

# INDEPENDENT POLICE REVIEW

Quarterly Report – Q1 2020

## IPR ADAPTS SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING

IPR switched to remote operations in March in response to social distancing guidelines. Police oversight is an essential service and we have worked to ensure community members can continue filing complaints and we continue to investigate alleged misconduct. Though our office is no longer open for in-person visits, investigators are available to take complaints and commendations [online](#) or over the phone at (503)-823-0146. We are also still able to receive complaint forms by mail, though response times may be impacted due to restricted building access.

All members of the IPR office are working remotely and investigators are still investigating complaints and interviewing officers through video conferences. Constraints on systems access present some challenges, but staff is working hard to identify new ways to work around and lessen the impact of such challenges. IPR will continue to adapt to imposed restrictions as the City navigates this unprecedented time.

### Community contacts affected by distancing

Fewer community members contacted IPR to file complaints or commendations during weeks that included critical announcements of restrictions related to COVID-19. Even with the drop in community contacts, 29 percent of contacts since the first gathering restrictions were announced were related to COVID-19. IPR is staying up-to-date with Police Bureau policies related to COVID-19 to evaluate complaints for potential misconduct.



## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT NEARS FINISH LINE

The City entered into a settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in 2012. Entering 2020, two requirements of the agreement were still outstanding: timely completion of misconduct investigations and an established community engagement component. On January 10<sup>th</sup>, the DOJ and Compliance Officer and Community Liaison (COCL) determined that IPR and the Portland Police Bureau were in substantial compliance with these terms of the settlement agreement.

U.S. District Judge Michael Simon held a hearing on February 25<sup>th</sup> to decide if the City met the terms of the settlement agreement and determine next steps. Community members shared concerns that progress on the community engagement portion of the agreement did not meet their expectations. Judge Simon acknowledged these concerns and ordered the parties to return in one year to re-evaluate the effectiveness of the community engagement portion.

IPR will continue to monitor our investigation timelines to remain in substantial compliance with the requirement that cases be resolved in under 180 days.

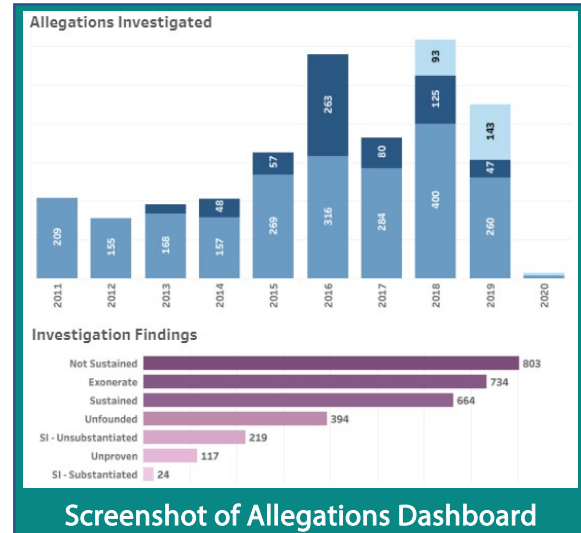
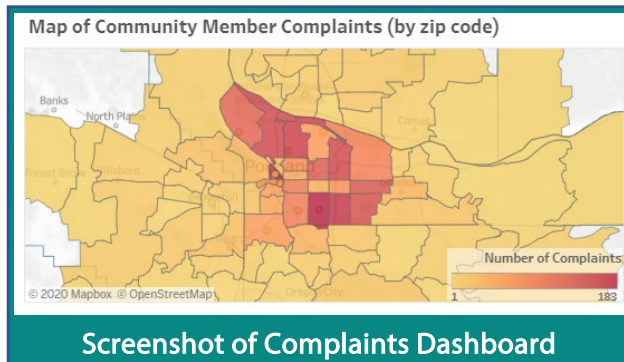
## QUARTERLY DATA AVAILABLE ONLINE

IPR maintains four online dashboards:

- [Misconduct Complaints](#)
- [Misconduct Allegations](#)
- [Officer-Involved Shootings and In-Custody Deaths](#); and
- [Case Summaries](#).

Complaint and Allegation dashboards are updated quarterly. They contain many views that show data different ways and allow the user to customize their experience. The Officer-Involved Shootings and In-Custody Deaths dashboard is updated when a new incident occurs or when new information about an incident is released.

Short summaries of select cases and information about the IPR process can be found in the Case Summary dashboard.



Each dashboard, excluding Case Summaries, also gives the user the ability to download the underlying data to an Excel sheet. This allows users to investigate their own questions beyond what the dashboards provide. Download links are located on the last page of each dashboard.