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INDEPENDENT POLICE REVIEW RELEASES ANNUAL REPORT 2010

The Auditor's Independent Police Review (IPR) division has released its annual report for calendar year 2010. IPR is Portland's civilian police oversight agency, established in 2002 under the authority of the independently elected City Auditor. IPR is monitored and advised by a nine-member Citizen Review Committee (CRC) appointed by the City Council.

This is IPR's seventh annual report to the public. Complaint intake and processing data for 2010 are detailed, as are major policy and program changes. The 2010 annual report, previous reports, and more information can be found at IPR's web site: www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/ipr.

Complaint, Investigation, and Discipline Summary

- IPR opened 385 complaints from community members about police conduct; rude behavior was the most common allegation.
- Forty-two complaints alleged violations of the Portland Police Bureau's (Police Bureau) use-of-force policies; four were sustained.
- Three officers were terminated, five resigned or retired with an investigation pending, and 13 were suspended without pay (between 10-80 hours).
- There were no in-custody deaths; however, there were six officer-involved shootings, three in the last five weeks of 2010.

Expanded Oversight Authority

City Council increased IPR's authority to conduct independent investigations, required the Police Bureau to obtain IPR approval of all Internal Affairs investigations, and created a more balanced and transparent Police Review Board to recommend findings and discipline to the Chief of Police.

Citizen Review Committee

Citizen Review Committee members focused their efforts on increasing the credibility of the complaint process among stakeholders. CRC held two Community Public Forums to discuss police accountability and to hear community concerns. CRC members began a review of the Police Bureau's use of Tasers and other less-lethal force options.

For more information regarding this report, contact IPR Director Mary-Beth Baptista at 503-823-0146. The annual report will be presented to Portland City Council Wednesday, June 15th at 10:05am (time certain).

For general information about IPR, please contact IPR Community Outreach Coordinator Irene Konev at 503-823-0926 or Irene.Konev@portlandoregon.gov.

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