

Portland City Auditor's Independent Police Review (IPR)

Response to community
recommendations for enhanced
police oversight

Recommendations Reported and Reviewed

- City of Portland, Oregon — Police Oversight Stakeholder Committee Final Report. September 21, 2010
- Citizen Review Committee (CRC) Report on the Structure of the Independent Police Review Division – with Recommendations. June 2010
- Memo on Citizen Review Committee Priorities recommended to City Council. September 12, 2011
- Albina Ministerial Alliance (AMA) Recommendations. September 2011.

Auditor's Response to Police Oversight Stakeholder Committee November 8, 2010

- Stakeholder Committee made 41 recommendations. Of the 41 recommendations:
 - 31 were directed at the Auditor and/or IPR.
 - 19 required a change in the City Code.
 - 16 are current authority and/or practice.

Recommendations from Police Oversight Stakeholder Committee Included in Proposed Code Changes

- Give CRC authority / permission to make policy recommendations directly to the Portland Police Bureau (Police Bureau).
- Increase the length of term for CRC members from two years to three years.
- Clarify CRC authority to present directly to City Council.

Recommendations from Police Oversight Stakeholder Committee Accepted and Implemented by Auditor and IPR Director

- Ensure that IPR has, and exercises, the power to conduct or participate in investigations (from time zero) of specified serious incidents ...including police shootings, deaths in custody, or other serious injury accidents.
- Require that IPR investigate or actively participate in the investigations of all complaints of those with the rank of captain or higher.
- Formalize / mandate what is current practice to not use mediation in serious use-of-force cases.

Recommendations from Police Oversight
Stakeholder Committee Accepted and/or
Implemented by the Auditor
and IPR Director (cont.)

- Ensure that CRC may hold hearings on all appeals requested by complainants or Police Bureau members...without delays associated with [its] impact on a civil claim against the City.
- Require reporting on reasons for long investigations.
- Order another expert review [of IPR and CRC] in 2012.

Auditor's and IPR Director's Response to CRC Report on the Structure of the IPR – with Recommendations. June 2010

- CRC Structure Review Report included 59 recommendations. Of the 59 recommendations:
 - 8 required a City Code change.
 - 13 were included in the Police Oversight Stakeholder Committee Report.
 - 46 have been approved by the Auditor and/or initiated, on-going, or completed by IPR.

Recommendations from CRC Included in Proposed Code Changes

- Give CRC authority / permission to make policy recommendations directly to Police Bureau
- Increase the length of term for CRC members from two years to three years.
- Clarify CRC authority to present directly to City Council.

Recommendations from CRC Accepted and Implemented by the Auditor and IPR Director

- Explain IPR's involvement in the review of Internal Affairs (IA) investigations.
- Review duties and responsibilities of the Appeals Process Advisor (APA) to fulfill its requirement to advise complainants and strengthen the input for its role.
- Determine if an outside agency should be permitted and / or provided to advocate on behalf of complainants at an appeal.

Recommendations from CRC Accepted and Implemented by the Auditor and IPR Director (cont.)

- Monitor and report to the CRC cases that have not been appealed, but illustrate questionable police responses or possible policy, supervision, or training failures.
- Establish a deadline for processing complaints and clarify ambiguities in case-handling timelines.
- Ensure funding for CRC training necessary to fulfill its responsibilities for citizen oversight, including a combination of in-house and national training as provided by National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE).

Memo on CRC Priorities Recommended to City Council. September 12, 2011

- CRC approved nine priorities to recommend to City Council. Of the nine priorities:
 - 7 are directed at the Auditor / IPR.
 - 6 require a change to the City Code.
 - 1 is governed by Public Records laws.

Recommendations from CRC Included in Proposed Code Changes

- Give CRC authority / permission to make policy recommendations directly to the Police Bureau.
- Increase the length of term for CRC members from two years to three years.
- Clarify CRC authority to present directly to City Council.

Albina Ministerial Alliance (AMA)
Recommendations
September 2011

- AMA made seven recommendations regarding “Oversight: Police Review Board.”
Of the seven recommendations:
 - 2 require changes to the City Code.
 - 4 are current authority.
 - 1 has partial agreement from the Auditor / IPR Director.

Recommendations from AMA Implemented by the Auditor and IPR Director or and/or Current Authority of IPR

- IPR and CRC must have the authority, staff, and funding to comprehensively review allegations of racial, sexual, socio-economic class, ethnic, and other harassment of the public by the Portland Police.