



City of
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Office of Public Safety Accountability

Quarterly Report

Q3 – 2022

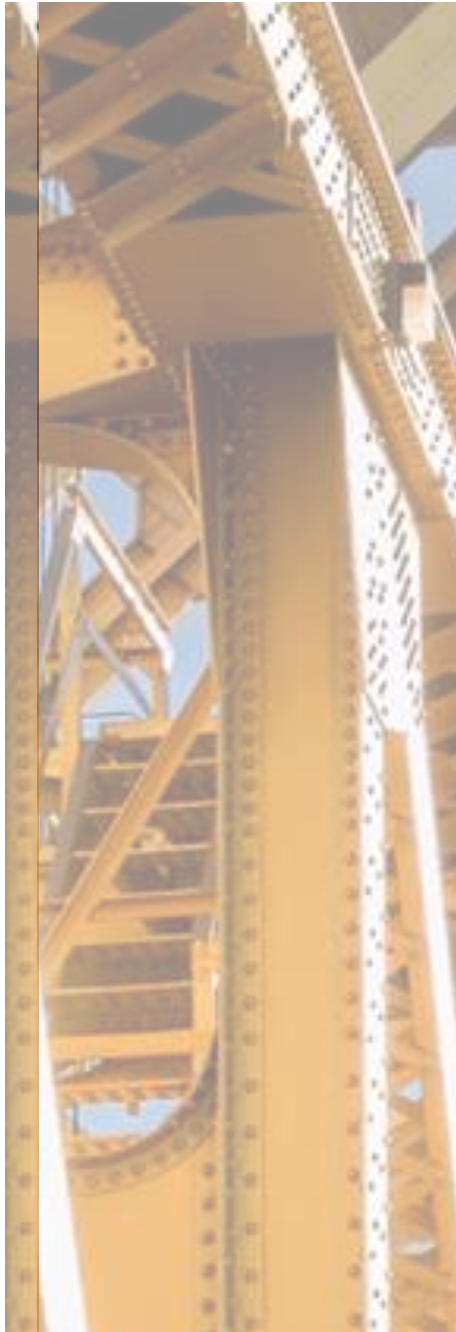
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The City of Sacramento Mayor and City Council

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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

- Complainant alleged officers pulled her boyfriend over in her car and unlawfully searched.
- Complainant alleged an officer used profanity and pushed her back into the patrol vehicle during the interaction.
- Complainant alleged that an officer came to her residence alone, trespassed onto her property without a warrant or probable cause, and searched the residence with his gun drawn. Complainant alleged that the officer left the residence when she began to record the incident.
- Complainant alleged an officer used excessive force and twisted her wrists. Complainant alleged that another officer on scene did nothing to stop the use of excessive force.
- Complainant alleged that he is being harassed by officers. Complainant stated that his phone and magazine were taken when the four officers pulled him over.

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

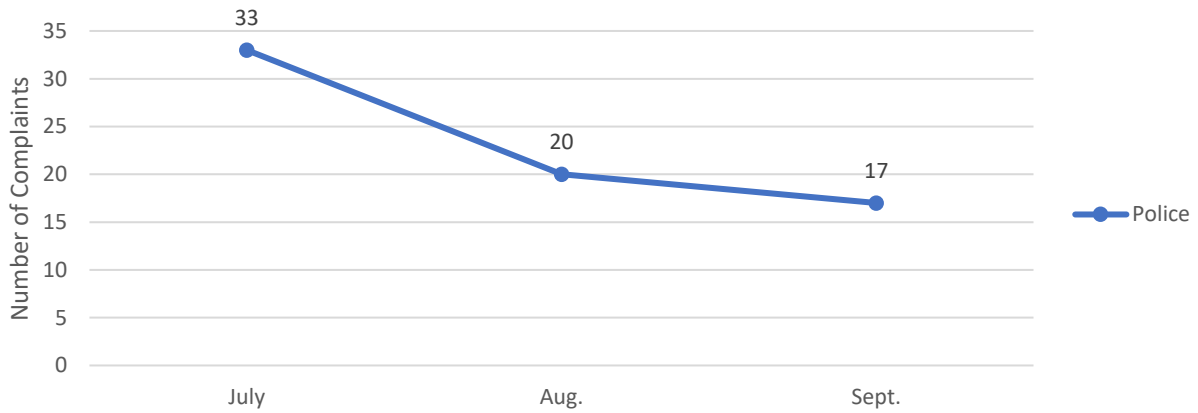
Due to COVID-19, OPSA staff is currently not available to receive in person complaints at the office.

ALLEGATIONS/COMPLAINTS

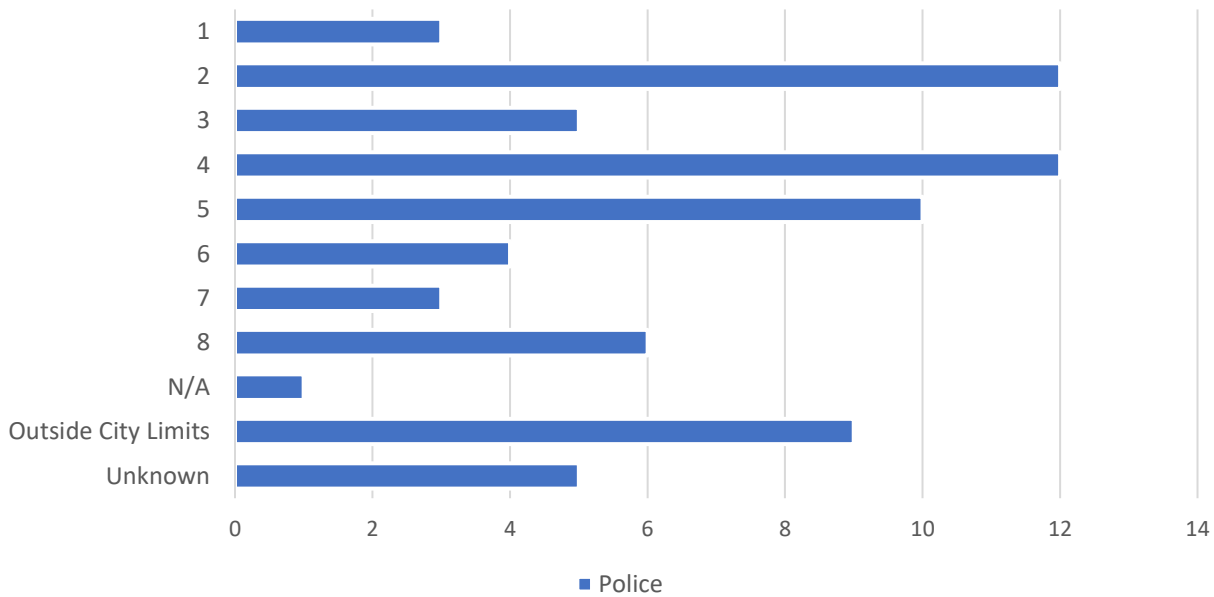
The Office of Public Safety Accountability received 70 complaints against police personnel containing 172 allegations during the Third Quarter of 2022.

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

CASES OPENED



COMPLAINTS BY COUNCIL DISTRICT



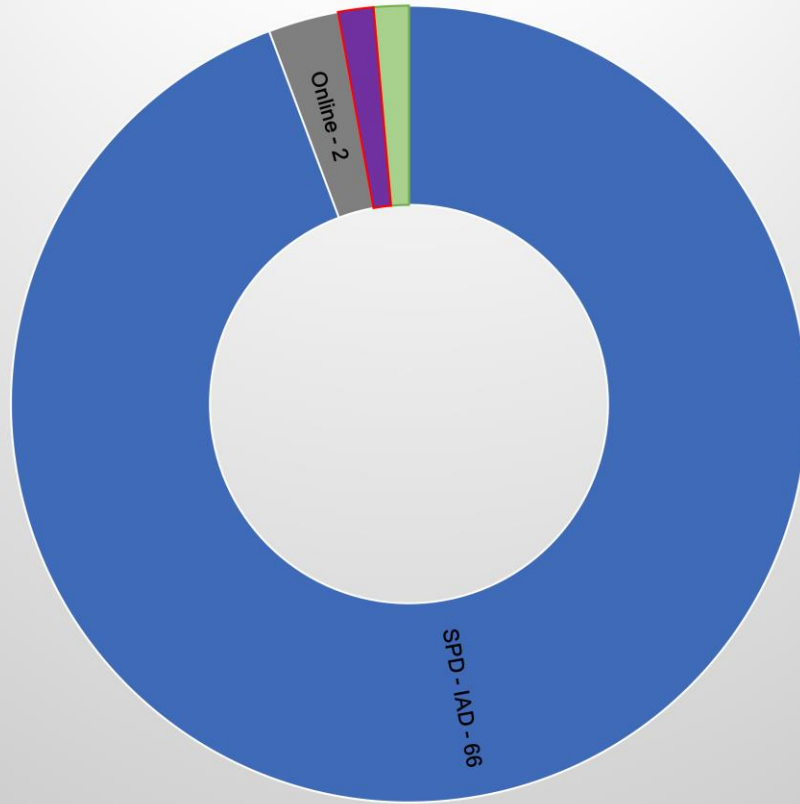
ALLEGATIONS BY TYPE

Allegation	Number of Allegations
	Police
City Equipment	0
Conduct Unbecoming	12
Discourtesy	19
Discrimination	0
Dishonesty	4
False Arrest	7
Force	17
Harassment	16
Improper Search & Seizure	38
Improper Tactics	8
Insubordination	2
Missing Property	2
Neglect of Duty	7
Profiling	7
Service	32
Traffic	1
Unknown	0
Total	172

Note: One complaint can include multiple allegations.

COMPLAINT FILING METHOD

■ Online - 2 ■ SPD - IAD - 66 ■ Telephone - 1 ■ E-mail - 1

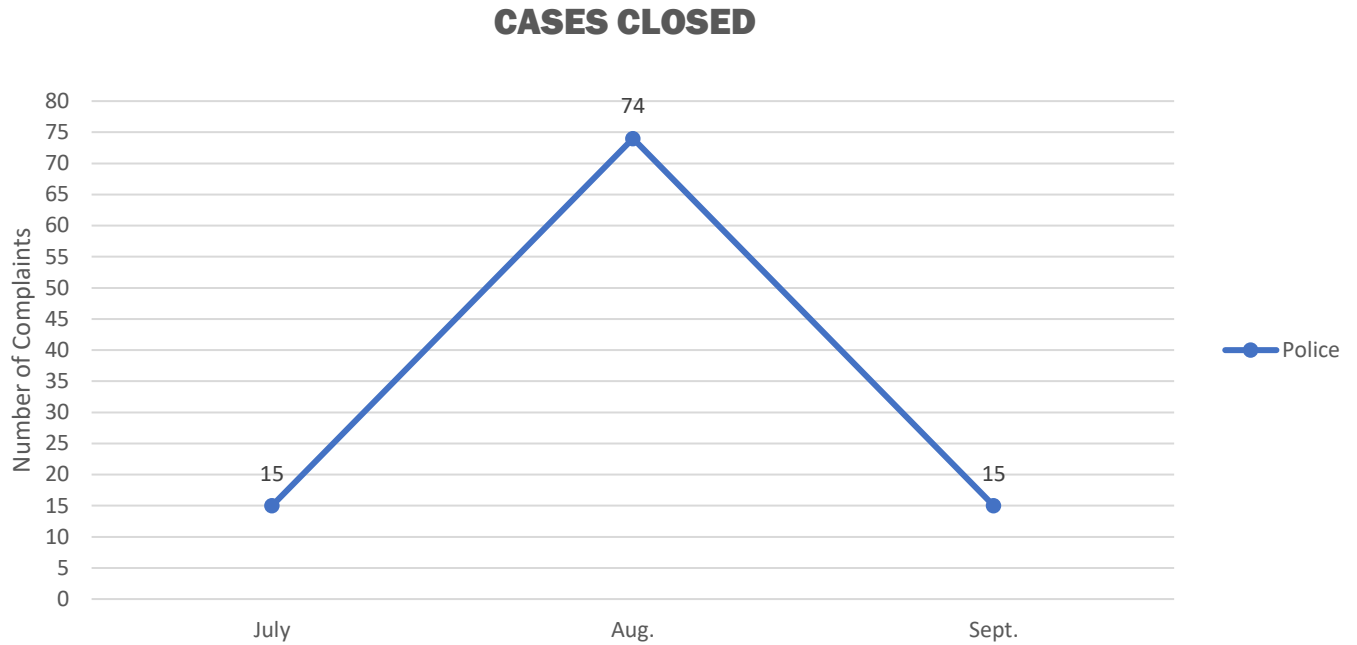


Note: Internal Affairs Division (IAD)

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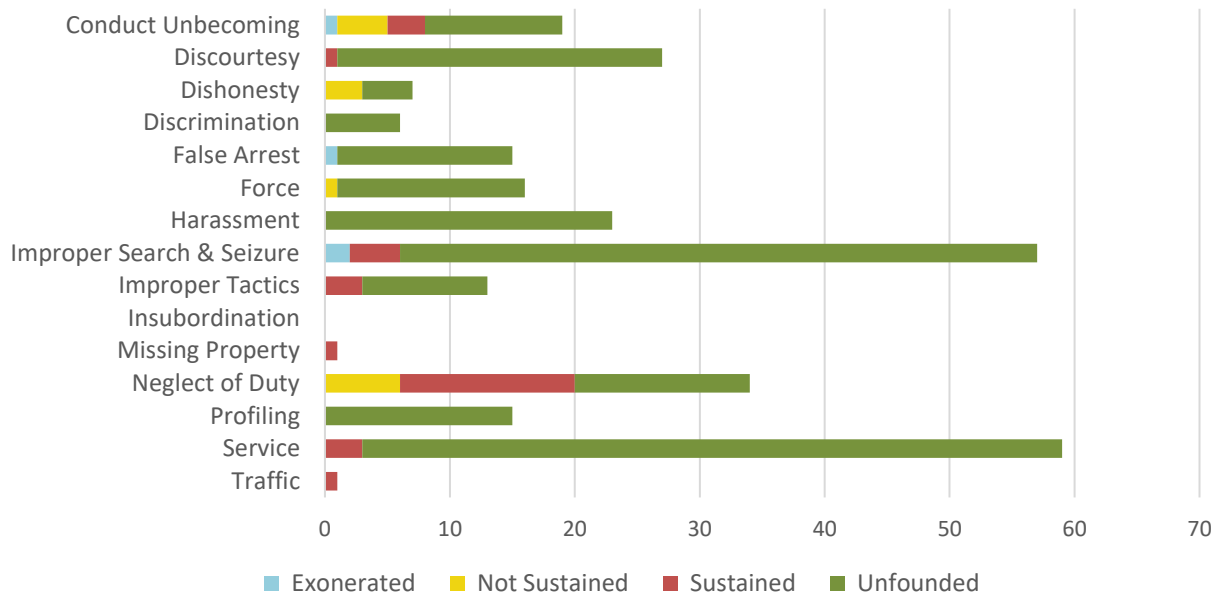
Police

There were 104 police complaints containing 293 allegations that were closed during the Third Quarter of 2022. 30 of the allegations were closed with a disposition of Sustained, which is a 10% Sustained rate. The remaining 263 allegations did not yield any policy violations.

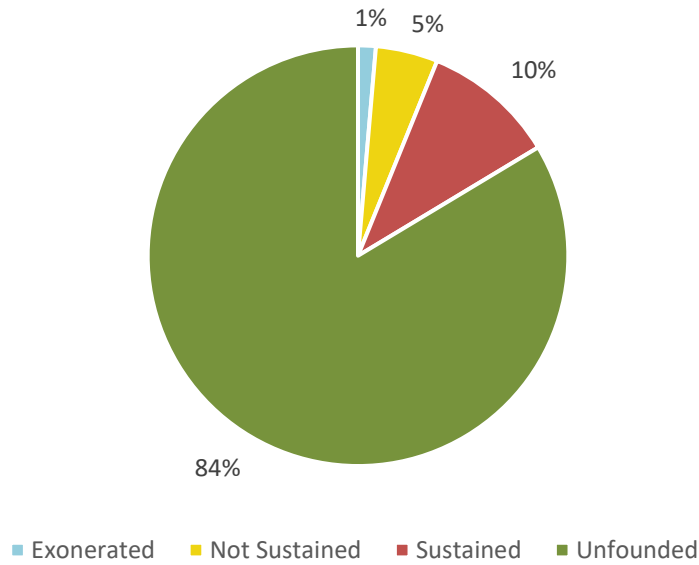


Police

DISPOSITIONS BY ALLEGATION



ALLEGATION DISPOSITIONS



COMPLAINANT DEMOGRAPHICS

The OPSA does its best to collect demographic information from complainants and through information provided by SFD 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	1	2%
19-30	15	24%
31-40	16	26%
41-50	16	26%
51-60	4	6%
61-70	2	3%
Over 70	2	3%
Did Not Disclose	0	0%
Unknown	6	10%
Total	62	100%

Gender	Number	Percent
Female	24	39%
Male	34	55%
Unknown	4	6%
Total	62	100%

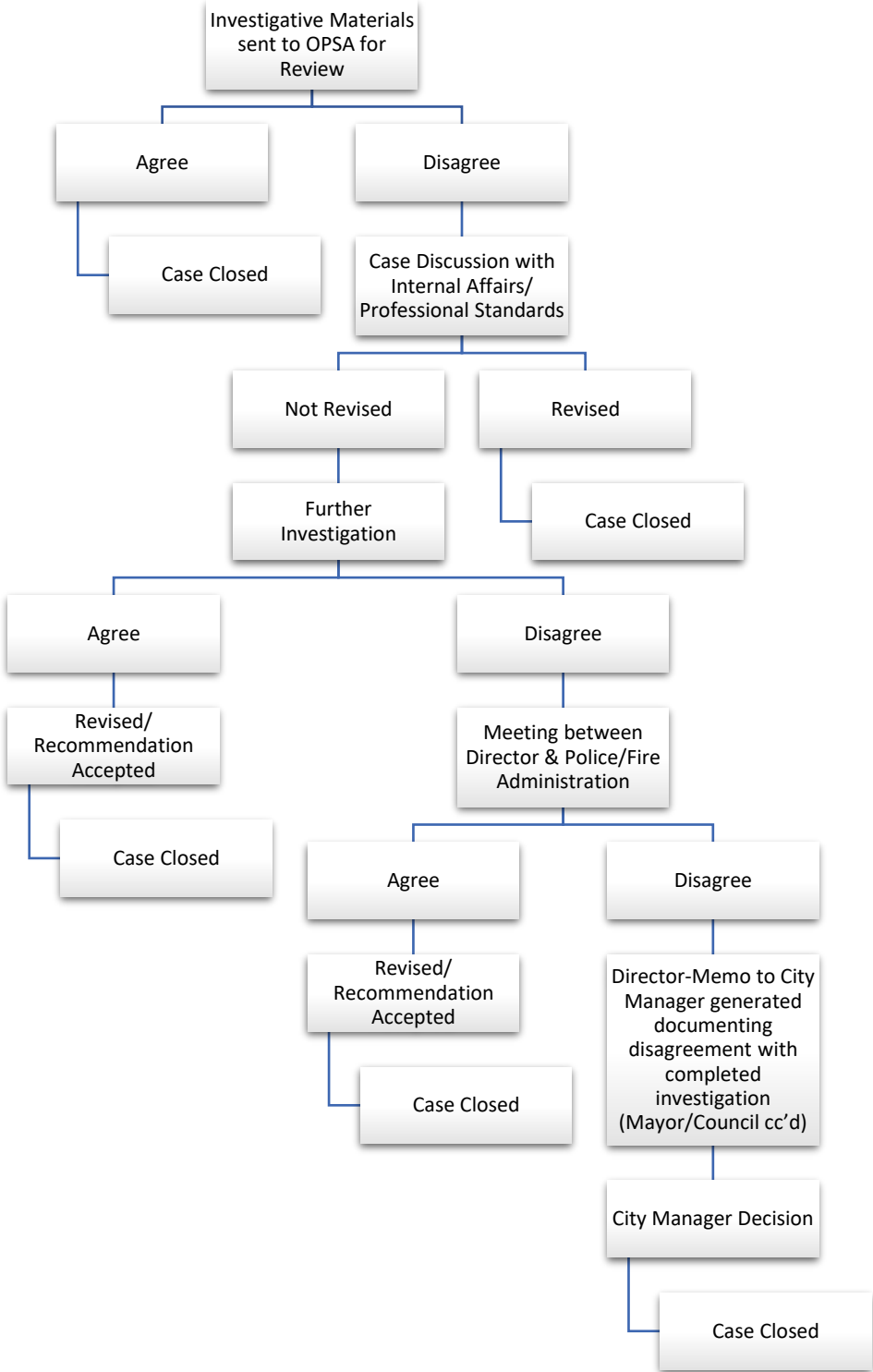
Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	2%
Asian	1	2%
Black/African American	28	45%
Hispanic/Latino	10	16%
White/Caucasian	15	24%
Did Not Disclose	0	0%
Unknown	7	11%
Total	62	100%

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 Q3 of 2022, OPSA reviewed 58% of the completed investigations filed against the Sacramento Police Department. Of the completed investigations reviewed by OPSA, 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

Month	Case Type	Recommendation/Disagreement	Outcome
August	Police	Allegation should be sustained	Discussed – Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration
August	Police	Disposition Incorrect	Discussed – Further Investigation Agree
September	Police	Additional allegation needed	Discussed – Further Investigation Agree/Recommendation Accepted
September	Police	Disposition Incorrect	Discussed-Further Investigation, Agree/Recommendation Accepted
September	Police	Disposition Incorrect	Agree

CRITICAL INCIDENTS

Officer-Involved Shooting - 5600 Block of Gilgunn Way

On July 2, 2022, shortly before 12:15 a.m., Sacramento Police Department patrol officers responded to a residence in the 5600 block of Gilgunn Way for a report of an individual threatening to kill his wife, who was also on scene. Additional information revealed the individual was armed with a knife, and the wife had locked herself inside a bathroom in the residence.

When officers arrived on the scene, they contacted the individual, a 75-year-old male who was observed to be armed with two knives. Officers communicated with the individual for over 10 minutes and utilized verbal de-escalation techniques in an attempt to disarm him. Eventually, the individual, who remained armed, moved inside the bathroom, and assaulted his wife. The victim was heard screaming as officers entered the residence. Officers confronted the individual and one officer fired their duty weapon.

Officers rendered medical aid until the suspect was transported to a hospital for treatment, where he was pronounced deceased. The victim was not injured, and no officers were injured during this incident.

This incident is being investigated by the Sacramento Police Department's Homicide Unit, Internal Affairs Division, and Professional Standards Unit. A response and investigation into the incident will also be conducted by the Force Investigation Team. The investigation will focus on policy, tactics, and training as it relates to the use of force. The Office of Public Safety Accountability and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Offices are providing oversight by monitoring the investigation.

This incident falls under the City Council's policy on Police Use of Force as well as SB 1421. As a result, the video and audio associated with this incident will be released to the public within 30 days. Detectives are in the process of identifying and retrieving video associated with this incident.

Officer Involved Shooting - 16th Street and A Street

On July 17, 2022, around 10:36 p.m., Sacramento Police Department patrol officers responded to the area of 16th Street and A Street to attempt to arrest a 42-year-old man who was known to have a felony warrant for a violation of Post Release Community Supervision (probation). When officers located that suspect in the area, they attempted to gain his voluntary cooperation by talking to him but, he refused to follow officers' commands.

As officers continued to talk to the suspect, he walked away from officers, reached under a tarp, and concealed his hands under a blanket. While his hands were concealed, he began to advance towards officers, telling them to drop their weapons. Officers backed up as the suspect continued to walk towards them while ignoring commands.

As the suspect approached the officers, one of them fired their duty weapon, striking the suspect. The suspect then fled from officers on foot. Officers were able to take the suspect into custody in the area of 16th Street and C Street where they rendered emergency medical aid.

The suspect sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to an area hospital by the Sacramento Fire Department. After receiving medical clearance, the suspect will be booked for his felony warrant and other charges, if applicable. No officers were injured during the incident.

This investigation remains active. At this point, no weapons have been located in the immediate area of the incident.

This incident is being investigated by the Sacramento Police Department's Homicide Unit, Internal Affairs Division, and Professional Standards Unit. A response and investigation into the incident will also be conducted by the Force Investigation Team. The investigation will focus on policy, tactics, and training as it relates to the use of force. The Office of Public Safety Accountability and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office are providing oversight by monitoring the investigation.

This incident falls under the City Council's policy on Police Use of Force as well as SB 1421. As a result, the video and audio associated with this incident will be released to the public within 30 days. Detectives are in the process of identifying and retrieving video associated with this incident.

Officer-Involved Shooting - 100 Block of Dragonfly Circle

On August 10, 2022, just before 1 a.m., Sacramento Police Department patrol officers responded to the 100 block of Dragonfly Circle based on information that a male was armed with a sword and had barricaded himself in his residence with his wife and children. Additional information was received from the wife that she was not being allowed to leave with her children.

Officers from the Crisis Negotiation Team and SWAT responded to assist at the scene. For several hours, numerous attempts were made to de-escalate the hostage situation. During this time, officers learned that the male was holding his family inside a bedroom. At approximately 7:30 a.m., as negotiations continued, sounds of distress from the wife and threats from the male were heard from inside the home.

SWAT officers quickly entered the residence to rescue the hostages. They encountered the male holding a long sword raised next to his wife and children. One officer fired their duty weapon, striking him.

Officers immediately rendered emergency medical aid, and the male was transported to a hospital by the Sacramento Fire Department. The male is currently in stable condition and, after receiving medical clearance, will be booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail on false imprisonment charges. No hostages or officers were injured during this incident.

This incident is being investigated by the Sacramento Police Department's Homicide Unit, Internal Affairs Division, and Professional Standards Unit. A response and investigation into the incident will also be conducted by the Force Investigation Team. The investigation will focus on policy, tactics, and training as it relates to the use of force. The Office of Public Safety Accountability and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office are providing oversight by monitoring the investigation.

This incident falls under the City Council's policy on Police Use of Force as well as SB 1421. As a result, the video and audio associated with this incident will be released to the public within 30 days. Detectives are in the process of identifying and retrieving video associated with this incident.

Officer-Involved Shooting - 2500 Block of Del Paso Boulevard

On August 27, 2022, just before 7:30 p.m., a Sacramento Police Department patrol officer was hailed by an assault victim in the 2500 block of Del Paso Blvd. The victim said they were assaulted by a female and

provided the officer with a description of that female. Multiple officers responded to the area in search of the female assault suspect.

As the officers were searching the area minutes later, they located the suspect matching the description provided by the victim. The suspect fled from the officers on foot for several minutes. An officer followed the suspect in a vehicle as she fled. As a second officer arrived in the Del Paso/Rio Linda Blvd Alley area, he told the suspect to stop.

The suspect did not stop and charged the officer. The suspect abruptly pulled out a knife and attacked the officer, stabbing him in the upper arm. The female fell to the ground; however, she continued brandishing the knife at the officers. An officer-involved shooting then occurred. Officers rendered emergency medical aid to the suspect. Despite these life-saving measures, the suspect was pronounced deceased on the scene.

The officer who was stabbed was transported to an area hospital where he underwent surgery and is currently recovering.

This incident is being investigated by the Sacramento Police Department's Homicide Unit, Internal Affairs Division, and Professional Standards Unit. An investigation into the incident will also be conducted by the Force Investigation Team. The investigation will focus on policy, tactics, and training as it relates to the use of force. The Office of Public Safety Accountability and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office are providing oversight by monitoring the investigation.

This incident falls under the City Council's policy on Police Use of Force as well as SB 1421. As a result, the video and audio associated with this incident will be released to the public within 30 days. Detectives are in the process of identifying and retrieving video associated with this incident.

OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

Sacramento Police Department, Community Advancement Academy - September 15, 2022