Department of Police Accountability

**Executive Director Paul Henderson** 

# **Highlights for June 5, 2024**

The following report includes the Department of Police Accountability's recent developments:

- DPA's Audit Division received the 2024 Distinguished Knighton Award from the Association of Local Government Auditors for the report on SFPD's discipline process.
- DPA hosted a two-day training that included 15 civilian oversight practitioners, including the President of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement, as part of the California Civilian Oversight Alliance.
- DPA welcomed our annual internship class of 25 students (20 undergrad and 5 law students) from 14 colleges and universities. They will work across 12 City departments and have DPA staff assigned as volunteer mentors.

# **Investigation Updates**

- Cases Opened/Closed: Our office opened 57 new cases and closed 97 cases since the last Commission meeting.
- Cases Pending: We have a 15% reduction in cases pending since the last update.
- Cases Sustained: We have sustained 4 new cases since the last Commission meeting.
- Cases Past 270-days: We reduced our cases above the 270-day deadline by 4. This is our third consecutive update with a reduction.

#### **Year to Date Statistics**

Measure	2024 Year to Date	2023 Year to Date
Cases Opened	307	322
Under Investigation	245	263
Cases Closed	378	341

### **Breakdown of Closed Complaints**

Measure	2024 Year to Date	2023 Year to Date
Cases Sustained	32	28
Cases Not Sustained	346	313
Cases Mediated	7	14

### **Investigations Over 270-Days/Tolling**

The DPA has 21 cases open for more than 270 days. Of those, 18 cases (85%) are "tolled".

Measure	2024 Year to Date	2023 Year to Date
Cases Over 270 Days	21	22

Note: Per California Government Code Section 3304, there are several exceptions that "toll," or pause, one-year statute of limitations.

This year, **DPA has conducted an increasing number of resource intensive investigations** involving multiple officers, complex data analysis, and the need to obtain court orders. Examples include:

- Officer involved shooting investigation closures.
- Investigations involving juveniles requiring DPA to seek a court order.
- Investigations involving stop data collection required by California state law.

### **DPA Sustained Cases Pending Final Adjudication**

- There are 124 cases sustained by DPA that are pending with the Chief.
- There are <u>13 cases</u> pending with the San Francisco Police Commission.

# **Weekly Statistics**

### Allegations Received Since the Last Commission Meeting

Allegation Type	Allegation Summary	
Conduct Unbecoming	The officer behaved or spoke inappropriately.	15%
Conduct Unbecoming	The officer knowingly engaged in biased policing or discrimination.	11%
Neglect of Duty	The officer failed to take required action.	11%
Conduct Unbecoming	The officer displayed threatening, intimidating, or harassing behavior.	9%
Unwarranted Action	The officer engaged in unwarranted action.	9%

### **SFPD District Station Break Down**

Below is the total number of complaints received per station since the last commission meeting.

Station	Cases Received	Last Reporting Period
A - Central	3	4
B - Southern	1	4
C- Bayview	1	-
D - Mission	6	2
E- Northern	-	-
F – Park	3	-
G - Richmond	-	-
H - Ingleside	3	-
I – Taraval	1	2
J - Tenderloin	1	1
Airport	-	-
Not Applicable	3	-
Out of Jurisdiction	-	-
Pending	6	6
Total	25	17

# **Other DPA Updates**

- **Audit**: As part of the Stop Data audit, DPA issued a survey to officers to learn their perspectives on SFPD's practices. We will include these results in the final report.
- Operations: DPA Operations is preparing for our scheduled Budget hearing on June 14th.
- Policy: Attending Emergency Vehicle Operation Course (EVOC) to assist in Proposition E revision of DGO 5.05 Response and Pursuit Driving.