

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INVESTIGATOR

CITIZEN COMPLAINT REPORT

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OCI YEAR TO DATE

FEBRUARY 2022		YTD 2022
Total Number of Cases under investigation at that time	1019	Total Number of Cases Currently under Investigation990
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Note:	
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OCI CCRs RECEIVED AND CLOSED 2022

CCRs	February	March	April	Мау	June	as of 7/19/2022
Received 2022	115	120	83	114	112	50
Closed 2022	111	129	83	73	86	137
Pending Investigations	1019	1010	1009	1051	1075	990
> 90 Days	766	753	761	812	853	779

Office of the Chief Investigator Mission statement

The mission of the Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) is to fairly, effectively and objectively receive, investigate and make recommendations regarding complaints concerning the Detroit Police Department and its personnel. It is the goal of the OCI to assist in improving the quality of law enforcement services by instilling citizen confidence in the integrity of the Detroit Police Department.

OCI CURRENT EVALUATION PROCESS

EVALUATION

STEP 1

Triage complaints into service/customer service and alleged police misconduct

For example, no one returned my call; another example, a scout car never came to give a report about a break-in for my insurance, etc.

To be clear, these should be separated out to resolve immediately

CASE STATUS

STEP 2

Ensure an accurate and transparent format to show case status from intake to final letter to complainant. The format will show each stage of complaint and investigation process including closures of Current and Backlog Cases

STEP 3

RESOLUTION

Engage in continuous improvement of OCI Complaint Investigation Process for effective and efficient 21st Century Civilian Oversight measures to focus investigations on police misconduct

Office of the Chief Investigator Mission statement

- Our Review and Evaluation of the Citizen (Customer or Constituent) Complaint investigation Process has led to the following engagement of continuous improvement of OCI to align with efficient and effective methods:
 - Resolution-Based Focus Resolution
 - Clear, accurate reporting Reporting
 - Timeliness Timeliness

CITIZEN COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION PROCESS

Intake Process – Citizen Files a Complaint

Evaluate and triage complaints into service/customer service and alleged police misconduct Service Complaints -Mediation option

Misconduct Allegations – Elevated to Full Investigation

The complainant is notified via US Mail in a letter that includes the Complaint number and the Assigned Investigator Contact Information

Investigative Process – 90 Day timeline to Complete

CITIZEN COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION PROCESS

Areas of Concern identified

• Arrest, Demeanor, Entry, Force, Harassment, Procedure, Property, Search, Service

Investigative Findings identified

- Sustained
- Inconclusive
- Exonerated
- Unfounded
- Recommendations: includes appropriate and/or corrective action, policy recommendations

Administrative Closures

- No Misconduct
- Transfers
- No participation
- DPD Member Separated

Informal Complaint Resolutions

- Service Complaints
- Innocence of Charge

CITIZEN COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION PROCESS

Approval Process

- Investigations are approved by Supervising Investigators, Chief Investigator and the Board of Police Commissioners
- Complainant is notified via US Mail detailing Investigative final areas of concern and findings

DPD Disciplinary Administration

 DPD issues Discipline based on OCI's recommendations regarding sustained cases and DPD provides the results to BOPC

BOPC OCI Complaints help determine patterns and trends regarding alleged misconduct and the Board and DPD are able to enhance DPD policy and procedures based on citizen complaint investigations BOPC OCI Complaints are also used in civil litigations, risk management and other civilian oversight and public safety measures

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CONSENT DECREE DEFINITIONS

"complaint": "J. The term 'complaint' means an allegation from any source of any <u>misconduct</u> by DPD personnel

"misconduct": BB. The term 'misconduct' means any conduct by a DPD employee that violates DPD policy or the law."

U.S. Department of Justice Consent Judgment Use of Force and Arrest and Witness Detention, Section I Definitions

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HOW TO FILEPOLICE MISCONDUCT COMPLAINT



In Person at the

- **Office of theChief Investigator** 900 Merrill Plaisance Detroit, MI 48203
- ✤ Phone: (313) 596-2499
- * Fax: (313) 596-2482
- ✤ Online: <u>detroitmi.gov/bopc</u>
- Any DPD Precinct

THANK YOU!

Any questions?