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**SACRAMENTO**

Office of Public Safety Accountability

# **Quarterly Report**

Q1 – 2021

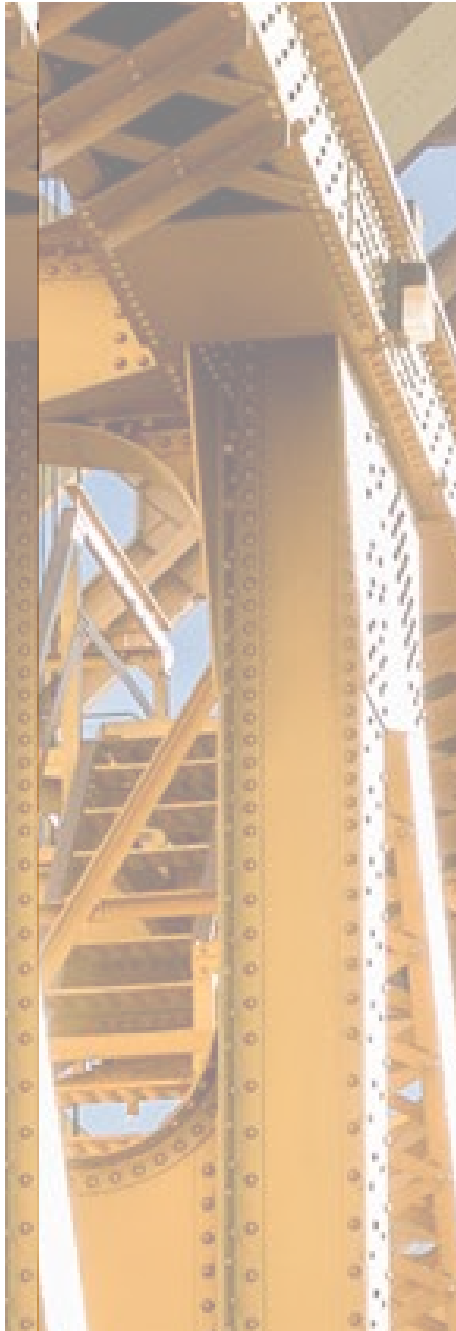
**PRESENTED TO:**

*The Sacramento Community Police Review Commission*

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*As required by City Code section 2.110.030.B., the commission shall review quarterly reports prepared by the Office of Public Safety Accountability 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, to determine whether there are patterns of misconduct that necessitate revisions to any police policy, practice, or procedure.*



## SUMMARY

The Office of Public Safety Accountability (OPSA) remained steadfast and resourceful during a period of transition and change in leadership, experiencing three directors between September of 2019 and June of 2020 overseeing the administrative and operational functions of the office. The ongoing pandemic created uncertainty, fear, frustration, and anxiety within City of Sacramento communities and across the nation. In addition to the ongoing pandemic, historic wildfires, large-scale protests, and social unrest created wide-spread tensions within communities as well.

Through all this change, OPSA continued fulfilling its core mission of providing independent and impartial public safety oversight for the Sacramento Police Department (SPD) and the Sacramento Fire Department (SFD) by executing the roles and responsibilities of the office with excellence working remotely, which encompasses timely communication with complainants, internal and external stakeholders as well as strengthening the process in the thorough review of completed investigations.

### 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

- IAD received numerous complaints regarding an incident posted on YouTube involving an SPD officer who contacted a subject in the parking lot of a Police and City Facility regarding possible trespassing.
- Beginning on January 29, 2021, the IAD has received over 100 complaints via voicemail and email regarding a YouTube video depicting a videographer conducting a "first amendment audit" of officers at another city's police facility.
- Complainant claims her underage niece has been inappropriately communicating with an SPD officer via Snapchat.
- Complainant claims SPD officers took over four hours to respond to a ringing burglary alarm and is not happy about the response time because it could have been an emergency.
- Complainant says for the last year and a half she has been making the same complaint about a homeless camp near her home and SPD has not done anything about it. She stated the camp was playing loud music at 1am or 2am and she called SPD and SPD did nothing. She stated she does not want the camp moved but wants SPD to enforce the law and stop the burning of plastic and stop the loud music at all hours of nights.

### 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 (OPSA) received 43 police complaints filed by community members containing 68 allegations during the First Quarter of 2021. Six of these complaints were closed during the reporting period and are included in the completed cases data.

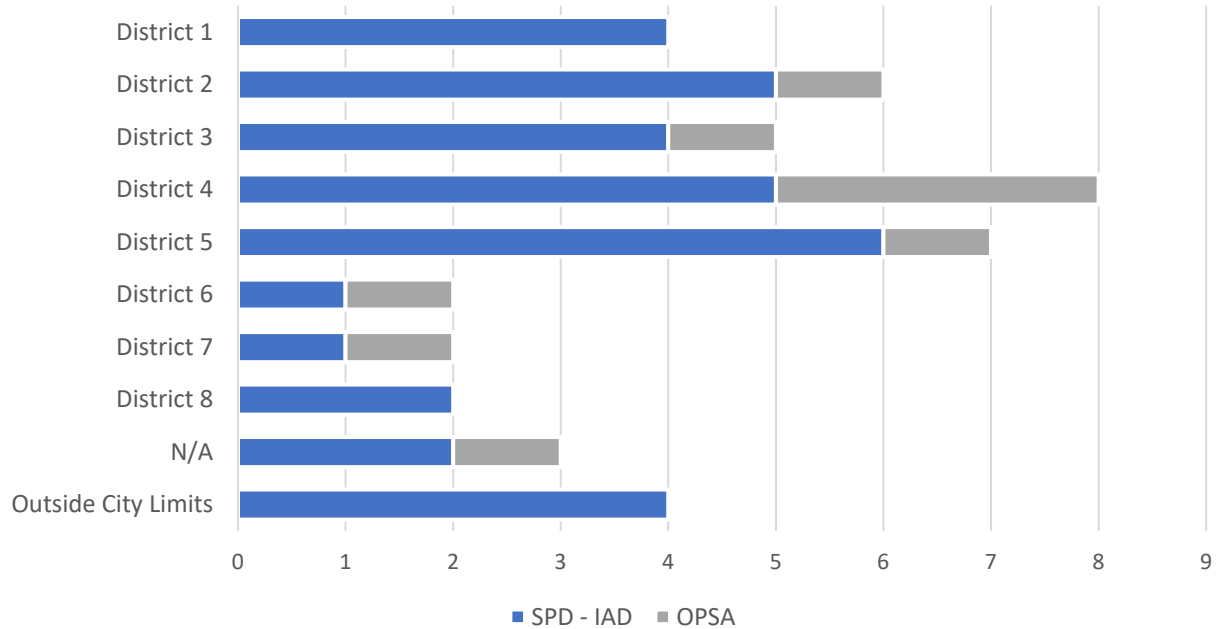
## ALLEGATIONS BY TYPE

Allegation	Number of Allegations
Conduct Unbecoming	6
Discourtesy	12
Discrimination	1
Dishonesty	1
Force	4
Harassment	2
Improper Search & Seizure	15
Improper Tactics	4
Neglect of Duty	6
Profiling	1
Service	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>

*Note: One complaint can include multiple allegations.*

# ALLEGATIONS/COMPLAINTS

## COMPLAINTS BY COUNCIL DISTRICT



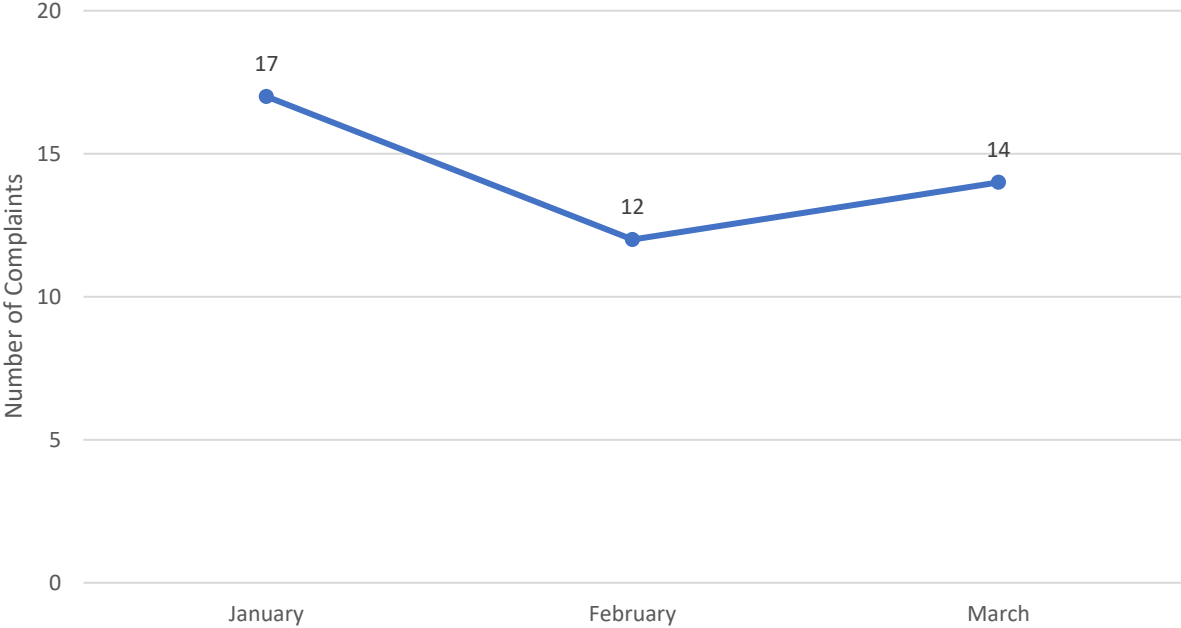
## COMPLAINT FILING METHOD



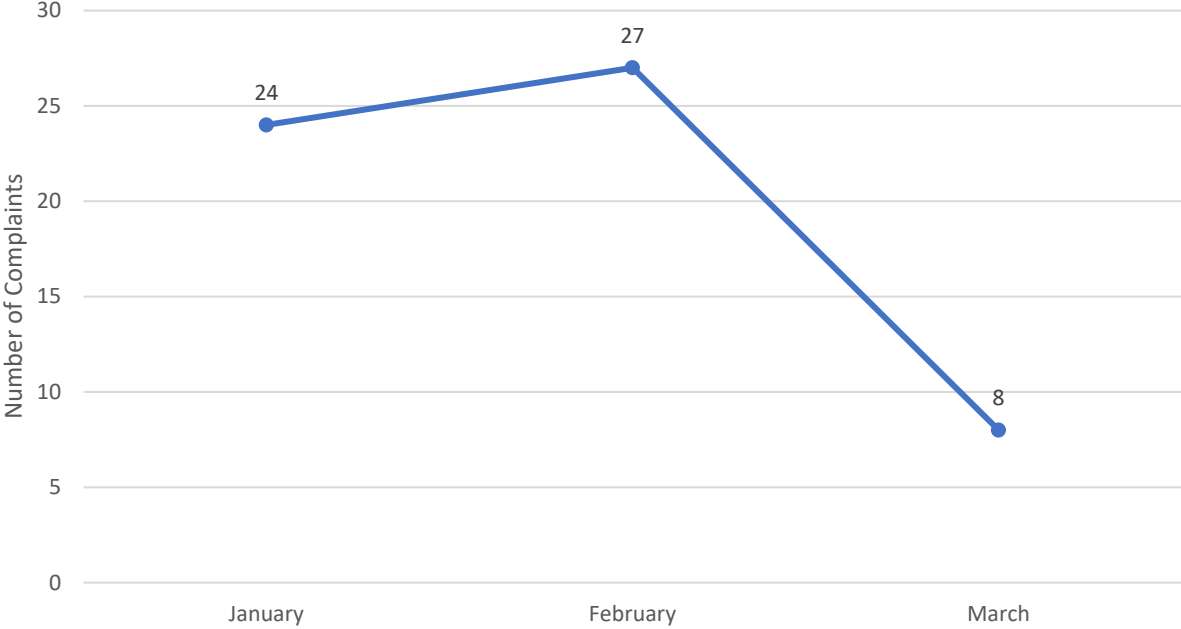
*Note: Internal Affairs Division (IAD)*

# FINDINGS

## CASES OPENED



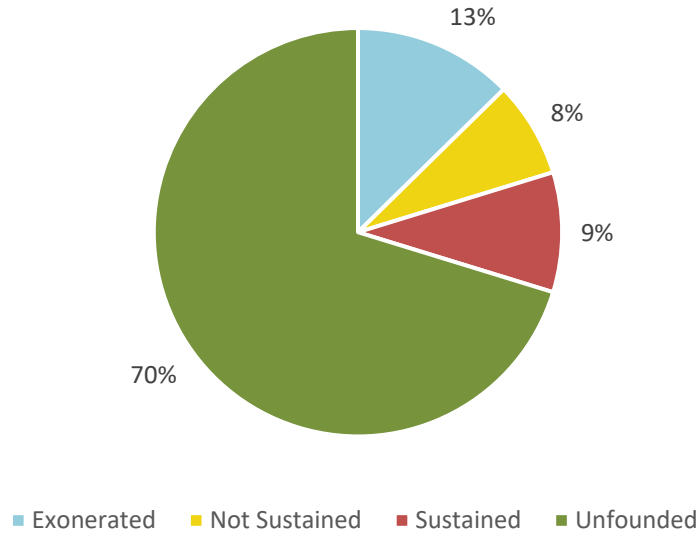
## CASES CLOSED



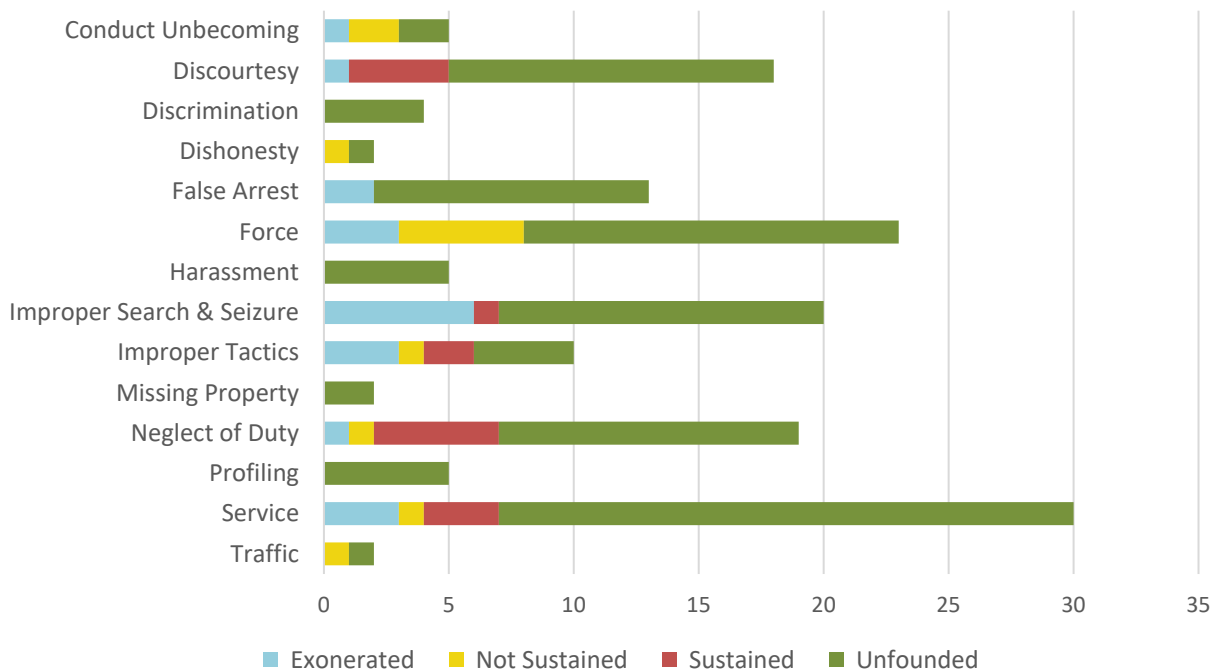
# FINDINGS

There were 59 police complaints filed by community members containing 158 allegations that were closed during the First Quarter of 2021. Fifteen of the allegations were closed with a disposition of Sustained, which is a 9% Sustained rate. The remaining 143 allegations did not yield any policy violations.

## ALLEGATION DISPOSITIONS



## DISPOSITIONS BY ALLEGATION





# COMPLAINANT DEMOGRAPHICS

Age	Number	Percent
18 and Under	0	0%
19-30	6	14%
31-40	10	23%
41-50	13	30%
51-60	3	7%
61-70	5	12%
Over 70	1	2%
Did Not Disclose	1	2%
Unknown	4	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>100%</b>

Gender	Number	Percent
Female	20	47%
Male	19	44%
Did Not Disclose	1	2%
Unknown	3	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>100%</b>

Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Black or African American	11	26%
Did Not Disclose	2	5%
Hispanic or Latino	5	12%
Unknown	5	12%
White	20	47%
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>100%</b>

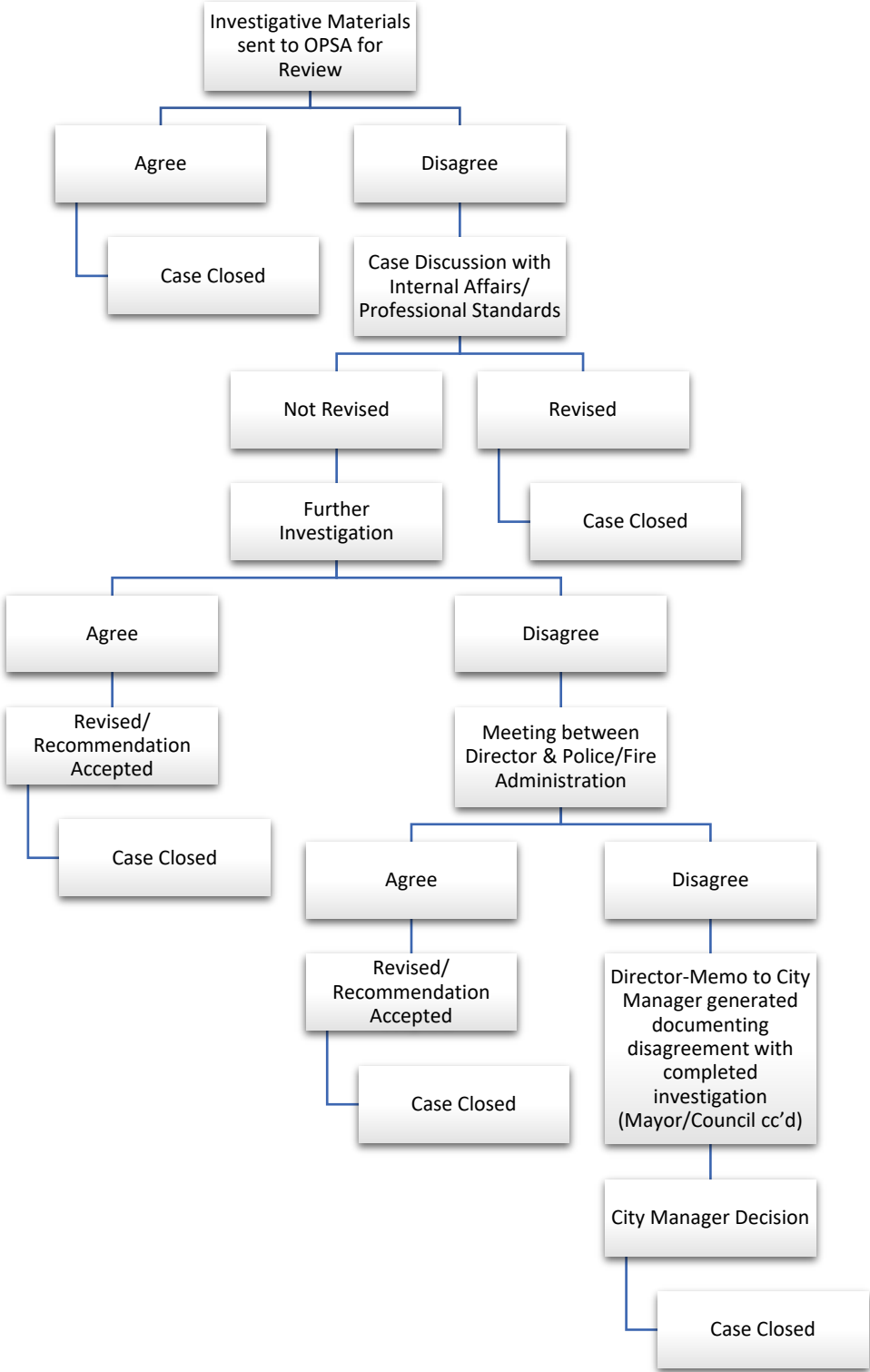
*Note: Percentages may not add up due to rounding.*

*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 Q1 of 2021, OPSA reviewed 51% of the community complaints filed against the Sacramento Police Department. None of the completed investigations reviewed by OPSA were sent back for 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

Month	Case Type	Recommendation/Disagreement	Outcome
		None during reportable quarter	

# CRITICAL INCIDENTS

## **Officer Involved Shooting – 8500 Block of Fruitridge Road**

SPD Media Advisory No. 20210216-011

*“On Monday, February 15, 2021 at approximately 9:53 p.m., Sacramento Police Department patrol officers responded to a residence in the East Sacramento area after a victim called to report that her ex-boyfriend, whom she has a restraining order against, had burned their vehicle, threatened to kill her, and was possibly armed.*

*Shortly after, an officer located the suspect, an adult male, driving in the area. He was the only occupant of the vehicle. Officers attempted an enforcement stop on the vehicle and the suspect fled, leading to a pursuit. As the pursuit continued, assisting officers attempted to deploy stop-sticks in an effort to safely disable the suspect vehicle.*

*The pursuit continued into an industrial lot in the 8500 block of Fruitridge Road where the vehicle abruptly came to a stop and officers initiated a high-risk felony stop. During the high-risk stop, two officers discharged their service weapons at the suspect striking him.*

*Officers formed a contact team and rendered medical aid until Sacramento Metro Fire Personnel arrived on scene to take over. The suspect was transported to a local hospital where he is listed in stable condition and is expected to survive.”*

Update: On February 24, 2021, SPD released additional information, including pertinent audio and video files.

- The suspect was released from the hospital and has since been booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail on charges including arson, stalking, evasion and narcotics-related offenses.

## **Officer Involved Shooting – 5900 block of Tangerine Avenue**

SPD Media Advisory No. 20210324-018

*“On March 23, 2021 at approximately 11:56 p.m., Sacramento Police Department patrol officers responded to the 5900 block of Tangerine Avenue after a member of the community called police dispatch to report sounds of gunshots in the neighborhood. An officer arrived on scene, in a marked patrol vehicle and in full police uniform, and contacted an adult male suspect who was armed with a firearm. This contact resulted in an exchange of gunfire between the suspect and the SPD officer. The officer and the suspect were injured during this exchange, and the suspect fell to the ground within reach of his firearm.*

*Additional officers arrived and began communicating with the suspect to affect a peaceful surrender. During these communications the suspect attempted to reach for his firearm on multiple occasions. Crisis Negotiators and the SWAT team then arrived on scene and continued to negotiate with the suspect for a safe surrender. Unmanned Aerial Systems equipment (UAS) and an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) robot were also used to monitor, communicate with, and ultimately disarm the suspect. The EOD robot was able to move the firearm out of the suspect’s reach and SWAT officers were then able to make a safe approach and take the suspect into custody.*

*Shortly after, Sacramento Fire Department personnel transported the suspect to a local hospital, where he is currently receiving medical treatment for his injuries and is listed in stable condition. The suspect's firearm was recovered from the scene and is pictured below. The officer was also transported to a local hospital and is listed in stable condition."*

Update: On April 2, 2021, SPD released additional information, including pertinent audio and video files.

- The suspect was released from the hospital and has since been booked at the Sacramento County Main Jail on several charges, including attempted murder. Subsequent investigation determined that prior to officers' arrival on scene, the suspect fired his gun at an occupied moving vehicle in the area.
- The officer's vest protected him from critical injury, and he has since been released from the hospital.

## **OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT**

- Conversations to Provide Resolution to Community Concerns (CPR), 2/21/2021
- Sacramento Police Department LGBTQ+ Community Town Hall, 2/22/2021
- AAELC Food for the Soul 2021, 2/24/2021
- Panel with Mayor - Extraordinary Women Leading at The City of Sacramento, 3/30/2021