



City of
SACRAMENTO

Office of Public Safety Accountability

Quarterly Report

Q2 – 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

- Following an arrest for a reported road rage incident, where a driver reported that another driver had attempted to hit him with her vehicle and brandished a firearm at him, the arrestee filed a complaint stating the officer was too rough and forced her to walk quickly despite a foot injury. The complaint also stated that the officer did not want to listen to her regarding her injury and that the officer could have handled the whole thing differently.
- Complainant claims he was assaulted by his roommate and the responding officer did not do their job. Complainant claims his landlord manipulated the situation and the officer did nothing to the landlord and only to the assaulter which he feels was not right.
- Complainant claims he was shot by "rubber bullets" during a protest near the Capitol.
- Complainant called IA claiming she was a passenger in a vehicle that was pulled over and detained for 2 hours without cause. Complainant claimed the female officers had an attitude.

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 50 police complaints filed by community members containing 91 allegations during the Second Quarter of 2021. Eight of these complaints were closed during the reporting period and are included in the completed cases data.

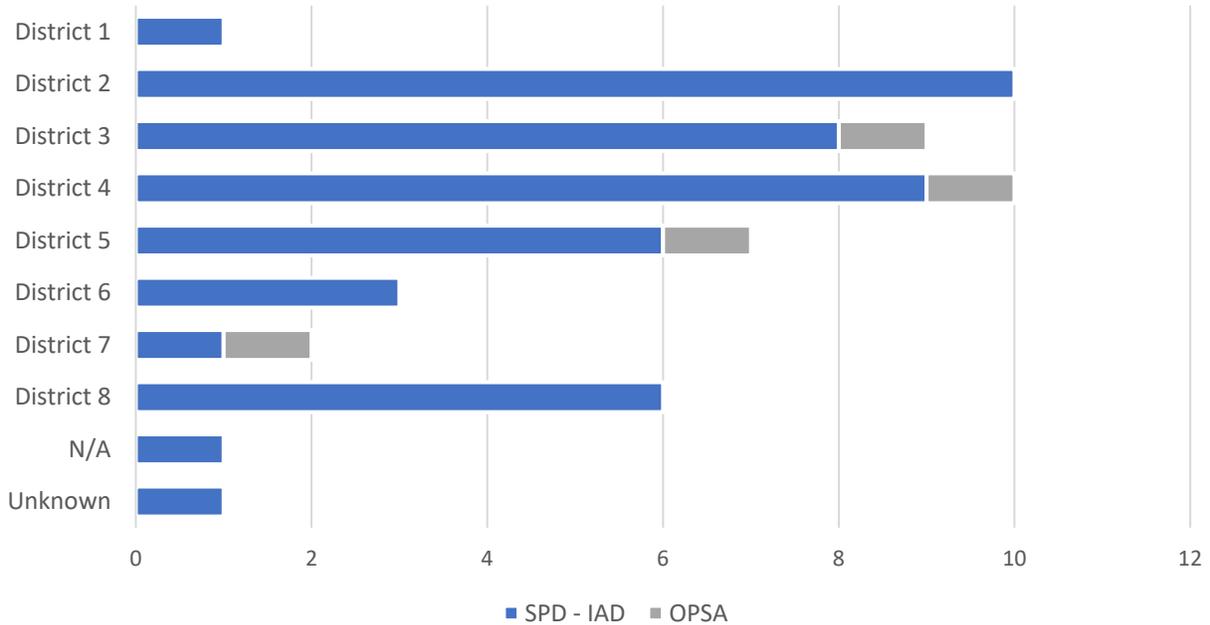
ALLEGATIONS BY TYPE

Allegation	Number of Allegations
Conduct Unbecoming	3
Discourtesy	22
Discrimination	4
Dishonesty	2
False Arrest	1
Force	9
Harassment	1
Improper Search & Seizure	6
Improper Tactics	1
Insubordination	1
Missing Property	4
Neglect of Duty	16
Service	21
Total	91

Note: One complaint can include multiple allegations.

ALLEGATIONS/COMPLAINTS

COMPLAINTS BY COUNCIL DISTRICT



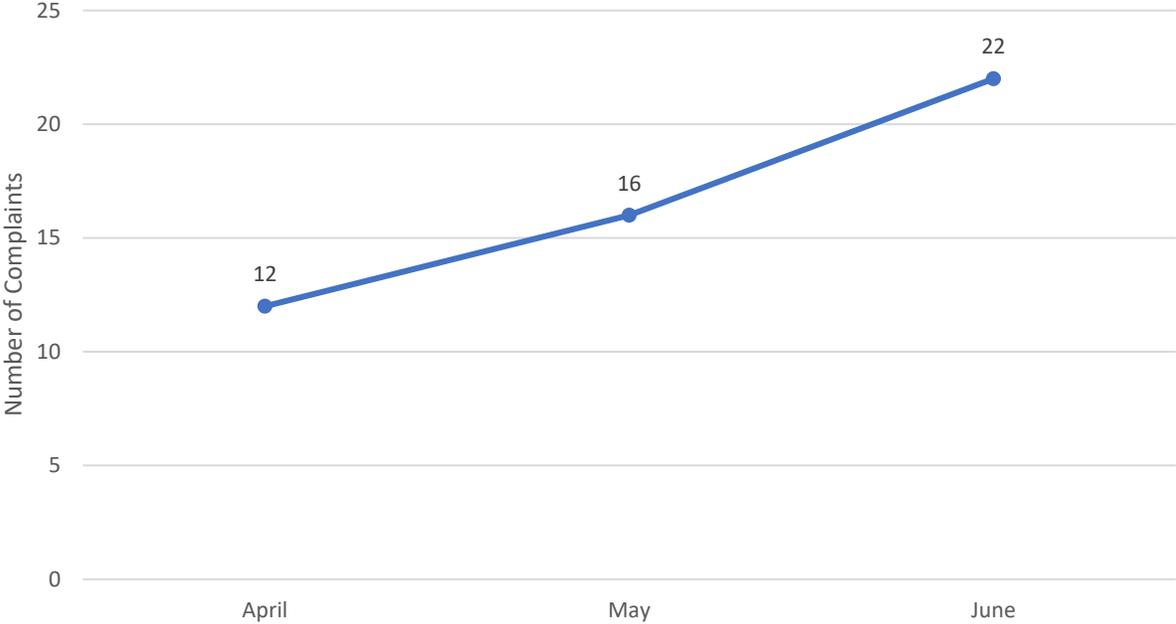
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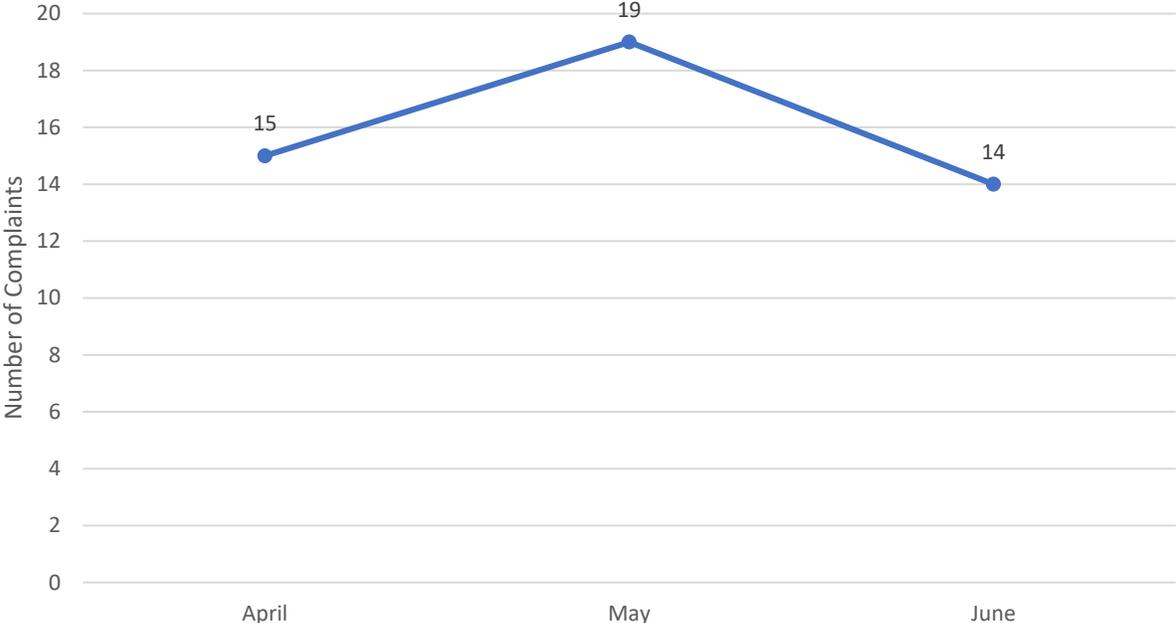
Note: Internal Affairs Division (IAD)

FINDINGS

CASES OPENED



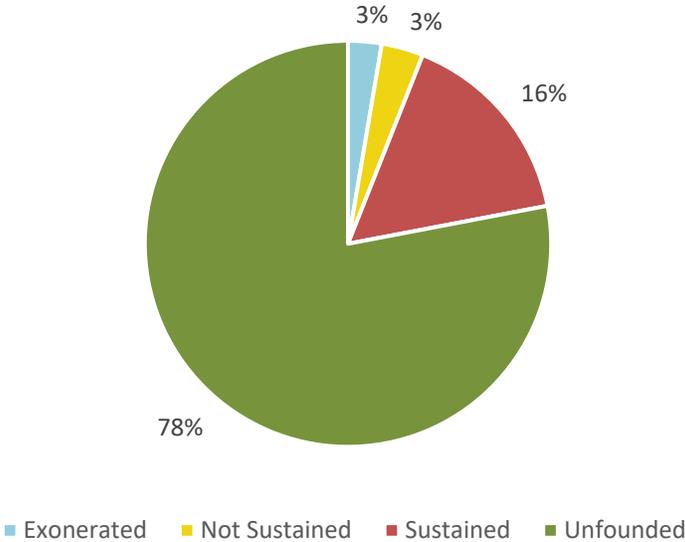
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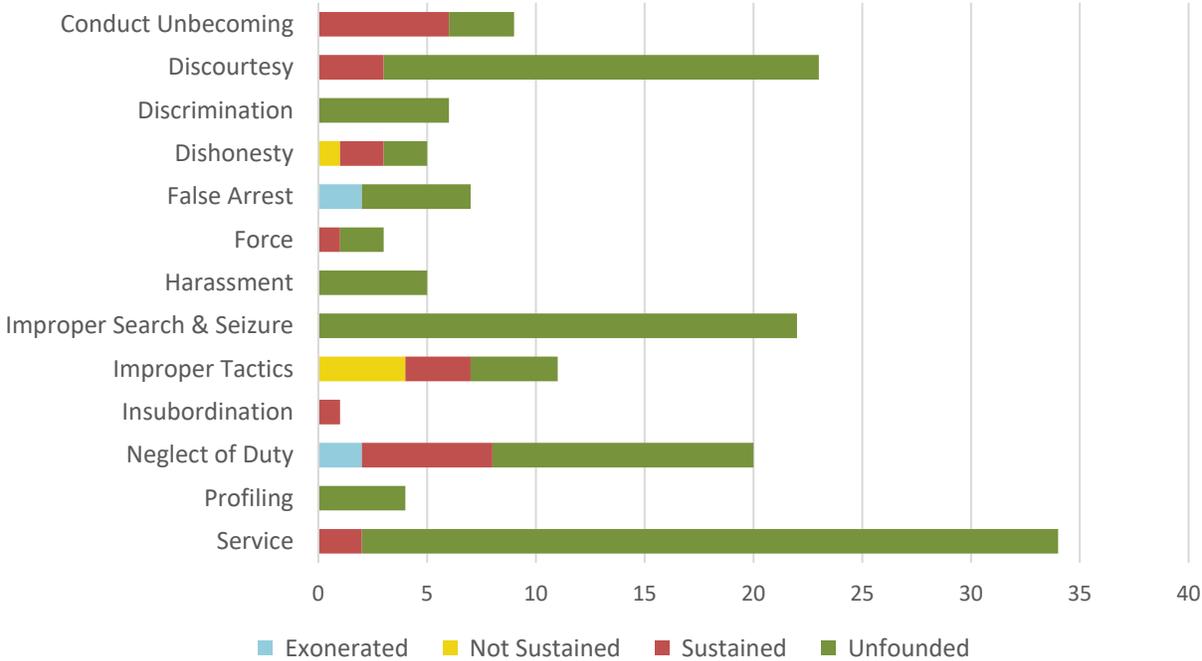
FINDINGS

There were 48 police complaints filed by community members containing 150 allegations that were closed during the Second Quarter of 2021. Twenty-four of the allegations were closed with a disposition of Sustained, which is a 16% Sustained rate. The remaining 126 allegations did not yield any policy violations.

ALLEGATION DISPOSITIONS



DISPOSITIONS BY ALLEGATION



COMPLAINANT DEMOGRAPHICS

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.

Age	Number	Percent
18 and Under	0	0%
19-30	8	16%
31-40	14	28%
41-50	8	16%
51-60	13	26%
61-70	2	4%
Over 70	3	6%
Did Not Disclose	0	0%
Unknown	2	4%
Total	50	100%

Gender	Number	Percent
Female	23	46%
Male	26	52%
Unknown	1	2%
Total	50	100%

Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Asian	2	4%
Black/African American	18	36%
Hispanic/Latino	7	14%
White/Caucasian	17	34%
Unknown	6	12%
Total	50	100%

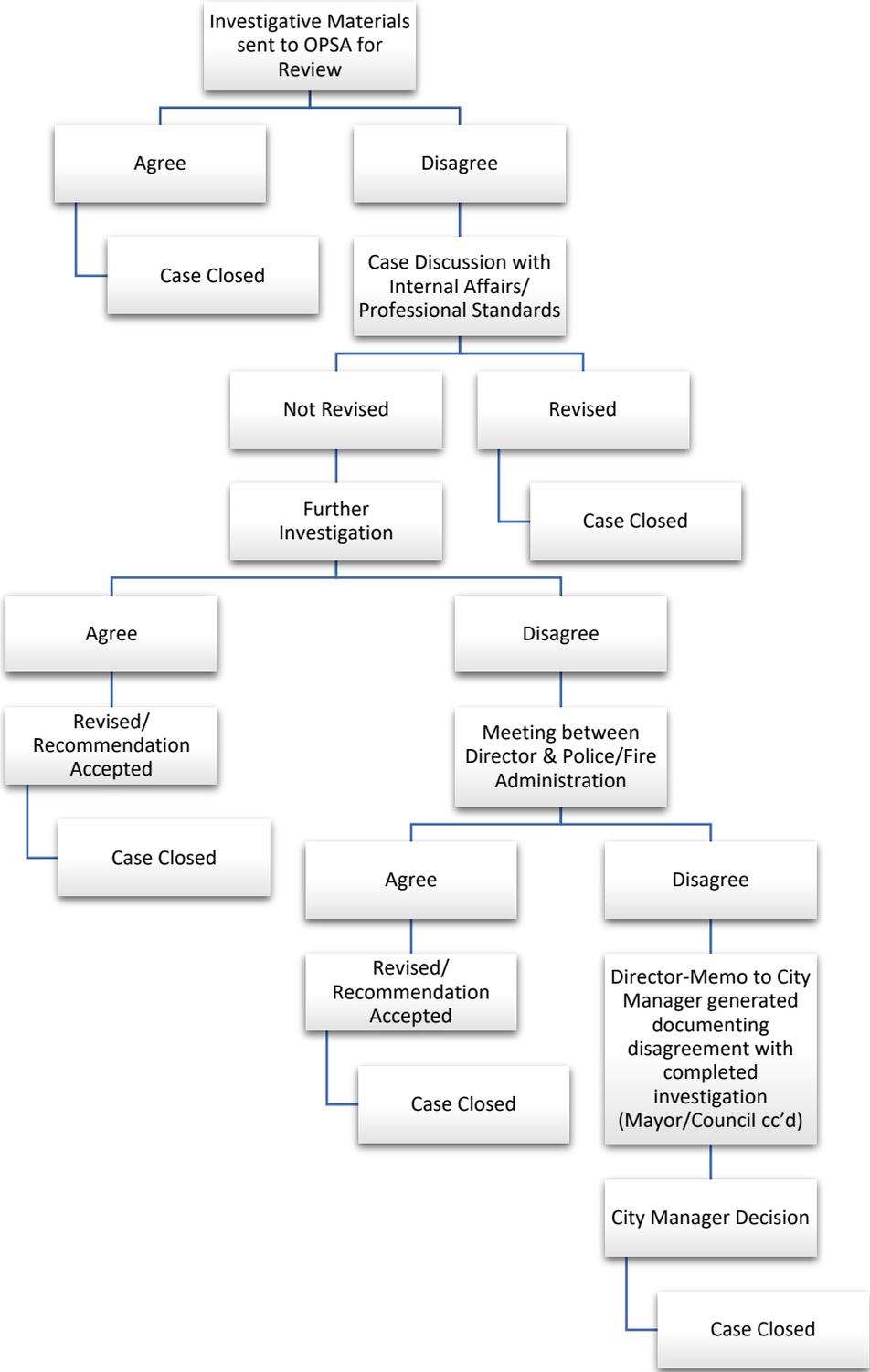
Note: Percentages may not add up due to rounding.

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 to report during quarter.	

CRITICAL INCIDENTS

None

OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

- Sacramento County District Attorney Citizen’s Academy 4/27/2021
- SFD Academy Presentation on the role of the Office of Public Safety Accountability 6/1/2021
- 2021 State of the City Address 6/30/2021