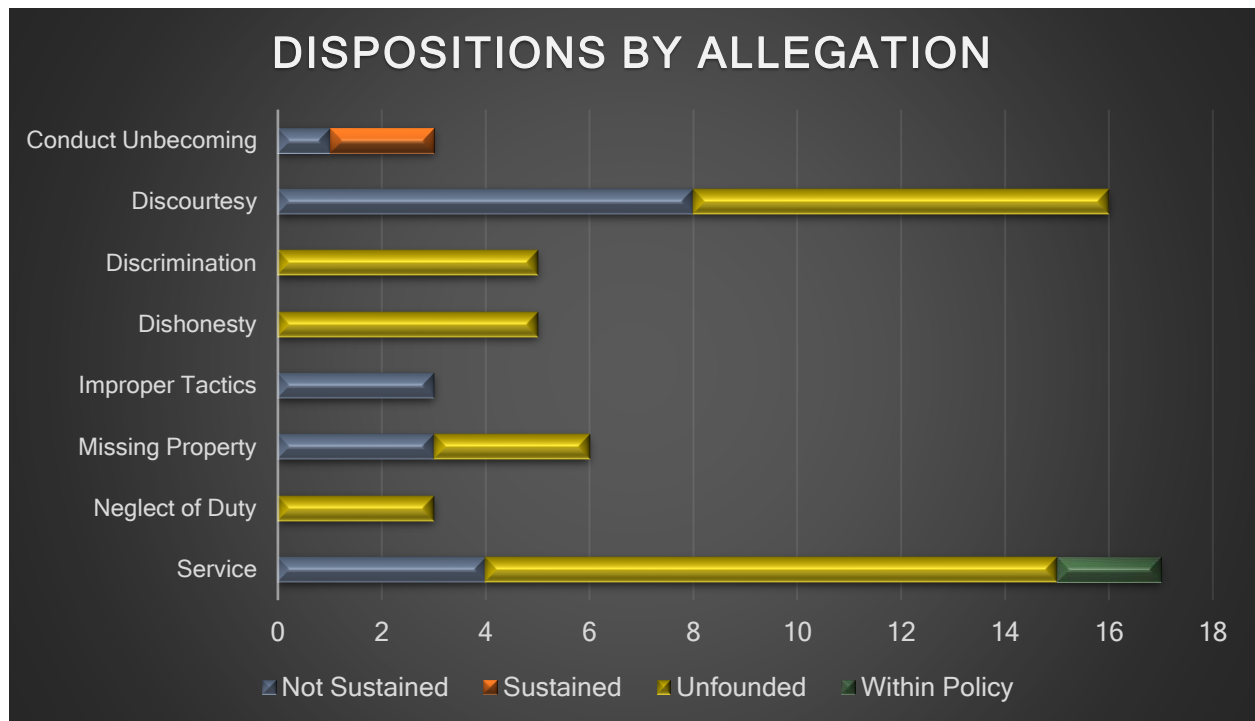
There were 18 fire complaints containing 58 allegations that were closed during the First Quarter of 2024. Two of the allegations were closed with a disposition of Sustained, which is a 3% Sustained rate. The remaining 56 allegations did not yield any policy violations.



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	
Age	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
18 and under	0	0%	0	0%
19-30	2	14%	10	15%
31-40	1	7%	17	25%
41-50	1	7%	19	28%
51-60	1	7%	9	13%
61-70	2	14%	6	9%
Over 70	0	0%	0	0%
Did Not Disclose	7	50%	2	3%
Unknown	0	0%	5	7%
Total	14	100%	68	100%

Gender	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Female	9	64%	26	38%
Male	0	0%	35	51%
Did Not Disclose	2	14%	2	3%
Unknown	3	21%	5	7%
Total	14	100%	68	100%

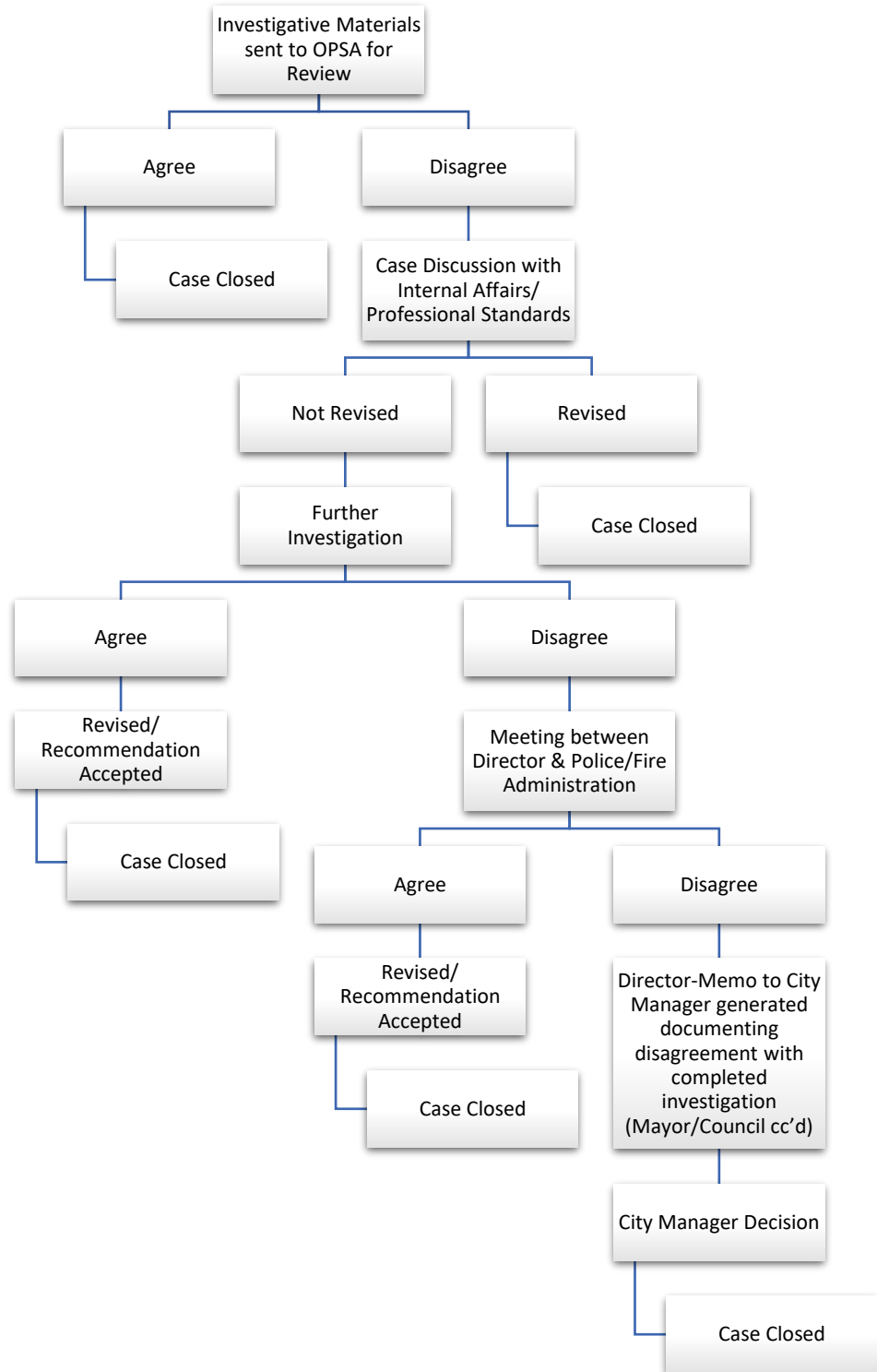
Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0%	1	1%
Asian	0	0%	1	1%
Black/African American	1	7%	19	28%
Hispanic/Latino	0	0%	7	10%
White/Caucasian	0	0%	10	15%
Did Not Disclose	3	21%	2	3%
Unknown	10	71%	28	41%
Total	14	100%	68	100%

Note: Percentages may not add up due to rounding. Internal cases are not included in this data set. OPSA tracks additional Age/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 Q1 of 2024, OPSA reviewed 100% of the completed investigations filed against the Sacramento Fire Department and 37% of the completed investigations filed against the Sacramento Police Department. Of the completed investigations reviewed by OPSA, nine investigations for fire and five 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
January	Allegation Correction	Discussed - Further Investigation, Agree
January	Additional Information Needed	Discussed - Further Investigation, Agree
January	Disposition Incorrect/Additional Allegation Needed	Discussed - Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration/Recommendation Accepted
January	Disposition Incorrect/Allegation Correction	Discussed - Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration
March	Additional Information Needed	Discussed - Further Investigation, Agree

Fire

Month	Recommendation/Disagreement	Outcome
January	Additional Information Needed	Discussed - Further Investigation, Agree
January	Disposition Incorrect	Discussed - Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration/Recommendation Accepted
February	Additional Information Needed	Discussed - Further Investigation/Agree
February	Additional Information Needed	Discussed - Further Investigation/Agree
February	Additional Information Needed//Disposition Incorrect	Discussed - Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration/Recommendation Accepted
February	Additional Information Needed	Discussed - Further Investigation, Agree
February	Disposition Incorrect	Discussed - Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration/Recommendation Accepted
February	Additional Information Needed/Additional Allegations Needed	Discussed - Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration/Recommendation Accepted
March	Additional Information Needed/Additional Allegations Needed	Discussed - Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration/Recommendation Accepted

CRITICAL INCIDENTS

There were no critical incidents reported during the First Quarter of 2024.

OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

- African American Employee Leadership Council (AAELC) 6th Annual Black History Month Celebration – February 29, 2024
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento - Women's Build Month – March 24, 2024
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) 42nd Annual Prayer Breakfast – March 29, 2024