THE OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT POLICE MONITOR

MONTHLY REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2019

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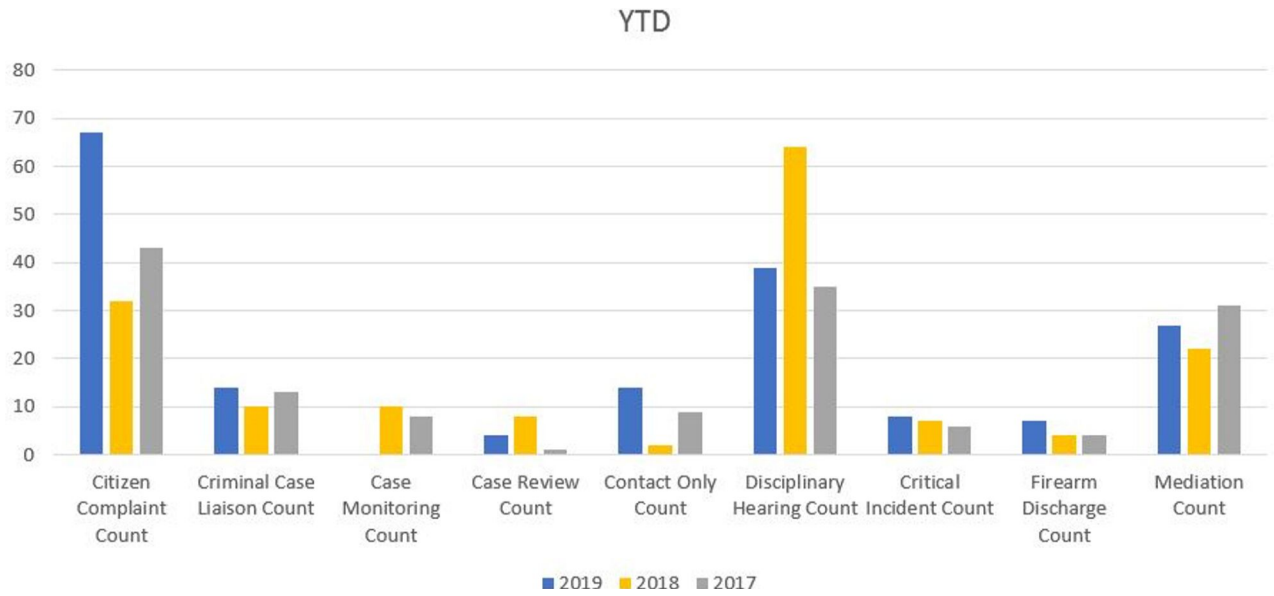
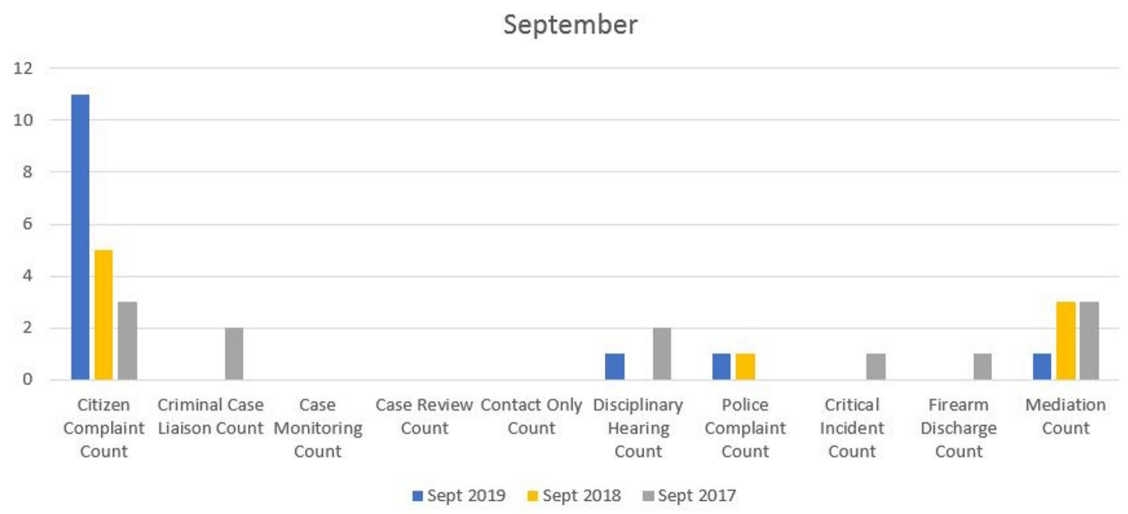
Year to Date Overview



	2019	2018	2017
Citizen Complaint Count	67	32	43
Criminal Case Liaison Count	14	10	13
Case Monitoring Count	0	10	8
Case Review Count	4	8	1
Contact Only Count	14	2	9
Disciplinary Hearing Count	39	64	35
Critical Incident Count	8	7	6
Firearm Discharge Count	7	4	4
Mediation Count	27	22	31
Commendation Count	1	2	2
Grand Total	181	161	152

September Overview



	Sept 2019	Sept 2018	Sept 2017
Citizen Complaint Count	11	5	3
Criminal Case Liaison Count	0	0	2
Case Monitoring Count	0	0	0
Case Review Count	0	0	0
Contact Only Count	0	0	0
Disciplinary Hearing Count	1	0	2
Police Complaint Count	1	1	0
Critical Incident Count	0	0	1
Firearm Discharge Count	0	0	1
Mediation Count	1	3	3
Commendation Count	1	0	0
Grand Total	15	9	12

September Overview

Complaints	
CC2019-0067	The complainant alleges that NOPD illegally searched her home and that she feels harassed by various police agencies including NOPD.
CC2019-0068	Complaint states that he was involved in a car accident, in which he was struck by another vehicle. The responding/investigating officer decided at the scene that due to conflicting statements no one would receive a citation. However, the complainant stated that the officer's supervisor later told the officer to change his decision and report to make the complainant at fault and issued him a citation.
CC2019-0069	The complainant alleges that she was wrongfully terminated, possibly discriminated, and retaliated against by members of NOPD leadership.
CC2019-0070	Complainant alleges the NOPD failed to conduct a thorough investigation prior to arresting the complainant and threatened a witness into participating in the complainant's trial. Complainant alleges the NOPD should have fully investigated available medical documentation and witness credibility issues that would have lessened the NOPD's ability to meet the standard of probable cause for arrest.
CC2019-0071	Complainant called the NOPD for assistance with a confrontation that occurred with an employee of a city agency and to request his belongings to be returned to him. The NOPD failed to conduct a thorough investigation, including failing to review available camera footage, and was unable to retrieve the complainant's belongings.
CC2019-0072	Complainant alleges that he was illegally evicted by his property manager and that NOPD failed to investigate thoroughly, failed to write a correct police report, was unprofessional, and possibly discriminated against the complainant when one officer made a questionable comment to the complainant possibly related to his race and sexual orientation.
CC2019-0073	The complainant stated that he was riding his bike when a NOPD officer in a NOPD police vehicle ran a stoplight and almost hit him. The complainant stated that the vehicle did not have his sirens or lights activated and was not moving at an accelerated speed to indicate any emergency or response to a call for service.
CC2019-0074	The complainant alleged that the officer was unprofessional and rude in the way he spoke to her.
CC2019-0075	The complainant alleges that the officer failed to take necessary police action and thoroughly investigate his call for service involving theft.
CC2019-0076	A vehicle complainant was in got a flat tire when it was moved to the side of the road to accommodate what was thought to be a police emergency but was a police escort for buses.
CC2019-0077	Complainant alleges that police officers did not respond to a call about children being jumped at a high school game for thirty minutes despite officers being on call at the game.
Complaints: 11	

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Mediation
Mediation cases are confidential.
Mediations Held: 1

Disciplinary Hearings	
DH2019-0039	Officer is accused of failing to conduct a thorough investigation regarding a domestic violence call for service and then failing to fully and accurately document the information provided by the witnesses, including witness injuries.
Disciplinary Hearings Count: 1	

Complaints and Discipline

OIPM serves as an alternative site for civilians and police officers alike to file complaints of misconduct against the NOPD. These complaints and allegations are compiled into referrals by the OIPM and provided to the Public Integrity Bureau (PIB) for them to investigate. The OIPM monitors and reviews the classification and investigation conducted by PIB. If the complaint continues into a disciplinary proceeding, the OIPM will continue to monitor and review the disciplinary process. OIPM monitors and reviews disciplinary proceedings conducted by NOPD to ensure accountability and fairness. The OIPM reviews the disciplinary investigation and attends the subsequent disciplinary hearings where the OIPM will provide systemic and individualized findings and recommendations based on NOPD's investigation. The OIPM conducts a thorough review of the proceedings, findings, and recommendations that is available for review by both the NOPD and the New Orleans community.

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CITIZEN COMPLAINTS

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DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

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POLICE INITIATED COMPLAINTS

Community-Police Mediation

Mediation is an alternative to the traditional process of resolving complaints of police officer misconduct. Mediation is a process facilitated by two professionally-trained community mediators to create mutual understanding and allow the civilian and officer to be fully heard and understood in a non-judgmental way.

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REFERRALS FOR MEDIATION

2

SCHEDULED FOR MEDIATION

1

MEDIATION HELD

" This was a good opportunity to express my concerns of how things were handled with the officer. I learned not to categorize the entire department because of one officer's mistake. The officer learned to take time to listen before acting. This program should continue. Please don't stop!"
-Civilian Participant

"I liked the chance to talk and that the mediators were good listeners. The process turned out good." - Officer Participant

Community Relations

OIPM participates in community events to help extend the message the of OIPM and participates in activities to impact the nature of the relationships the community has with police officers. OIPM is committed to being present in the community, but also presenting helpful information to the public.

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS TRAINING

- Liberty's Kitchen
- Day Reporting Center

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Sanford Sandy Krasnoff Criminal Justice Council Community Feedback Forum
- New Orleans Police Department Graduation - Class 186