



MONTHLY REPORT
By
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INTRODUCTION:

The monthly report is a monthly update of the activities of the City of Riverside Community Police Review Commission and gives the staff a chance to pass on information that they feel is important or noteworthy. The information provided in the twelve monthly reports forms the basis for the annual report.

RPD ORIENTATION:

Part of the orientation program for newly hired RPD officers is to complete a one-hour orientation session with the Executive Director of the CPRC. During this orientation, newly hired officers are told about the history that led to the creation of the Commission. Since September 2005, over 27 officers have completed this orientation. During the orientation, the entire complaint process is discussed along with a discussion on the role of the Commission in increasing transparency into the police complaint process. A key purpose of this orientation is to help newly hired officers understand the Commission's role in increasing public trust through access to information and how the community's right to be informed ties in with the City's Charter. Specifically, under Section 201 which reads:

Sec. 201. Access to public meetings and public records.

"City agencies, boards, commissions, committees, officials, staff and officers, including the Mayor and members of the City Council, exist to conduct the people's business. It is fundamental that the people have full access to information, not to just what decisions have been made in their name but how those decisions were reached and how they were deliberated. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created. The people do not give their agencies or public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know.

Our values lie in a government that helps its citizens in a timely way to obtain information. Our values lie in a broadening base of public participation, involvement and interest, providing new ideas and energy.

Our values lie not in hiding embarrassment and unpleasant occurrences. Our values lie not in preventing dissent.

To carry out the purposes set forth in this section, the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Section 54950 et seq.) and the Public Records Act (California Government Code Section 6250 et seq.) shall apply to the City Council, and any commission, committee, board or other body created by Charter, ordinance, resolution or formal action of the City Council, or the Mayor.

Special circumstances dictate that there must be exceptions to access. But those exceptions should be narrowly drawn and narrowly exercised. Public employees must be protected from

unwarranted invasions of privacy while the public's right to fundamental information must be protected. Citizen right to privacy must be protected with the knowledge that involvement in government matters necessarily reduces an expectation of privacy.

*In general, the value of access should be given a strong presumption of public benefit.”
(Effective 1/18/2005)*

ARGOW OFFICER-INVOLVED DEATH (OID) CASE:

The CPRC received an in-depth report from its independent investigator on the Argow OID case. The report was given as part of the Commission’s regular public monthly meeting in the City’s Council Chambers. The Commission will now publicly deliberate the case and produce a public report in the coming weeks. After this process is complete, the Commission will then go into closed session to review the administrative investigation and give its findings to the City Manager and Police Chief.

OUTREACH:

The Executive Director and various commissioners attended or participated in 6 meetings or community events.

Meeting / Event	Activity
New Officer Orientation (2 sessions)	Presenter
Athena Awards	Attended
Joint meeting – RPD, City Manager, City Attorney, and CPRC Exec. Dir.	Group discussion
Good Morning Riverside	Attended; 1-on-1
Riverside Downtown Partnership	Attended; 1-on-1

A number of local organizations and groups have taken advantage of the opportunity to have CPRC commissioners come to their meetings and discuss the Commission and its work. If you would like to have a commissioner speak at one of your meetings, please call the office at (951) 826-5509.

WORKLOAD – May 2006:

Cases Received	Lodged	Filed through CPRC	Filed through RPD
	0	2	5

A complaint is considered **lodged** when a citizen makes a complaint to the CPRC; it is **filed** when the completed complaint form is submitted.

Case Dispositions	Cases Reviewed	Withdrawn*	Administratively Closed**
	15	0	0

***Withdrawn** complaint occurs when a member of the public requests to withdraw their complaint.

****Administrative Closure** occurs when a case is closed for reasons other than being reviewed or being classified as an Inquiry.

Allegations	U/F	FA	D/H	CC	PS	Disc	IP	CUBO
	2	0	0	0	1	6	13	0

U/F = Use of Force; **FA** = False Arrest; **D/H** = Discrimination / Harassment; **CC** = Criminal Conduct; **PS** = Poor Service; **Disc** = Discourtesy; **IP** = Improper Procedure; **CUBO** = Conduct Unbecoming an Officer

Findings	Unfounded	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Sustained
	13	1	4	4

Unfounded - The alleged act did not occur.

Exonerated - The alleged act occurred but was justified, legal and proper.

Not Sustained - The investigation produced insufficient information to prove or disprove the allegation.

Sustained - The Department member committed all or part of the alleged acts of misconduct or poor service.

Misconduct Noted

During investigations of alleged misconduct, all aspects of an officer's actions are inspected. When a policy violation is discovered beyond that alleged by the complainant, it is classified as "Misconduct Noted" and, by definition, is a "Sustained" finding. Of the cases reviewed this month, **one** allegation of "Misconduct Noted" was discovered.

Cases on Hold

There is currently **one** case on hold in our office. Cases held by the Commission have either been returned to RPD for further investigation or are being held pending further investigation by the CPRC investigator.

Case Processing Analysis for Cases Reviewed in May 2006

This chart reflects the average number of days the Police Department and CPRC took to process Category 1 and Category 2 cases reviewed in May. These figures do not include cases that were held for further investigation.

	Category 1	Category 2
RPD investigation and administrative processing	116	121
CPRC processing and review	79	69

Category 1 complaints are the most serious allegations such as criminal conduct and use of excessive force.

Category 2 complaints are the less serious allegations such as discourtesy and improper procedure.

Policy Recommendations

There were no policy recommendations made by the Commission in May 2006.