



CITY OF PORTLAND

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May 30, 2012

To: Mayor Sam Adams
Commissioner Randy Leonard
Commissioner Dan Saltzman
Commissioner Nick Fish
Commissioner Amanda Fritz

From: City Auditor LaVonne Griffin-Valade

Re: OIR Group – Review of closed investigations of seven officer-involved shootings

In the attached report, the OIR Group presents the results of their review of the closed investigations of these seven officer-involved shootings: James Jahar Perez – March 2004; Raymond Gwerder – November 2005; Jerry Goins – July 2006; Lesley Stewart – August 2007; Jason Spoor – May 2008; Aaron Campbell – January 2010; Jack Dale Collins – March 2010.

City Code chapter 3.21 established the Auditor's Independent Police Review (IPR) division in 2001. City Council subsequently strengthened that Code chapter by empowering the City Auditor to hire outside experts to review closed Police Bureau investigations of officer-involved shootings and in-custody deaths. This is the sixth such review ordered by this office and reported to the public and City Council.

As their primary focus in this particular review, the OIR Group selected incidents involving Police Bureau encounters with individuals experiencing some level of mental or emotional crisis. Another theme the OIR Group considered was communication at the scene of a critical event. At my request, the 2004 Perez case was also included in the current review because it is the oldest of the incidents eligible for expert review and because that incident generated intense community concern and contributed to the Police Bureau establishing the Use of Force Review Board.

By examining incidents that occurred over a six-year span of time, the OIR Group's report effectively establishes a historical context. This strengthens and adds to the merit of their thirteen recommendations for improvements in Police Bureau policy and tactics. I appreciate the thorough analysis and clarity in presentation of information, and would like to thank the OIR Group team members for their professionalism throughout the review. This report has significant value for my office, for City Council, for the Police Bureau, and most importantly, for the community we serve.

Agenda No.
REPORT NO.
 Title

Transmit Report to the City of Portland on Officer-Involved Shootings (Report)
Portland Police Bureau

<p>INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Auditor LaVonne Griffin-Valade <i>LaVonne Griffin-Valade</i> COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>JUN 01 2012</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Deputy</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN: JUN 06 2012 ACCEPTED</p>
<p>Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams</p>	
<p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p>	
<p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p>	
<p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p>	
<p>Position 4/Safety - Leonard</p>	
<p>BUREAU APPROVAL</p>	
<p>Bureau: Auditor Bureau Head: LaVonne Griffin-Valade</p>	
<p>Prepared by: Kelsey Lloyd Date Prepared: May 31, 2012</p>	
<p>Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Council Meeting Date 06/06/2012</p>	
<p>City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan</p>	

AGENDA

TIME CERTAIN
 Start time: 2:45

Total amount of time needed: 90 minutes
 (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

CONSENT

REGULAR
 Total amount of time needed: _____
 (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz ✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish ✓	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman _____	
4. Leonard	4. Leonard ✓	
Adams	Adams ✓	