

Independent Police Review Authority

Quarterly Report

April 1, 2009 – June 30, 2009

July 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 April 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009. The information contained in this report is accurate as of June 30, 2009.

Quarterly Overview

In the past quarter IPRA closed 651 pending investigations. This reflects a 4% decrease in the number of investigations closed per quarter compared to the average number closed in the four preceding quarters. However, it still continues to reflect a marked increase from the number of investigations being closed prior to that.

IPRA retained 754 matters for investigation. This represented a marked increase – 13% – over the average of the four preceding quarters, which themselves had been reflecting a trend of rising investigations opened by IPRA. This increase could be due to a number of factors. IPRA is seeking analysis of the data to determine whether any correlations can be drawn as possible explanations.

This marked increase in the number of new investigations had a negative impact on the number of investigations closed. At the beginning of an investigation, significant resources must be devoted to immediately gathering evidence so that it is not destroyed. In response to the increase in new allegations of misconduct, IPRA resources were diverted to these beginning steps. As a result, fewer resources were available to devote to completing later investigative steps in older investigations to prepare them for closing. This led to a decrease in the number of investigations closed. That there was not a greater drop is a testament both to the hard work of the IPRA investigators and their Supervisors, and to the fact that IPRA has been able to fill its vacancies and the new investigators, as they complete training, are making a valuable contribution to IPRA.

Unfortunately, the net result of the increase in investigations initiated by IPRA and the decrease in investigations closed by IPRA was a significant increase in IPRA's caseload. IPRA remains committed to completing thorough investigations. Moreover, in this time period the progress IPRA had made in timeliness of investigations – increasing the percent of investigations completed within 6 months to 65% – was not undermined. IPRA was able to sustain that rate, despite the increase in investigations commenced.

Pursuant to the ordinance, during this quarter IPRA referred 1894 investigations to the Internal Affairs Division of the Chicago Police Department for resolution.

IPRA Cumulative Figures

	INTAKE (all allegations/ notifications) ¹	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
2Q 2008	2436	640	670	1541
3Q 2008	2634	681	667	1555
4Q 2008	2337	699	692	1562
1Q 2009	2384	657	687	1532
2Q 2009	2648	754	651	1635
TOTALS	17824	4850	4451	

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 process and mandate, as well as to open lines of communication. IPRA held a community forum at Malcolm X Community College on April 29, 2009.

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

Between April 1, 2009 and June 30, 2009, IPRA issued 2648 Log Numbers. Of these Log Numbers, IPRA retained 754 for resolution. IPRA forwarded the remaining 1894 Log Numbers to the Internal Affairs Division of the Chicago Police Department for appropriate resolution.

Of the 754 Log Numbers retained by IPRA, IPRA classified 214 as Complaint Register Numbers.² In addition, IPRA began Pre-affidavit Investigations for 410 of the Log

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 This includes two Log Numbers classified as both a Complaint Register and an Extraordinary Occurrence, and two Log Number classified as both a Complaint Register and a shooting with an individual hit by a bullet. These four Log Numbers are counted only once in the total number of Log Numbers retained by

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, 13 for shootings where no one was hit by a bullet, 28 for shots fired at animals, 56 for reported uses of tasers³, 7 for reported uses of pepper spray,⁴ 15 for Extraordinary Occurrences, and 2 miscellaneous.

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

Since April 1, 2009, IPRA closed 651 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 June 30, 2009, there were 1635 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 report⁵

Between April 1, 2009 and June 30, 2009, IPRA recommended that 164 investigations be closed as “not sustained.”

In addition, 270 cases were closed after a Pre-affidavit Investigation because the complainants refused to sign an affidavit. IPRA recommended that 67 investigations be closed as “unfounded,” and 4 be closed as “exonerated.”

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

Between April 1, 2009 and June 30, 2009, IPRA recommended that 15 cases be closed as sustained.

IPRA, but included in the breakouts of all applicable sub-categories: Complaint Register, Extraordinary Occurrence, and shooting with an individual hit.

³ This includes one Log Number classified as both a Taser discharge and an Extraordinary Occurrence. This Log Number is counted only once in the total number of Log Numbers retained by IPRA, but included in the breakouts of both Taser discharges and Extraordinary Occurrences.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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 report⁶

Between April 1, 2009 and June 30, 2009, IPRA received complaints of alleged misconduct based on incidents in the following districts, as follows:

District 01 = 77	District 08 = 167	District 14 = 74	District 20 = 32
District 02 = 88	District 09 = 122	District 15 = 114	District 21 = 48
District 03 = 135	District 10 = 94	District 16 = 64	District 22 = 108
District 04 = 135	District 11 = 144	District 17 = 52	District 23 = 56
District 05 = 124	District 12 = 57	District 18 = 96	District 24 = 80
District 06 = 162	District 13 = 32	District 19 = 45	District 25 = 113
District 07 = 157			

Outside City Limits = 37 Unknown location = 43

2-57-110(7): The number of complaints filed against each officer in each district since the last report⁷

(See Attachment)

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

Between April 1, 2009 and June 30, 2009, IPRA referred 1906 cases to other agencies as follows:

- Chicago Police Department – Internal Affairs Division = 1894
- Cook County State’s Attorney = 12

⁶ “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.

⁷ 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 1-21: 1 complaint each

Member 22: 2 complaints

District 002

Members 1-20: 1 complaint each

Members 21-23: 2 complaints each

Member 24: 3 complaints

District 003

Members 1-42: 1 complaint each

Members 43-47: 2 complaints each

Members 48-49: 3 complaints each

District 004

Members 1-29: 1 complaint each

Members 30-33: 2 complaints each

Members 34-35: 4 complaints each

District 005

Members 1-33: 1 complaint each

Members 34-38: 2 complaints each

District 006

Members 1-24: 1 complaint each

Members 25-29: 2 complaints each

District 007

Members 1-35: 1 complaint each

Member 36: 2 complaints

District 008

Members 1-55: 1 complaint each

Members 56-58: 2 complaints each

District 009

Members 1-30: 1 complaint each

Members 31-36: 2 complaints each

Members 37-39: 3 complaints each

District 010

Members 1-32: 1 complaint each

Members 33-35: 2 complaints each

District 011

Members 1-22: 1 complaint each

Member 23: 2 complaints

District 012

Members 1-12: 1 complaint each

Member 13: 2 complaints

District 013

Members 1-15: 1 complaint each

District 014

Members 1-22: 1 complaint each

Member 23: 2 complaints

District 015

Members 1-23: 1 complaint each

Member 24: 2 complaints

Member 25: 7 complaints

District 016

Members 1-13: 1 complaint each

District 017

Members 1-19: 1 complaint each

District 018

Members 1-22: 1 complaint each

Members 23-25: 2 complaints each

District 019

Members 1-7: 1 complaint each

District 020

Members 1-16: 1 complaint each

District 021

Members 1-18: 1 complaint each

Member 19: 2 complaints

District 022

Members 1-20: 1 complaint each

Member 21: 2 complaints

District 023

Members 1-8: 1 complaint each

Member 9: 2 complaints

Member 10: 9 complaints

District 024

Members 1-23: 1 complaint each

Members 24-25: 2 complaints each

District 025

Members 1-28: 1 complaint each

Members 29-31: 2 complaints each

Recruit Training (044)¹

Members 1-12: 1 complaint each

Members 13-14: 2 complaints each

Airport Law Enforcement Unit – North (50)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Member 2: 2 complaints

Mounted Unit (055)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Traffic Section – Detail Unit (57)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Marine Unit (59)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Department

Administration/IGA/News Affairs (111)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Deployment Operations Center (116)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Internal Affairs Division (121)

Members 1-3: 1 complaint each

Finance Division (122)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Human Resources Division (123)

Members 1-2: 2 complaints each

Education & Training Division (124)

Members 1-3: 1 complaint each

Information Services (125)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Inspection Division (126)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Court Liaison Section (143)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Traffic Enforcement Unit (151)

Members 1-7: 1 complaint each

Member 8: 2 complaints

Loop Traffic Unit (152)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Mobile Strike Force (153)

Members 1-27: 1 complaint each

Members 28-30: 2 complaints each

Member 31: 3 complaints

Records Inquiry Section (163)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Field Services Section (166)

Members 1-11: 1 complaint each

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.

Central Detention Section (171)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Youth Investigation Section (184)

Member 1: 1 complaint

**Organized Crime Division –
Administration (188)**

Member 1: 1 complaint

Narcotics Section (189)

Members 1-32: 1 complaint each

Members 33-35: 2 complaints each

Members 36-37: 3 complaints each

Intelligence Section (191)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Vice Control Section (192)

Members 1-5: 1 complaint each

Members 6-7: 2 complaints each

Gang Investigation Section (193)

Members 1-17: 1 complaint each

Member 18: 2 complaints

Member 19: 3 complaints

**Office of the Deputy Chief, Area 1
(211)**

Members 1-14: 1 complaint each

**Office of the Deputy Chief, Area 2
(212)**

Members 1-15: 1 complaint each

Member 16: 2 complaints

**Office of the Deputy Chief, Area 3
(213)**

Member 1: 1 complaint

**Office of the Deputy Chief, Area 4
(214)**

Members 1-7: 1 complaint each

**Office of the Deputy Chief, Area 5
(215)**

Members 1-8: 1 complaint each

**Office of the Deputy Chief, Central
Control Group (216)**

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Medical Services Section (231)

Members 1-5: 1 complaint each

Member 6: 3 complaints

Targeted Response Unit (253)

Members 1-19: 1 complaint each

Members 20-21: 2 complaints each

Gang Team Area 1 (311)

Members 1-14: 1 complaint each

Member 15: 2 complaints

Gang Team Area 2 (312)

Members 1-7: 1 complaint each

Member 8: 2 complaints

Gang Team Area 3 (313)

Members 1-9: 1 complaint each

Gang Team Area 4 (314)

Members 1-6: 1 complaint each

Members 7- 8: 2 complaints each

Members 9- 10: 3 complaints each

Member 11: 4 complaints

Member 12: 5 complaints

Gang Team Area 5 (315)

Members 1-10: 1 complaint each

Alt. Response Section (376)

Members 1-15: 1 complaint each

Members 16-20: 2 complaints each

Evidence Technician Team – North (377)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Juvenile Intr Supt Center (384)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Gang Enforcement Section (393)

Member 1: 1 complaint

Detached Services (543)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Detective Division – Admin (601)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Bomb and Arson Section (603)

Members 1-2: 1 complaint each

Central Investigations Detail (606)

Members 1-5: 1 complaint each

Major Accident Investigation Unit (608)

Members 1-5: 1 complaint each

Detective Division, Area 1 (610)

Members 1-12: 1 complaint each

Detective Division, Area 2 (620)

Members 1-9: 1 complaint each

Detective Division, Area 3 (630)

Members 1-5: 1 complaint each

Detective Division, Area 4 (640)

Members 1-7: 1 complaint each

Detective Division, Area 5 (650)

Members 1-7: 1 complaint each

Public Transportation Section (701)

Members 1-6: 1 complaint each

CTA Security (702)

Member 1: 1 complaint