



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.

NACOLE 2006:

The CPRC is scheduled to attend the Annual National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Conference to be held in Boise, ID from September 24-28, 2006. This year's workshops, along with many other interesting sessions, include topics such as:

- How to Make Policy Recommendations
- Role of Civilian Oversight in Preventing Biased Investigations
- Current Issues in Civilian Oversight,
- Establishing Professional Standards for Oversight Practitioners
- Less Lethal Use of Force

Due to the NACOLE conference, the CPRC will hold its September regular meeting on September 13, 2006.

OID CASES UPDATE:

Last month, the CPRC concluded its public report on the Argow OID case and is expected to conclude its closed session review of the Argow case this month. The Rabb OID public report is expected to be completed this month with the closed session scheduled for September 13, 2006. The CPRC has not yet received the police criminal investigation for the Brown OID case.

OUTREACH:

The Executive Director and various commissioners attended 3 meetings or community events.

Meeting / Event (name of meeting / event)	Activity
Riverside Neighborhood Conference	Staffed CPRC booth
Magnolia Police Facility Grand Opening	Attended
Informational Seminar – L.A. County Office of Independent Review	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 – July 2006:

Cases Received	Lodged	Filed through CPRC	Filed through RPD
	0	0	3

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Case Dispositions	Cases Reviewed	Withdrawn*	Administratively Closed**
	11	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***Withdrawn** complaint occurs when a member of the public requests to withdraw their complaint.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 Inquiries.

Allegations	U/F	FA	D/H	CC	PS	Disc	IP	CUBO
	5	0	1	2	0	8	17	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	No Finding
	11	7	13	2	0

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. **No Finding** – No finding made as there is no policy regarding the specific allegation.

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, no allegations of “Misconduct Noted” were discovered.

Cases on Hold

There are currently 2 cases on hold in our office. These cases 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 July 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 July. These figures do not include cases that were held for further investigation.

	Category 1	Category 2
RPD investigation and administrative processing	134	118
CPRC processing and review	77	54

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 was one (1) policy recommendation made by the Commission in July 2006. In reviewing a recent complaint, the Commission learned that, under current RPD policy, the owner of property being held by the Department for safekeeping is notified once, in writing. If the property is not claimed within 60 days, it is then disposed of in the manner prescribe by law. The Commission recommended that, in the event the property owner is institutionalized, it would be helpful to make a second attempt to contact a family member of the owner of the unclaimed property via certified mail, giving an additional 30 days to retrieve the property prior to its disposal.