



City of
SACRAMENTO

Office of Public Safety Accountability

Quarterly Report

Q1 – 2022

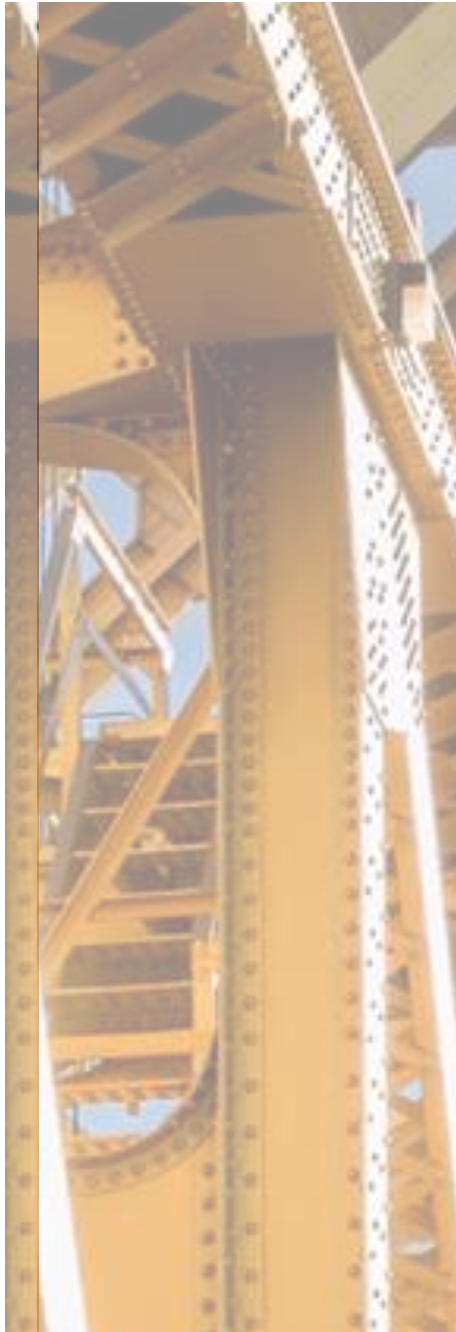
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The City of Sacramento Mayor and City Council

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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

- The complainant alleged that while stopped during a routine traffic stop, SPD officers damaged his vehicle during their search.
- Complainant walked out of a convenient store he was immediately stopped, detained, and searched by SPD officers. The officers mistakenly believed that the complainant was on “searchable probation”, when in fact he was on “non-searchable probation”.
- Complainant alleged that an SPD recruit is misogynistic, uses racial epithets, and routinely makes insensitive statements regarding race, politics, and women.
- The complainant alleged that an SPD officer made rude and disrespectful comments to him and refused to call a sergeant when he requested the officer to do so.

WAYS TO FILE A COMPLAINT



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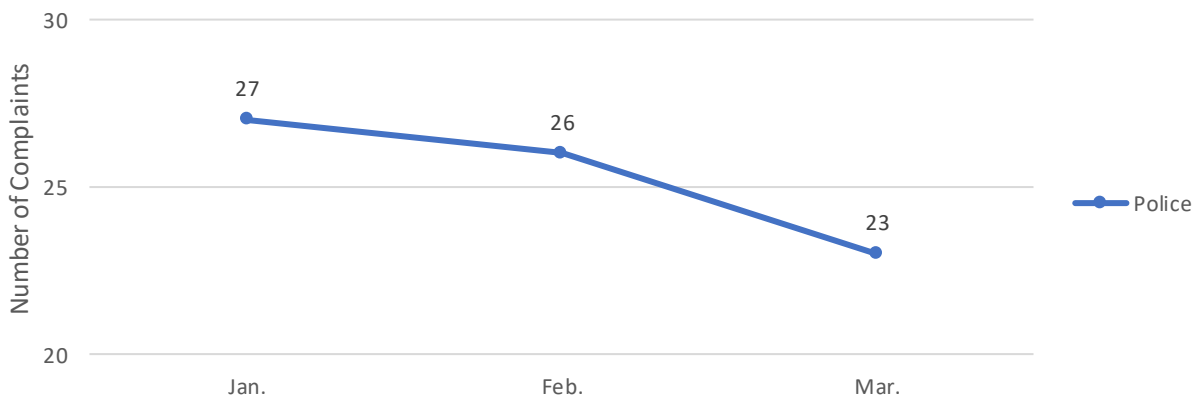
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ALLEGATIONS/COMPLAINTS

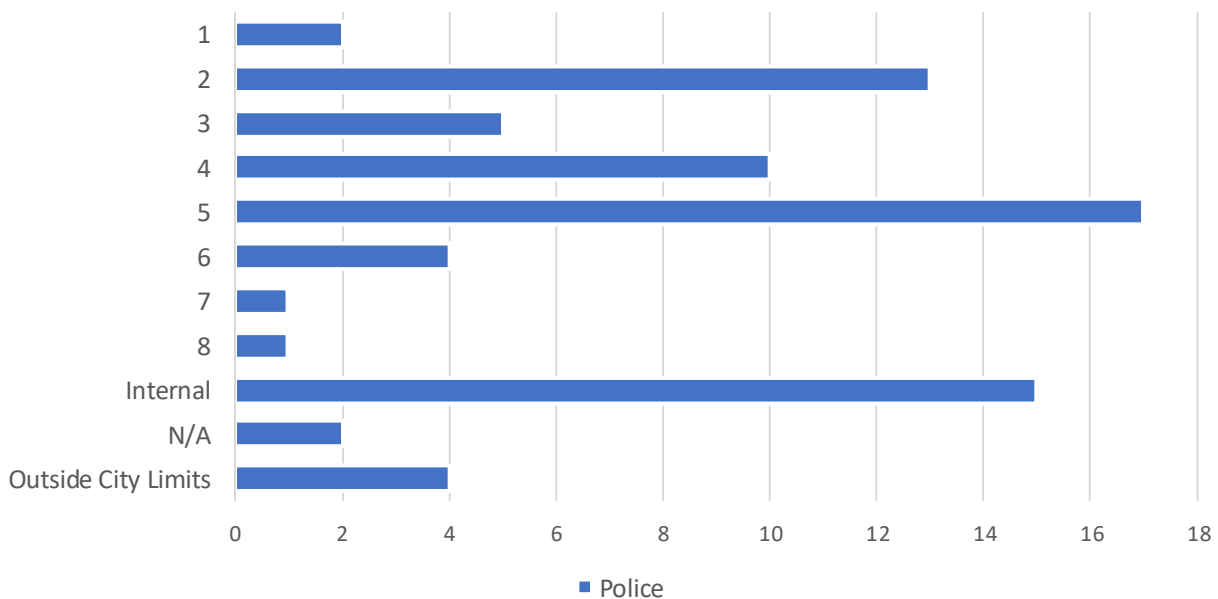
The Office of Public Safety Accountability received 76 complaints against police personnel containing 185 allegations and 23 complaints against fire personnel containing 39 allegations during the first Quarter of 2022.

An additional 3 concerns were reported to the OPSA but were not attributed to a misconduct complaint or were not regarding Sacramento Police or Fire personnel. The OPSA staff does its best to connect these complainants with the proper agency or provide further information to help them resolve their issue.

CASES OPENED



COMPLAINTS BY COUNCIL DISTRICT

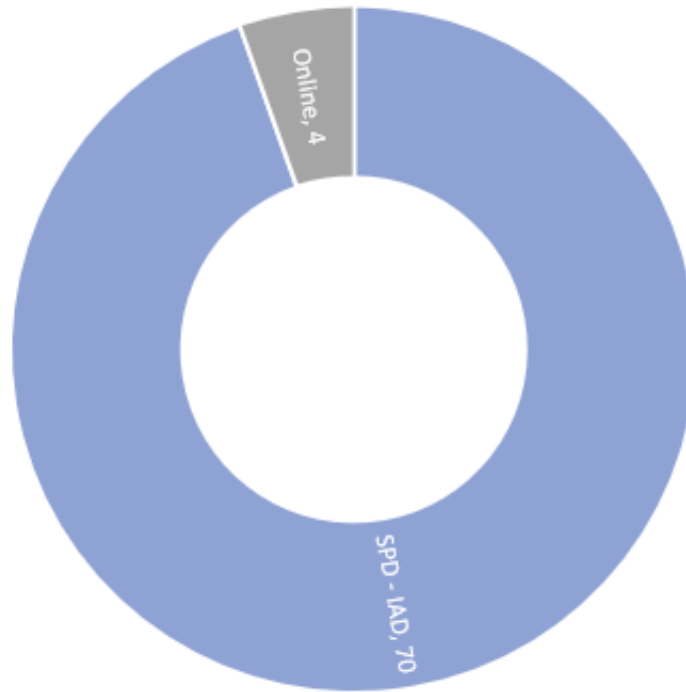


ALLEGATIONS BY TYPE

Allegation	Number of Allegations
	Police
Conduct Unbecoming	17
City Equipment	0
Discourtesy	8
Discrimination	3
Dishonesty	4
False Arrest	14
Force	11
Harassment	7
Improper Search & Seizure	46
Improper Tactics	3
Insubordination	2
Missing Property	5
Neglect of Duty	23
Profiling	9
Service	32
Traffic	1
Unknown	0
Total	185

Note: One complaint can include multiple allegations.

COMPLAINT FILING METHOD



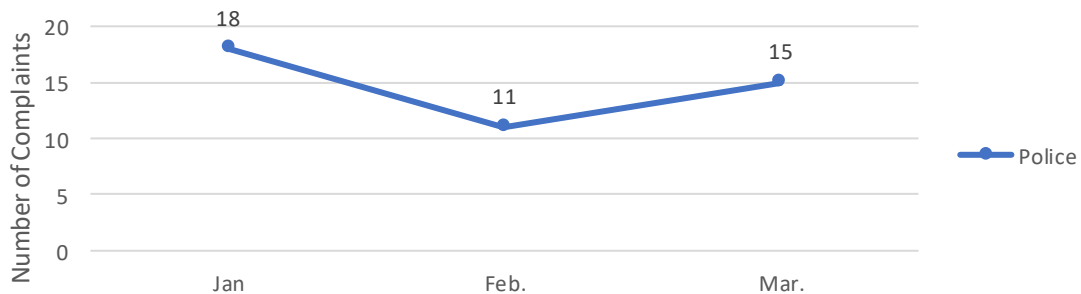
Note: Internal Affairs Division (IAD), Professional Standards Unit (PSU)

FINDINGS

Police

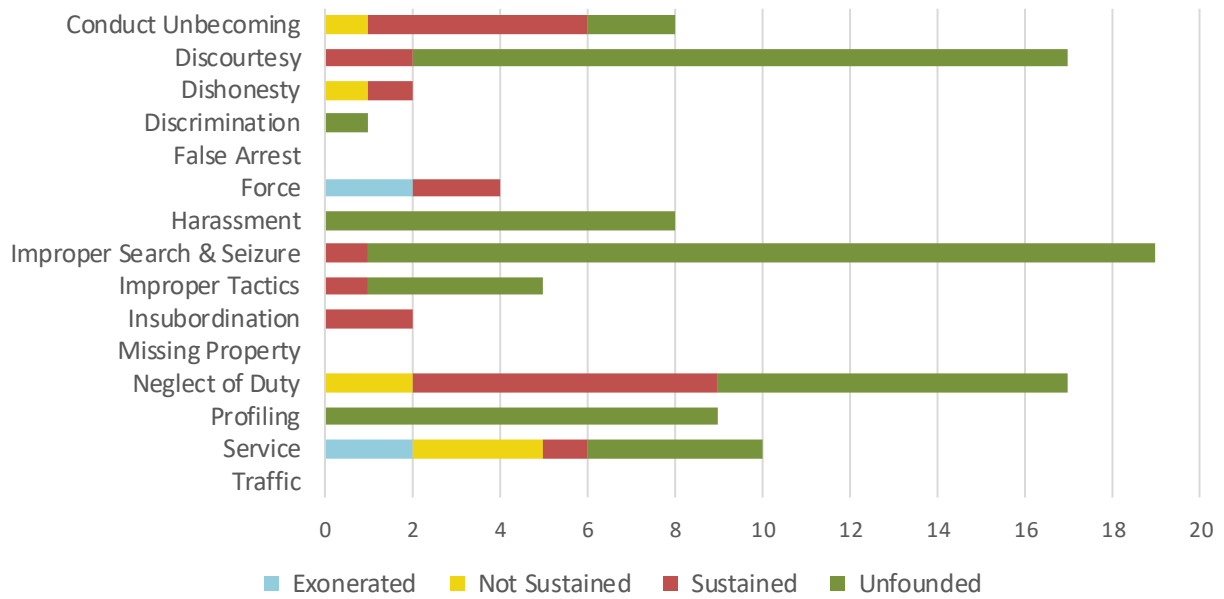
There were 44 police complaints containing 102 allegations that were closed during the First Quarter of 2022. 22 of the allegations were closed with a disposition of Sustained, which is an 21% Sustained rate. The remaining 80 allegations did not yield any policy violations.

CASES CLOSED

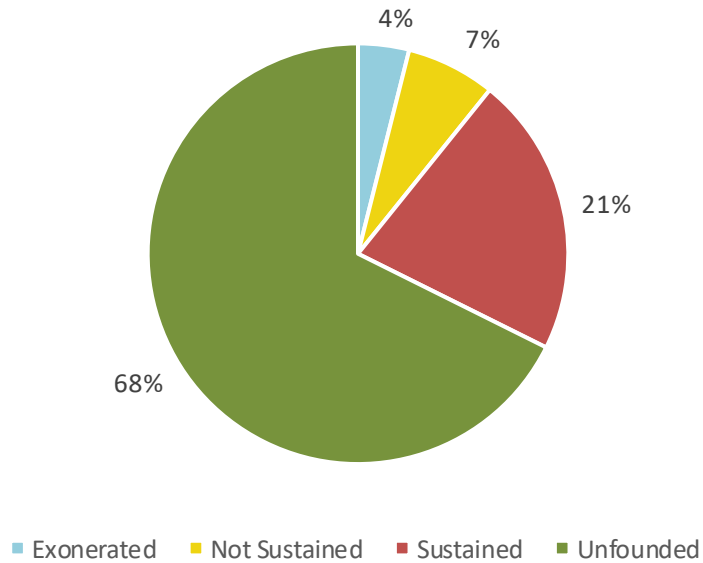


Police

DISPOSITIONS BY ALLEGATION



ALLEGATION DISPOSITIONS



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	Police	
	Number	Percent
Age		
18 and under	0	0%
19-30	8	14%
31-40	22	38%
41-50	8	14%
51-60	5	9%
61-70	7	12%
Over 70	3	5%
Did Not Disclose/Unknown	5	9%
Total	70	100%

Gender	Number	Percent
Female	28	47%
Male	31	53%
Unknown	0	0%
Total	59	100%

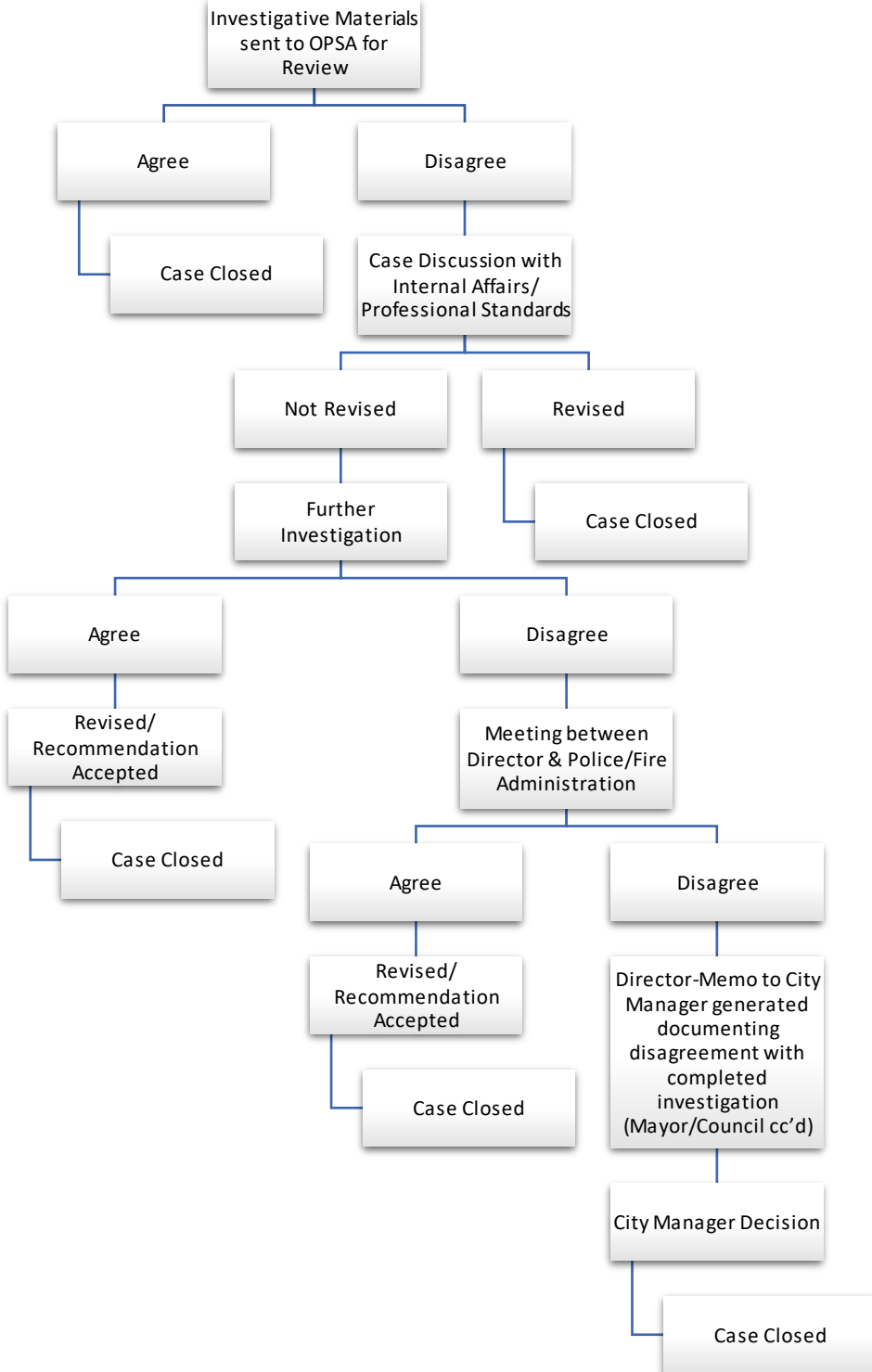
Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Asian	1	2%
Black/African American	27	49%
Hispanic/Latino	11	20%
White/Caucasian	15	2%
Did Not Disclose/Unknown	1	27%
Total	55	100%

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 Q1 of 2022, OPSA reviewed 100% of the completed investigations filed against the Sacramento Fire Department and 81% of the completed investigations filed against the Sacramento Police Department. Of the completed investigations reviewed by OPSA, six investigations required further review or discussion.

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
January	Police	Disagreement on disposition	Discussed -Revised
January	Police	Disagreement on disposition	Discussed - Agree
January	Police	Recommendation of additional allegation	Discussed - Revised
February	Police	Recommendation of additional allegation	Discussed - Revised
March	Police	Disagreement on disposition	Discussed - Agree
March	Police	Disagreement on disposition	Discussed - Agree

CRITICAL INCIDENTS

None

OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

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