

Independent Police Review Authority

Quarterly Report

October 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008

January 15, 2009

This report is filed pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2-57-110, which requires the filing of quarterly reports. This quarterly report provides information for the period October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. The information contained in this report is accurate as of December 31, 2008.

Quarterly Overview

In the past quarter IPRA closed 692 pending investigations. This is the third quarter in a row where IPRA has been able to close, on average, more than 220 cases per month.

IPRA retained 699 matters for investigation, continuing the trend of an increasing number of investigations opened and retained by IPRA. This increase is due to a number of factors, including the expanded jurisdiction of IPRA, as well as better reporting of uses of Tasers and an increase in and better tracking of lawsuits filed against the CPD. The net result is that despite closing a large number of investigations, IPRA opened 7 more investigation than it closed.

During this quarter, pursuant to the ordinance, IPRA referred 1638 investigations to the Internal Affairs Division of the Chicago Police Department for resolution.

IPRA Cumulative Figures

	INTAKE (all allegations/ notifications)	IPRA Investigations Opened	IPRA Investigations Closed	IPRA Caseload
Sept. 2007	746	216	162	1290
4Q 2007	2273	613	368	1535
1Q 2008	2366	590	554	1571
2 Q 2008	2436	640	670	1541
3Q 2008	2634	681	667	1555
4Q 2008	2337	699	692	1562
TOTALS	12792	3439	3113	

The chart above shows IPRA's cumulative figures for the past 16 months. In this past quarter, while the total number of complaints and notification decreased, the number IPRA retained increased in both absolute and relative terms.¹

These numbers reflect IPRA's success in increasing its output of completed investigations. Investigative staff hired to fill vacancies at IPRA continued to be trained during this time period, but also began assuming increased responsibility for investigations, increasing IPRA's capacity to complete investigations. In addition, IPRA continued to examine ways to use limited investigator resources more efficiently. IPRA investigators and staff continued working hours of overtime to complete additional investigations. Notably, during the majority of this time period, IPRA did not have outside experts working alongside our investigators and assisting with completing investigations.

IPRA remains committed to completing investigations in a timely manner. This goal can be reached, for all but exceptional cases, when IPRA is fully staffed with trained investigators. During this quarter, IPRA completed more than 60% of the investigations started six months earlier within those six months.

During this quarter, IPRA investigative staff continued receiving training. IPRA continued in this quarter to meet with elected officials, community residents, community based organizations, and faith based institutions to explain IPRA's new process and new mandate, as well as to open lines of communication.

2-57-110(1): The number of investigations initiated since the last report

Between October 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008, IPRA issued 2337 Log Numbers. Of these Log Numbers, IPRA retained 699 for resolution. IPRA forwarded the remaining 1638 Log Numbers to the Internal Affairs Division of the Chicago Police Department for appropriate resolution.

Of the 699 Log Numbers retained by IPRA, IPRA classified 163 as Complaint Register Numbers. In addition, IPRA began Pre-affidavit Investigations for 416 of the Log Numbers retained by IPRA. The remainder of the retained Log Numbers consisted of 14 Log Numbers for shootings where an individual was hit by a bullet and a "U Number" was issued, 7 for shootings where no one was hit by a bullet, 24 for shots fired at animals, 35 for reported uses of tasers, 24 for reported uses of pepper spray,² and 16 for Extraordinary Occurrences.

¹ Pursuant to the IPRA Ordinance, certain events trigger an IPRA investigation even in the absence of an allegation of misconduct. The term "notification" refers to those events that IPRA investigates where there is no alleged misconduct.

² As of December 31, 2007, IPRA issued a Log Number for notifications of uses of taser, pepper spray, or for shootings where no one is injured only if it received a telephonic notification of the incident or there was an allegation of misconduct. As of January 1, 2008, IPRA implemented procedures to issue Log Numbers for all uses of taser and shootings, regardless of the method of notification. In addition CPD issued a reminder to CPD personnel to provide notification to IPRA.

2-57-110(2): The number of investigations concluded since the last report

Since October 1, 2008, IPRA closed 692 Log Numbers. A Log Number is considered closed when IPRA completes its work on the matter, regardless of whether the Police Department is still processing the results.

2-57-110(3): The number of investigations pending as of the report date

As of December 31, 2008, there were 1562 investigations pending completion by IPRA. These include both allegations that have received Complaint Register Numbers, and those being followed under a Log Number, as well as shootings, and Extraordinary Occurrences.

2-57-110(4): The number of complaints not sustained since the last report³

Between October 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008, IPRA recommended that 183 investigations be closed as “not sustained.”

In addition, 298 cases were closed after a Pre-affidavit Investigation because the complainants refused to sign an affidavit. IPRA recommended that 91 investigations be closed as “unfounded,” and 5 be closed as “exonerated.”

2-57-110(5): The number of complaints sustained since the last report

Between October 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008, IPRA recommended that 12 cases be closed as sustained.

³ The term “not sustained” is a term of art in police misconduct investigations. It is defined in CPD G.O. 93-3 as “when there is insufficient evidence either to prove or disprove allegation.” In addition, cases may be “unfounded,” which means “the allegation is false or not factual.”

2-57-110(6): The number of complaints filed in each district since the last report⁴

Between October 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008, IPRA received complaints of alleged misconduct based on incidents in the following districts, as follows:

District 01 = 91	District 08 = 133	District 14 = 57	District 20 = 26
District 02 = 77	District 09 = 103	District 15 = 109	District 21 = 48
District 03 = 122	District 10 = 88	District 16 = 66	District 22 = 85
District 04 = 124	District 11 = 164	District 17 = 33	District 23 = 41
District 05 = 117	District 12 = 44	District 18 = 89	District 24 = 70
District 06 = 147	District 13 = 35	District 19 = 54	District 25 = 120
District 07 = 143			

Outside City Limits = 20 Unknown location = 41

2-57-110(7): The number of complaints filed against each officer in each district since the last report⁵

(See Attachment)

2-57-110(8): The number of complaints referred to other agencies and the identity of such other agencies

Between October 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008, IPRA referred 1666 cases to other agencies as follows:

Chicago Police Department – Internal Affairs Division = 1638

Cook County State’s Attorney = 28

⁴ “Complaints” is defined as all reports of alleged misconduct, whether from the community or from a source internal to the Police Department, whether a Complaint Register number has been issued or not. This does not include, absent an allegation of misconduct, reports of uses of Tasers, pepper spray, discharges of weapons whether hitting an individual or not, or Extraordinary Occurrences. Districts are identified based on the district where the alleged misconduct occurred. Some complaints occurred in more than one District, they are counted in each district where they occurred. This list does include confidential complaints.

⁵ This uses the same definition of “complaints” as the preceding section. Except as otherwise noted, if a member was assigned to one unit but detailed to another at the time of the complaint, the member is listed under the detailed unit.

ATTACHMENT: COMPLAINTS AGAINST CPD MEMBERS BY UNIT

District 001

Members 1-15: 1 complaint each

Member 16: 2 complaints

Member 17: 4 complaints

District 002

Members 1-13: 1 complaint each

Member 14: 2 complaints

District 003

Members 1-29: 1 complaint each

Member 30: 2 complaints

District 004

Members 1-27: 1 complaint each

Members 28-29: 2 complaints each

District 005

Members 1-38: 1 complaint each

Members 39-43: 2 complaints each

Member 44: 3 complaints

District 006

Members 1-39: 1 complaint each

Member 40: 3 complaints

District 007

Members 1-39: 1 complaint each

Members 40-42: 2 complaints each

District 008

Members 1-24: 1 complaint each

District 009

Members 1-47: 1 complaint each

Members 48-52: 2 complaints each

District 010

Members 1-24: 1 complaint each

Member 25: 3 complaints

District 011

Members 1-44: 1 complaint each

Members 45-50: 2 complaints each

District 012

Members 1-15: 1 complaint each

Member 16: 2 complaints

District 013

Members 1-9: 1 complaint each

Member 10: 2 complaints

District 014

Members 1-13: 1 complaint each

Members 14-18: 2 complaints each

District 015

Members 1-34: 1 complaint each

Member 35: 2 complaints

Member 36: 4 complaints

Member 37: 5 complaints

District 016

Members 1-12: 1 complaint each

Member 13: 2 complaints

District 017

Members 1-11: 1 complaint each

District 018

Members 1-28: 1 complaint each

Members 29-30: 2 complaints each

District 019

Members 1-13: 1 complaint each

Members 14-15: 3 complaints each

District 020

Members 1-7: 1 complaint each

District 021

Members 1-16: 1 complaint each

District 022

Members 1-15: 1 complaint each

District 023

Members 1-19: 1 complaint each

Member 20: 2 complaints

District 024

Members 1-22: 1 complaint each

District 025

Members 1-40: 1 complaint each

Members 41-42: 2 complaints each

Recruit Training (044)¹

Members 1-22: 1 complaint each

District Reinstatement (045)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Airport Law Enforcement Unit – North (50)

Members 1-4: 1 complaint each

Airport Law Enforcement Unit – South (051)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Special Investigations Unit (79)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Departmental Administration (111)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Deployment Operations Center (116)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Finance Division (122)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Personnel Division (123)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Education & Training Division (124)

Members 1-2 1 complaint each

Office of the First Deputy (140)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Special Functions Group (141)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Bureau of Patrol – Administration (142)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Traffic Enforcement Unit (151)

Members 1-5: 1 complaint each

Loop Traffic Unit (152)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Mobile Strike Force (153)

Members 1-12: 1 complaint each

Member 13: 2 complaints

Traffic Safety & Training Unit (154)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Field Services Section (166)

Members 1-6: 1 complaint each

Members 7-8: 2 complaints each

Evidence and Recovered Property Section (167)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Equipment & Supply Section (172)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Forensic Services Section (177)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Narcotics & Gang Investigation (189)

Members 1-21: 1 complaint each

Member 22: 2 complaints

¹ These numbers include CPD members who are detailed to a District as part of their training, but are officially still assigned to Recruit Training.

Intelligence Section (191)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Vice Control Section (192)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Gang Intelligence Unit (193)

Members 1-14: 1 complaint each

Members 15-17: 2 complaints each

Members 18-21: 3 complaints each

Member 22: 4 complaints

Criminal Enterprise Section (196)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Office of the Deputy Chief, Area 1 (211)

Members 1-6: 1 complaint each

Member 7: 2 complaints

Office of the Deputy Chief, Area 2 (212)

Members 1-17: 1 complaint each

Office of the Deputy Chief, Area 3 (213)

Members 1-7: 1 complaint each

Office of the Deputy Chief, Area 4 (214)

Members 1-18: 1 complaint each

Member 19: 2 complaints

Office of the Deputy Chief, Area 5 (215)

Members 1-3: 1 complaint each

Medical Section (231)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Targeted Response Unit (253)

Members 1-17: 1 complaint each

Members 18-19: 2 complaints each

Alt. Response Section (376)

Members 1-11: 1 complaint each

Members 12-15: 2 complaints each

Juvenile Intr Supt Center (384)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Evidence Technician Team – South (477)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Detached Services (543)

Members 1-3: 1 complaint each

Central Investigations Detail (606)

Members 1-4: 1 complaint each

Major Accident Investigation Unit (608)

Members 1-3: 1 complaint each

Detective Division, Area 1 (610)

Members 1-13: 1 complaint each

Detective Division, Area 2 (620)

Members 1-14: 1 complaint each

Members 15-16: 2 complaints each

Detective Division, Area 3 (630)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Detective Division, Area 4 (640)

Members 1-8: 1 complaint each

Detective Division, Area 5 (650)

Members 1-10: 1 complaint each

Public Transportation Section (701)

Members 1-9: 1 complaint each

Member 10: 2 complaints