



City of
SACRAMENTO

Office of Public Safety Accountability

Quarterly Report

Q3 – 2021

PRESENTED TO:

The Sacramento Community Police Review Commission

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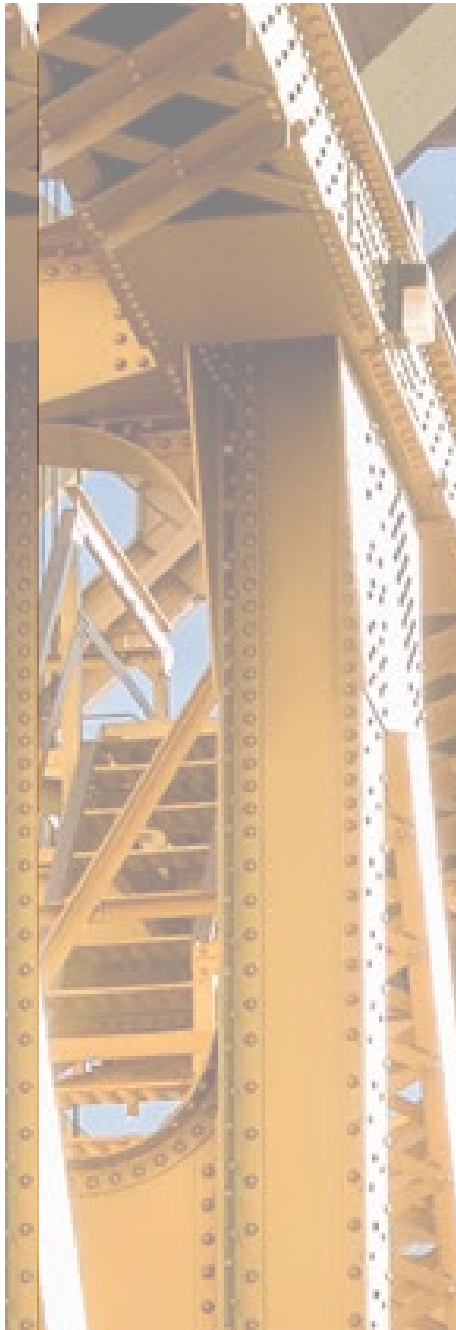
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As required by City Code section 2.110.030.B., the commission shall review quarterly reports prepared by the Office of Public Safety Accountability consistent with California Penal Code section 832.7(c), relating to the number, kind, and status of 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

- Complaint alleges he (passenger) and his brother (driver) were pulled over and officers illegally searched the vehicle; and his brother was detained and was given a citation. Additionally, complaint alleged his backpack was mistakenly booked as evidence and he is still without his belongings and his brother is without his phone
- Complaint alleges he was followed by the gang task force and was pulled over without probable cause and his firearm was seized.
- Complaint alleges he was sitting in his car, outside of his barber's residence, waiting for his barber to arrive, when he noticed two officers already at the residence. Complaint alleges he was approached by the officers and asked if he had any firearms. Complaint alleged he was detained, given a ticket, and his firearm was taken. Complaint alleges he was racially profiled, and officers had no reason to talk to him in the first place.
- Complaint alleges he called 9-1-1 to report an incident outside of his home and when he told the dispatcher his address, the dispatcher became argumentative and told him he was calling from a different location, which he was not.

WAYS TO FILE A COMPLAINT



Call: (916) 808-7525



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



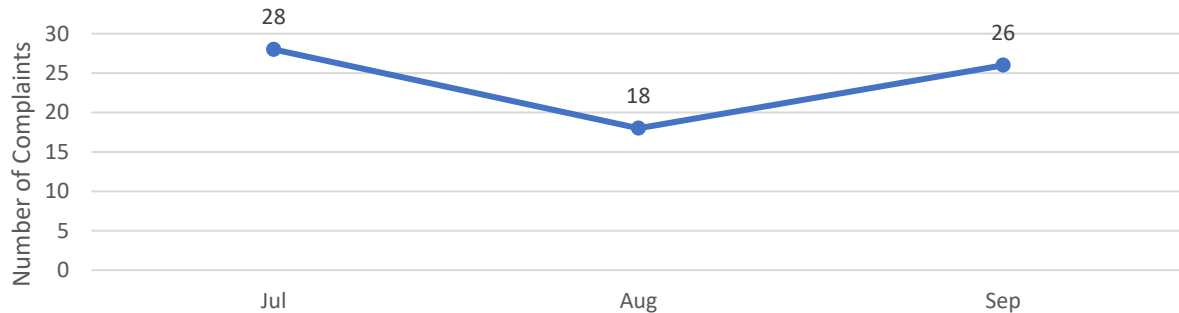
Mail: 915 I Street, Historic City Hall 3rd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

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 72 police complaints filed by community members containing 112 allegations during the Third Quarter of 2021. Eight of these complaints were closed during the reporting period and are included in the completed cases data.

CASES OPENED



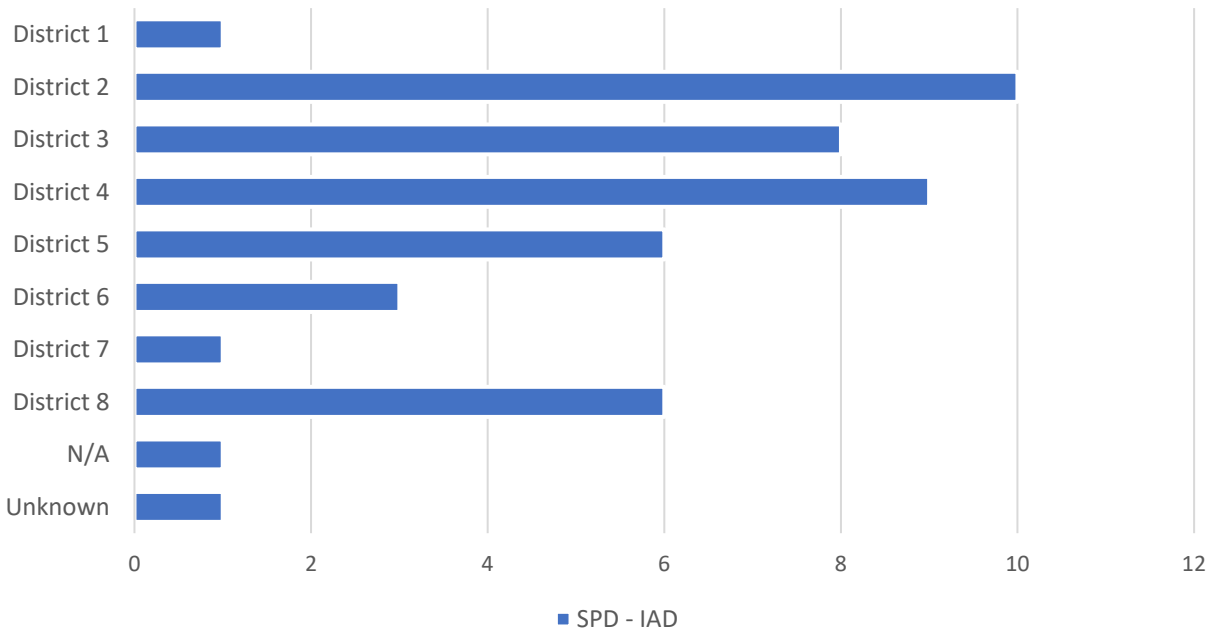
ALLEGATIONS BY TYPE

Allegation	Number of Allegations
Conduct Unbecoming	8
Discourtesy	13
Discrimination	2
Dishonesty	4
Force	2
Harassment	11
Improper Search & Seizure	13
Improper Tactics	8
Insubordination	3
Missing Property	2
Neglect of Duty	23
Profiling	8
Service	12
Traffic	3
Total	112

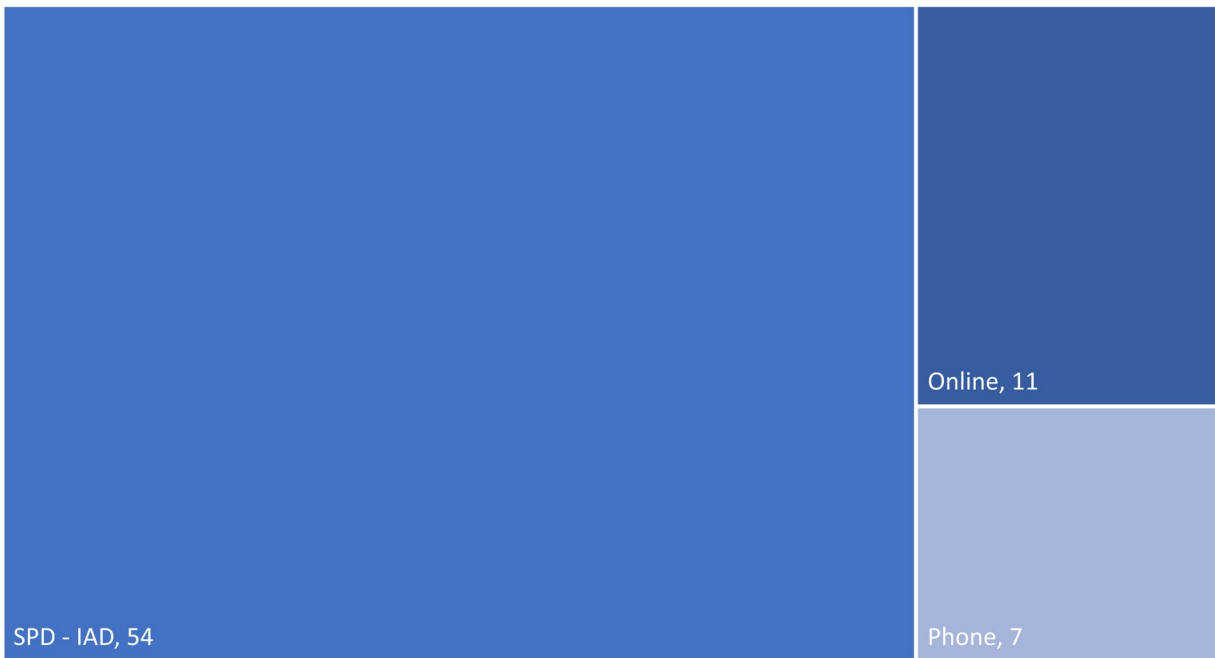
Note: One complaint can include multiple allegations.

ALLEGATIONS/COMPLAINTS

COMPLAINTS BY COUNCIL DISTRICT



COMPLAINT FILING METHOD

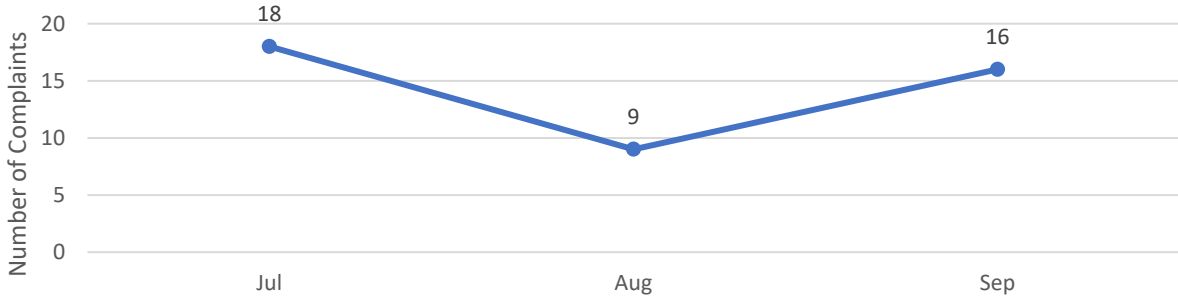


Note: Internal Affairs Division (IAD)

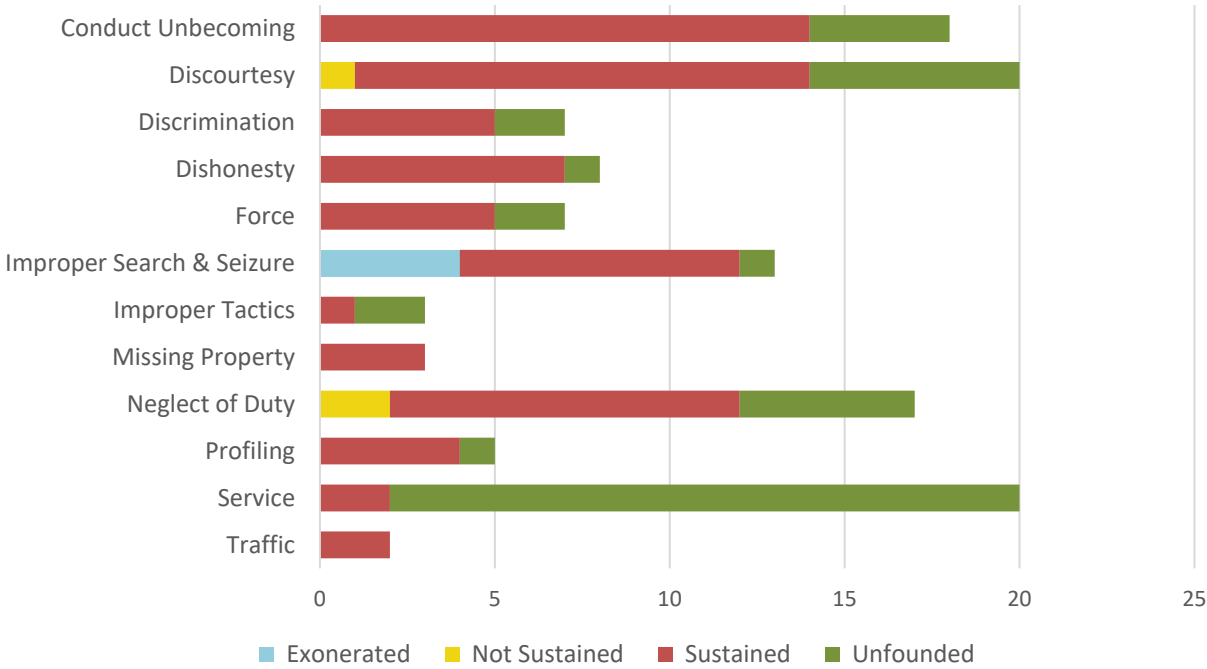
FINDINGS

There were 43 police complaints filed by community members containing 124 allegations that were closed during the Third Quarter of 2021. fifty-two of the allegations were closed with a disposition of Sustained, which is a 42% Sustained rate. The remaining 72 allegations did not yield any policy violations.

CASES CLOSED

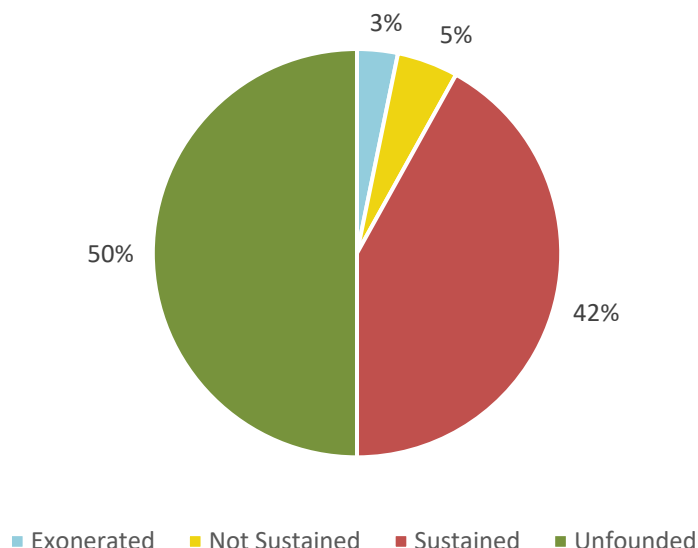


DISPOSITIONS BY ALLEGATION



FINDINGS

ALLEGATION DISPOSITIONS



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	1	1%
19-30	14	18%
31-40	23	30%
41-50	8	11%
51-60	11	14%
61-70	2	3%
Over 70	1	1%
Did Not Disclose	0	0%
Unknown	16	21%
Total	76	100%

COMPLAINANT DEMOGRAPHICS

Gender	Number	Percent
Female	27	36%
Male	42	55%
Unknown	7	9%
Total	76	100%

Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Asian	2	3%
Black/African American	36	47%
Hispanic/Latino	9	12%
White/Caucasian	17	22%
Unknown	12	16%
Total	76	100%

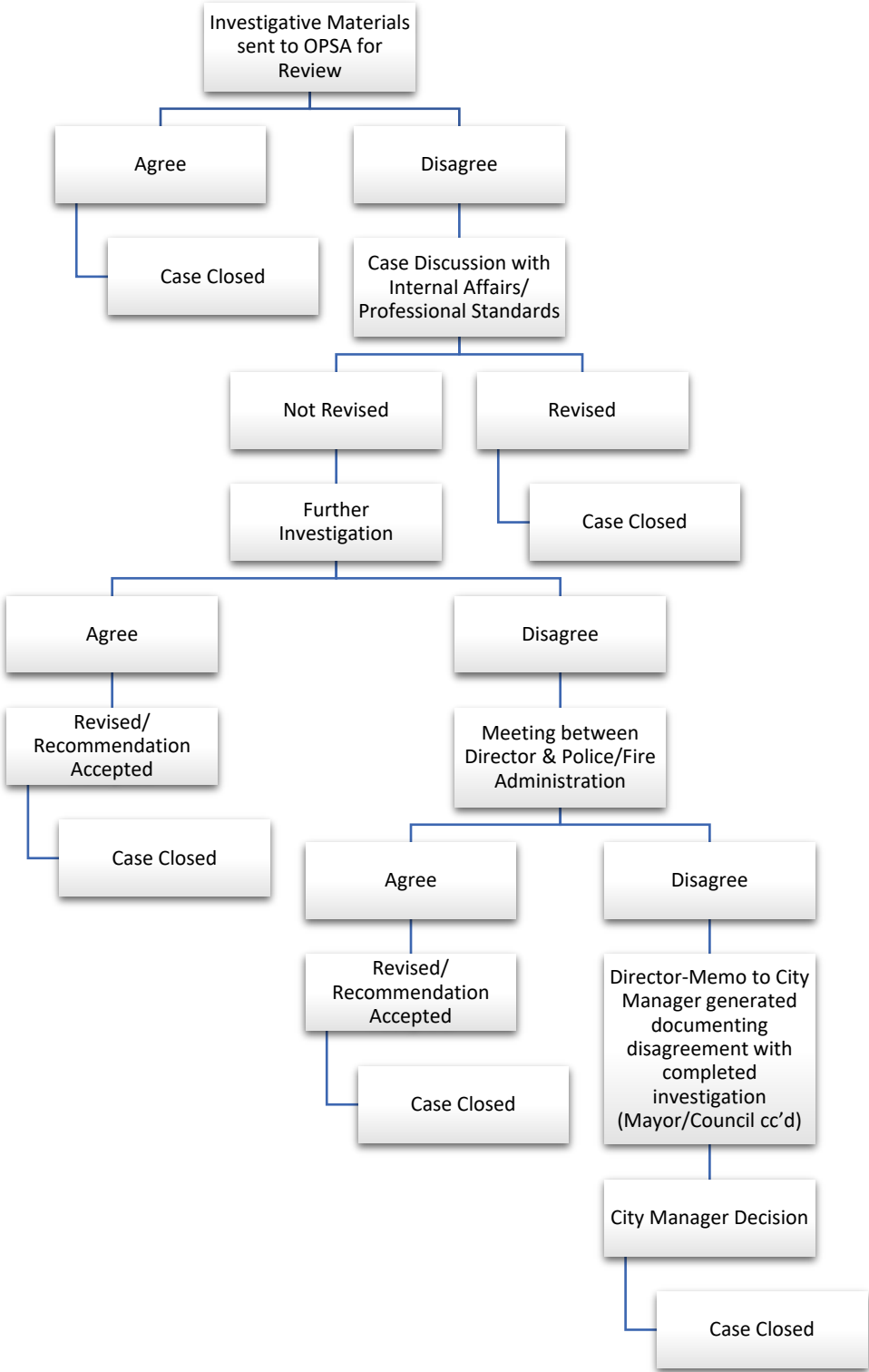
Note: Percentages may not add up due to rounding.

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 Q3 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
July	Police	Allegation should be sustained	Discussed/Further Investigation/Agree*/Memo Sent (*legality issue)

CRITICAL INCIDENTS

None

OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

None