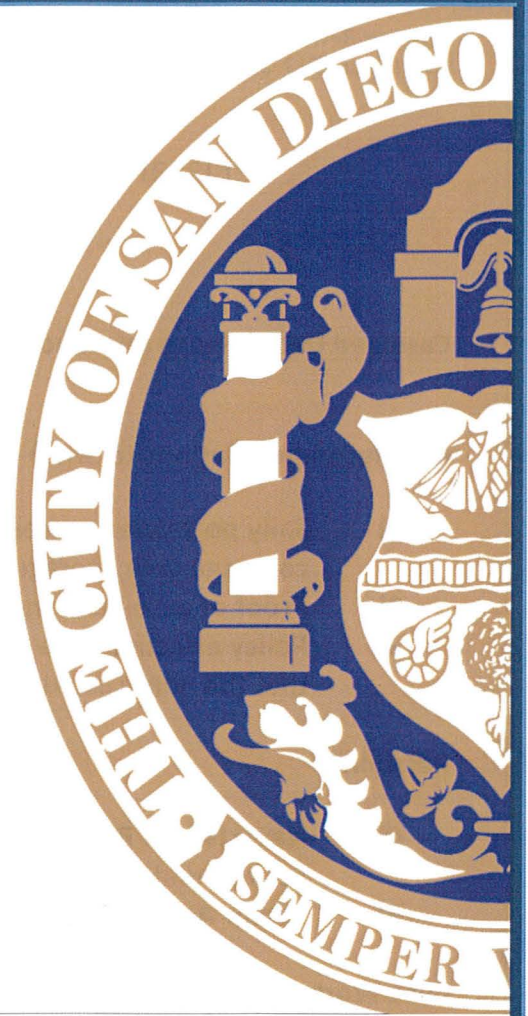


Citizens' Review Board on Police Practices



Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013

Actions and Accomplishments

Quarterly Report – 1st Quarter

(July, August, September 2012)

Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013 Quarterly Report – 1st Quarter July, August, September, 2012

Caseload Data (please reference table attached)

CRB Recommendations to SDPD (please reference letter to SDPD attached)

- 1) **Sally port video surveillance** – CRB recommends SDPD seeks budgetary approval to increase coverage area, storage capacity, and storage duration of Sally port video
- 2) **Proof of auto insurance via smartphone** – conform SDPD policy with new CA law
- 3) **Policy effective date** – include date of any policy listed in an investigation report to ensure that the policy listed was in effect at the time of the complaint

Personnel

- 4) **New class of Prospective Members selected** – eight volunteer San Diego citizens with diverse backgrounds and viewpoints selected as Prospective CRB Members
- 5) **Senior Analyst hired** – responsibilities will include essential CRB work with Exec. Director

Case Work

- 6) **“Other Findings” tracked** – findings not reported by complainant now recorded and reported to provide more accurate representation of CRB reviews
- 7) **“Other Findings” reported to complainants** – previously not reported to complainant, now listed in final outcome letter to complainant; improves transparency
- 8) **CRB requested changes now tracked** – when CRB teams request IA to make a change to IA’s finding or allegation; will help more accurately reflect CRB disagreements with IA
- 9) **“Assigned on Date” added** – IA investigation cover now highlights this date to ensure timely case resolution, especially for “sustained” allegations where discipline involved

Meetings

- 10) **CRB Executive Committee meetings suspended** – enhances transparency and encourages decision-making by the entire 23-member Board
- 11) **Closed-session meetings scheduled later** – 5pm start creates easier accessibility for current Board Members with conflicting work schedules; time change should also enlarge pool of potential future Board Members
- 12) **Closed-session meeting location moved** – new City Heights location enhances CRB presence in a more relevant and diverse area; meeting room size and acoustics better for closed-session meetings; better accessibility
- 13) **Open-session meeting locations rotated throughout the year** – provides more convenient meeting access to the public; contributes to public awareness of the CRB and outreach

- 14) **Increased community outreach** – resulting in significant public attendance improvement at open-session meetings and CRB awareness
- 15) **Meeting agenda framework reorganized** – streamlined to help meeting efficiency
- 16) **By law and policy/procedures amending (ongoing)** – trifurcation process for better understanding and clarity; goal for completion in Q2

CRB Chair

- 17) **Strong Chair focus** – accomplishes more efficient, proper, and professional meetings
- 18) **Chair, meeting preparation** – case reports thoroughly read *prior* to closed-sessions contributing to more efficient meetings
- 19) **Chair, weekly meetings with CRB Executive Director** – helps to accomplish goals, problem solve, discuss vision, etc.

Communications

- 20) **Improved public communications** – more effort to issue press releases and give interviews; keeps public informed and helps with CRB awareness
- 21) **New CRB brochure completed** – helps public to learn about the CRB and contact information for complaints
- 22) **Quarterly Report issuance** – summarizes work of Board; highlights large amount of significant work performed by CRB in 3 months; helps with community education

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Fiscal Year 2013 First Quarter Completed Reviews*							
Total Cases Reviewed by CRB	Allegation Category	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Sustained	Unfounded	Complainant Not Cooperative	Total Number of Allegations
	Arrest	9	-	2	1	-	12
	Courtesy	-	2	1	5	-	8
	Criminal Conduct	-	-	-	3	-	3
	Force	12	1	1	8	-	22
	Procedure	10	1	-	2	-	13
	Other Findings	-	-	-	-	-	-
22		31	4	4	19	-	58

* Figures represent the cases that were presented by the CRB Teams during the reporting period. There are multiple allegations per case.

Requested Changes - cases in which changes were made to Internal Affairs' investigative reports and/or findings during the CRB case review process at the request of CRB Team = 2

Sustained – the Department member committed all or part of the alleged acts of misconduct

Not Sustained – the investigation produced insufficient information to clearly prove or disprove the allegations

Exonerated – the alleged act occurred, but was justified, legal and proper, or was within policy

Unfounded – the alleged act did not occur

Other Findings – the investigation revealed violations of Department policies / procedures into alleged in the complaint. If there is an Other Finding a Category such as Force, Procedure, Courtesy, etc., will be listed and a determination made whether Sustained, Not-Sustained, etc.

Complainant Not Cooperative (CNC) – the complainant either cannot be located to be interviewed, refuses to be interviewed, or fails to provide sufficient pertinent details to address the allegation.



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date October 1, 2012

From: Jim Kaese, Chair, Citizens' Review Board on Police Practices

To: William Lansdowne, Chief, San Diego Police Department (SDPD)
Bernie Colon, Lieutenant, and Tim Salaens, Lieutenant, Internal Affairs Division

Via: Danell Scarborough, Executive Director, Citizens' Review Board on Police Practices (CRB)

RE: **CRB Recommendations to the SDPD from Open Session Meeting of September 24, 2012**

The Citizen's Review Board on Police Practices makes these policy recommendations to the San Diego Police Department for its consideration.

1. **The CRB recommends that the SDPD seek budgetary approval to provide the "sally port" video surveillance program sufficient cameras and storage capacity to cover the entire "sally port" area and store images for a period of 6 months.**
2. **The CRB recommends that the SDPD, in collaboration with the City Attorney, modify their procedures to conform with California state legislation making it acceptable to provide proof of insurance via a smartphone.**
3. **The CRB recommends that Internal Affairs include the date of any policy listed in an investigation report to ensure that the policy listed was in effect at the time of the complaint.**

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions concerning these recommendation please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jim Kaese
Chair, CRB

Cc: Mayor Jerry Sanders
David Ramirez, Executive Assistant Chief
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