THE OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT POLICE MONITOR

MONTHLY REPORT

FEBRUARY 2020

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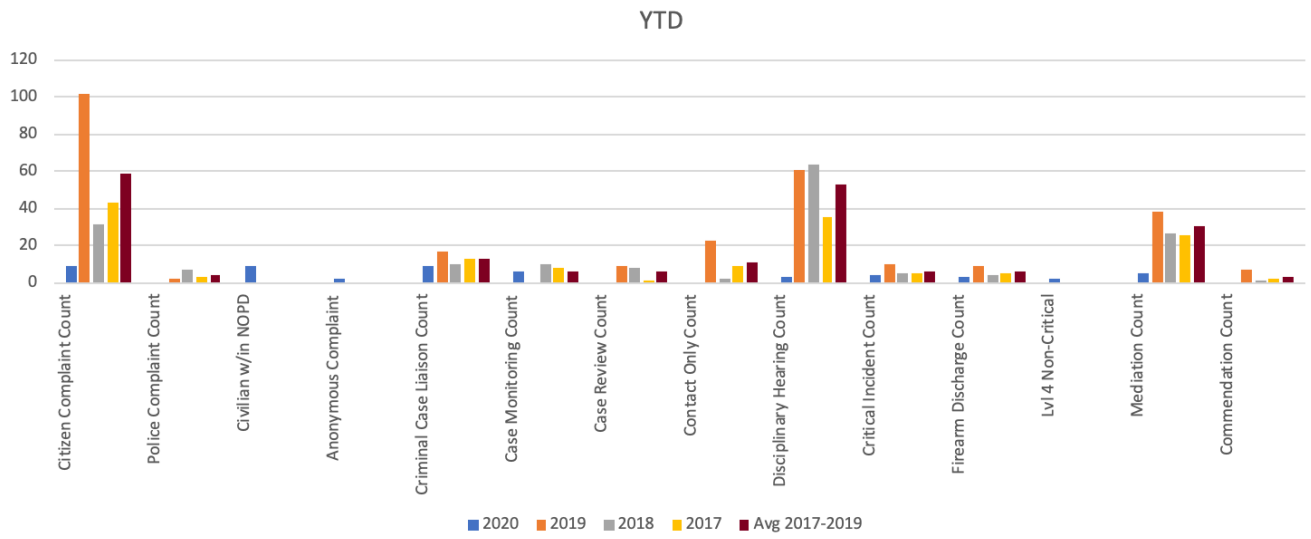
Year to Date Overview



	2020	2019	2018	2017	Avg 2017-2019
Citizen Complaint Count	9	11	4	4	6.33
Police Complaint Count	0	0	4	1	1.67
Civilian w/in NOPD*	0	0	0	0	0.00
Anonymous Complaint*	2	0	0	0	0.00
Criminal Case Liaison Count	16	5	1	3	3.00
Case Monitoring Count	6	0	2	3	1.67
Case Review Count	0	1	0	0	0.33
Contact Only Count	3	3	0	2	1.67
Disciplinary Hearing Count	3	4	9	9	7.33
Critical Incident Count	4	2	0	5	2.33
Firearm Discharge Count	3	2	0	2	1.33
Lvl 4 Non-Critical Use of Force*	2	0	0	0	
Mediation Count	5	2	0	4	2.00
Commendation Count	0	0	0	0	0.00
Grand Total	34	30	20	33	27.67

*indicates a new category

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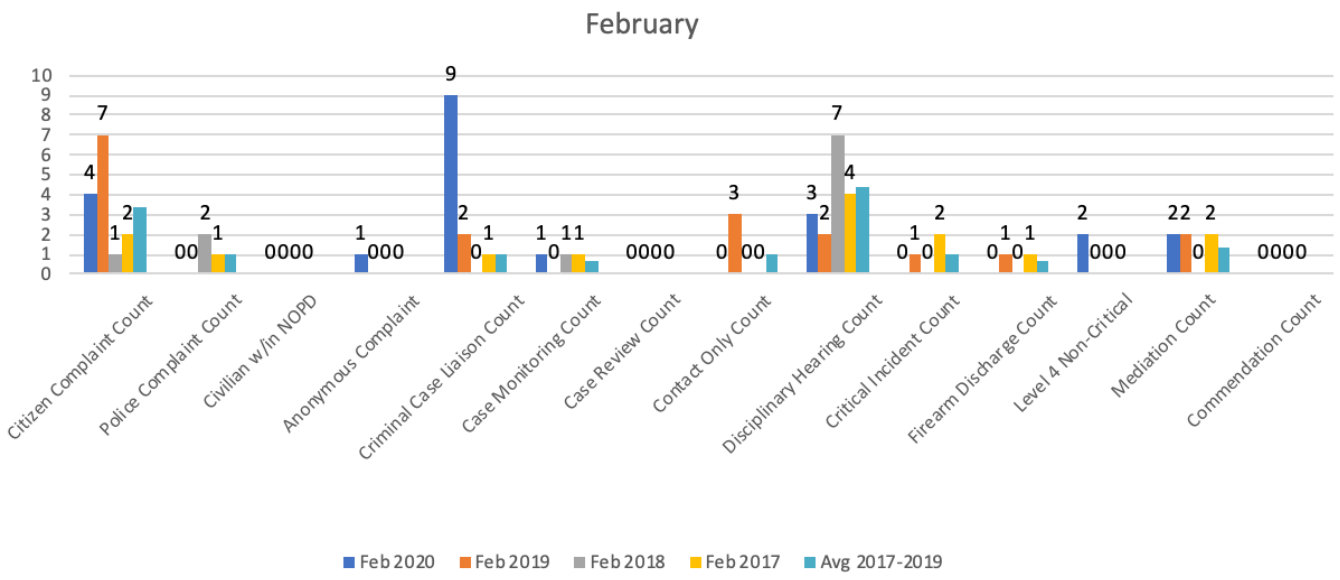

	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	Feb 2018	Feb 2017	Avg 2017-2019
Citizen Complaint Count	4	7	1	2	3.33
Police Complaint Count	0	0	2	1	1.00
Civilian w/in NOPD	0	-	-	-	-
Anonymous Complaint	1	-	-	-	-
Criminal Case Liaison Count	9	2	0	1	1.00
Case Monitoring Count	1	0	1	1	0.67
Case Review Count	0	0	0	0	0.00
Contact Only Count	0	3	0	0	1.00
Disciplinary Hearing Count	3	2	7	4	4.33
Critical Incident Count	0	1	0	2	1.00
Firearm Discharge Count	0	1	0	1	0.67
Lvl 4 Non-Critical	2	-	-	-	-
Mediation Count	2	2	0	2	1.33
Commendation Count	0	0			0.00
Grand Total	22	18	11	14	14.33

February Overview

Disciplinary Hearings	
DH2020-0001	Officer(s) are accused of conducting a vehicle pursuit over a property crime without permission from the officer's supervisor.
DH2020-0002	Officer is accused of failing to report to duty and then misrepresenting that the officer completed a sick leave request.
DH2020-0003	Officer is accused of reporting to duty while under the influence of alcohol.
Disciplinary Hearings Count: 3	

Level 4 Non-Critical Use of Force	
UF2020-0001	Officers were attempting to arrest a subject that was possibly in possession of a weapon. The subject fled the scene. The officer gave chase and used the take down method. Once the subject was placed in handcuffs with assistance from an additional officer, the subject resisted by twisting his leg around the right ankle of one of the officers causing him to strike the subject in the ribs. Both officers were injured as a result of the incident.
UF2020-0002	Officers responded to a call for service of a male on the streetcar armed with a gun. Upon arrival, the officer pointed his firearm at the suspect but then transferred to his CEW once he noticed the suspect wasn't armed. The suspect fled from the streetcar and the officer pursued the suspect. The suspect then charged at the officer at which time he deployed his taser and attempted to handcuff the suspect. The suspect attempted to grab the officer's firearm at which time the officer recharged his CEW and deployed it a second time with no effect. The officer changed cartridges and deployed his CEW 2 additional times as the suspect walked toward a crowd of people. The suspect went to the ground and was apprehended with the assistance of additional responding officers.
Level 4 Non-Critical Use of Force: 2	

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Criminal Liasion	
CL2020-0003	Individual reached out to OIPM with assistance with a "cold case." OIPM reached out to the District Attorney's Office and the detective assigned to the case and retrieved the requested information for the individual.
CL2020-0004	OIPM assisted an individual with reaching the detective assigned to their criminal matter.
CL2020-0005	Individual reported a cell phone theft to OIPM and OIPM directed the individual on how to report the crime to the Eighth District and secure a police report.
CL2020-0006	Anonymous individual informed the OIPM of believed criminal activity on the Westbank. OIPM provided the information to the Captain of the 4th District.
CL2020-0007	Individual complained about an issue with Parking Authority. OIPM referred the complaint to the Parking Authority and directed the individual to that agency.
CL2020-0008	Individual reported believed Louisiana Probation and Parole misconduct to OIPM. OIPM is working with the individual on how to access the misconduct referral process for that agency.
CL2020-0014	Individual notified OIPM of problems with a refund occurring with a hotel in the 8th District. OIPM directed the individual on how to report any believed crime and secure a police report.
CL2020-0015	Individual reached out to OIPM to report alleged judicial misconduct occurring in Baton Rouge. OIPM directed the individual to the judicial misconduct process and to the Internal Affairs division of the Office of the State Inspector General.
CL2020-0016	Individual contacted OIPM to report alleged crimes occurring in a massage parlor. OIPM directed the individual on how to report this crime to the law enforcement.
Criminal Liasion Count: 9	

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Citizen Complaints	
CC2020-0007	Complainant stated that he was assaulted by another male in front of two NOPD officers who took no action. The Complainant stated that he told the officers that he wanted to press charges and the officers told him: "no, he did not."
CC2020-0008	The complainant alleges that on multiple occasions, regarding several different issues, New Orleans Police Department refused to provide accurate police reports and failed to arrest and investigate criminal offenses.
CC2020-0009	The complainant alleges that her boyfriend was unlawfully arrested and she was treated unprofessionally when she tried to understand the situation.
CC2020-0011	Complainant alleges that an officer yelled and screamed at her, belittled her, and blocked her pathway after she had retrieved a throw at a parade from a taped off area after other officers and patrons had done the same earlier.
Citizen Complaints Count: 4	

Case Monitoring	
CM2020-0006	OIPM is working with the complainant to provide an investigation status update. OIPM reached out to PIB to check on progress.
Case Monitoring Count: 1	

Anonymous Complaint	
AC2020-0010	Complainant stated that an officer accosted her husband and took him across the street without cause, forcing her to walk back to their hotel alone. The complainant also alleged that the officer stated that if they complained, he would find a reason to arrest him.
Anonymous Complaint Count: 1	

Complaints and Discipline

The 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.

4 CITIZEN COMPLAINTS

3 DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

0 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.

9 REFERRALS FOR MEDIATION

3 MEDIATIONS HELD

6 MEDIATIONS PENDING

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

" 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

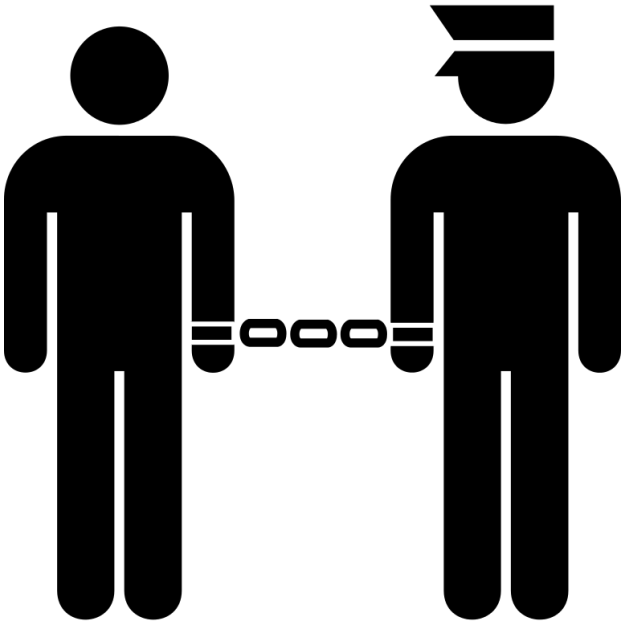
Use of Force

The OIPM is required by City Code 2-1121 to monitor the quality and timeliness of NOPD's investigations into use of force and in-custody deaths. If an incident occurs, the OIPM is notified and a member of the incident and will report immediately to the scene. The OIPM will stay engaged from the occurrence of the incident, through investigation, and Use of Force Review Board hearings.

0 CRITICAL INCIDENTS

0 FIREARM DISCHARGES

2 LEVEL 4 NON-CRITICAL INCIDENTS



Community Relations

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

OIPM participates in community events to help extend the message of the 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.

OIPM CONDUCTED A KNOW YOUR RIGHTS TRAINING

OIPM MET WITH LOUISIANA SURVIVORS FOR REFORM

OIPM APPEARED ON A WBOK RADIO SHOW SEGMENT

OIPM APPEARED ON A WWLTV GREAT DAY LOUISIANA SEGMENT

OIPM APPEARED ON A WTUL RADIO SHOW SEGMENT