

# THE OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT POLICE MONITOR



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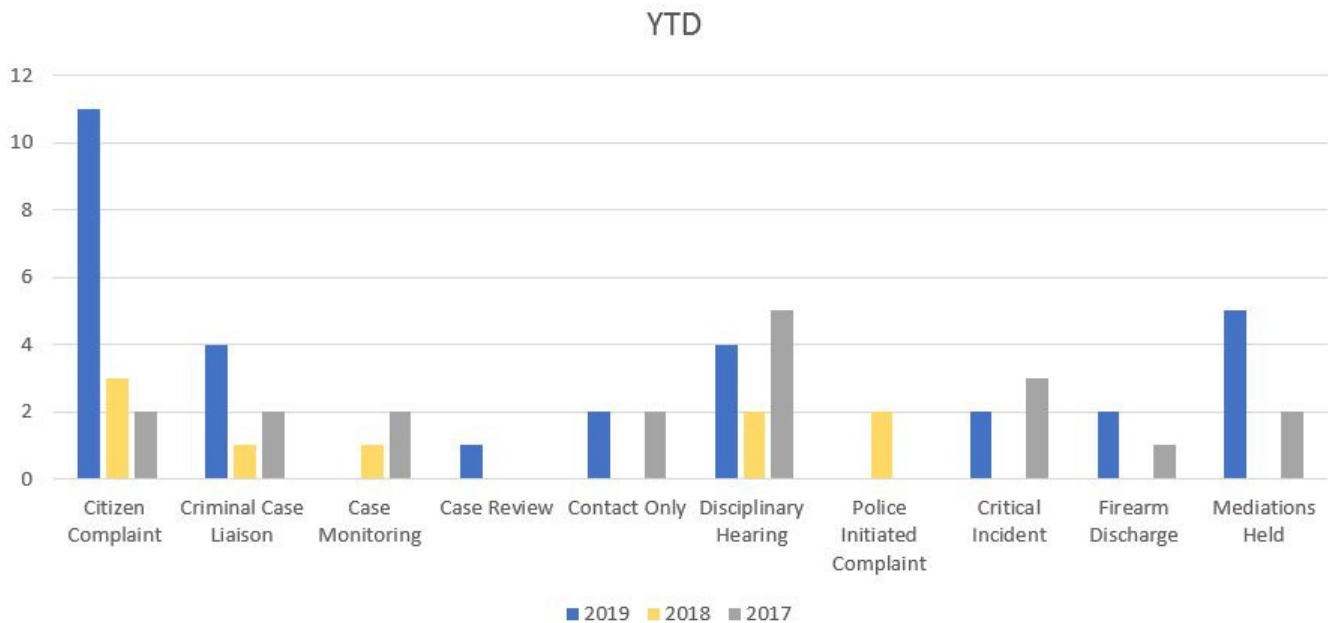
## MONTHLY REPORT

FEBRUARY 2019

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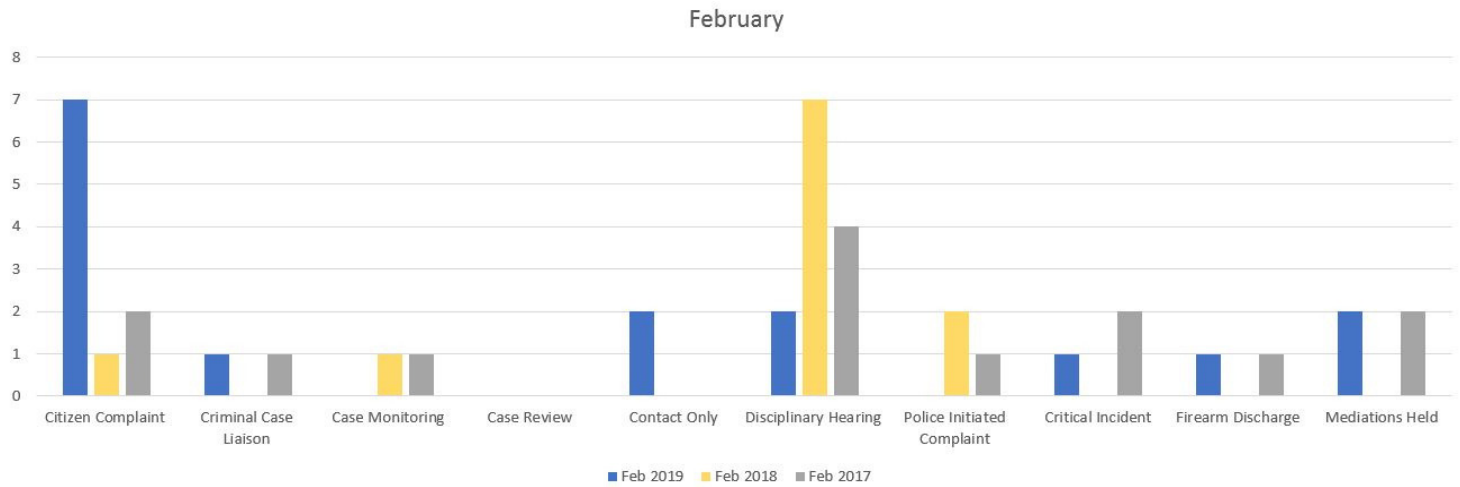
SUSAN HUTSON  
INDEPENDENT POLICE MONITOR

# Year to Date Overview



	2019	2018	2017
<b>Citizen Complaint</b>	11	3	2
<b>Criminal Case Liaison</b>	4	1	2
<b>Case Monitoring</b>	0	1	2
<b>Case Review</b>	1	0	0
<b>Contact Only</b>	2	0	2
<b>Disciplinary Hearing</b>	4	2	5
<b>Police Initiated Complaint</b>	0	2	0
<b>Critical Incident</b>	2	0	3
<b>Firearm Discharge</b>	2	0	1
<b>Mediations Held</b>	5	0	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>

# February Overview



	Feb 2019	Feb 2018	Feb 2017
<b>Citizen Complaint</b>	7	1	2
<b>Criminal Case Liaison</b>	1	0	1
<b>Case Monitoring</b>	0	1	1
<b>Case Review</b>	0	0	0
<b>Contact Only</b>	2	0	0
<b>Disciplinary Hearing</b>	2	7	4
<b>Police Initiated Complaint</b>	0	2	1
<b>Critical Incident</b>	1	0	2
<b>Firearm Discharge</b>	1	0	1
<b>Mediations Held</b>	2	0	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>

# February Overview

Complaints	
CC2019-0008	Complainant believes the NOPD failed to properly act when a stolen company vehicle was found by a company employee and reported to the police. When the complainant complained to the responding officer's supervisor, the supervisor said the situation was "over his pay grade" and stated he was "not paid enough to handle this" which the complainant found to be unprofessional.
CC2019-0009	Complainant believes the NOPD failed to fairly or fully investigate her call for assistance against a threatening manager at a night club.
CC2019-0010	The complainant was arrested for aggravated assault and battery and believes the NOPD entered his home, searched, and seized evidence without a warrant.
CC2019-0011	According to the complainant, the police failed to provide necessary police for assistance in a domestic violence situation with the complainant's ex-boyfriend after complainant and her daughter were threatened with a gun. The complainant called for police assistance however, when the police arrived, they arrested the daughter for defending the complainant, failed to investigate the underlying threats, domestic violence issue, or search for the gun, and left the aggressor in the complainant's home.
CC2019-0012	Complainant alleges the NOPD improperly arrested him while he was driving home from the hospital.
CC2019-0014	Complainant alleges that he was erroneously given a ticket for careless operation after being rear-ended and knocked into the another vehicle. The complainant also alleges that the officer falsified information in the police report and altered the original report 3 additional times after the complainant filed a complaint with PIB.
CC2019-0015	Complainant alleges that the NOPD improperly arrested him for a misdemeanor offense that could have resulted in a summons. The complainant believes this police action was in response to the complainant's activism in the community.
<b>Complaints: 7</b>	

# February Overview

## Mediation

Mediation cases are confidential.

**Mediations Held: 2**

## Disciplinary Hearings

DH2019-0003

Civilian supervisor within the NOPD is accused of making discriminatory comments to staff on the basis of race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic background in violation of NOPD policy regarding professionalism and workplace discrimination.

DH2019-0004

Officer is accused of improperly utilizing his take home vehicle for personal use and letting his girlfriend operate his NOPD take-home vehicle. Once that vehicle was involved in an accident, the officer

**Disciplinary Hearings Count: 2**

## Critical Incidents

A sixth district detective located an alleged armed robbery suspect at Canal St/Elk St. and called for a uniformed officer to assist with a take down. When the officer responded, the alleged suspected person began to fire shots. The officer was unable to return fire and kicked in a 108 signal (officer needs assistance, life in danger). Additional officers arrived and exchanged gunfire with the alleged suspected person. A foot pursuit ensued that ended in front of Tulane Hospital where the alleged suspected person attempted to conceal himself near bushes. Louisiana State Police (LSP) were also at the location at this time. NOPD officers gave commands for the alleged suspected person to come out, he then fired shots at which time NOPD and LSP officers returned fire striking the alleged suspected person. He was transported via EMS to a local hospital where he expired. During the initial exchange of shots, 5 bystanders were struck by unknown gunfire.

**Critical Incidents: 1**

Data is subject to review until Annual Report is submitted.

# 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**

2

**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

**2**  
MEDIATIONS HELD

**3**  
MEDIATIONS  
SCHEDULED

**1**  
INELIGIBLE FOR  
MEDIATION

“ 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

**2**  
PENDING CONSENT

**1**  
MEDIATION OFFER  
DECLINED



“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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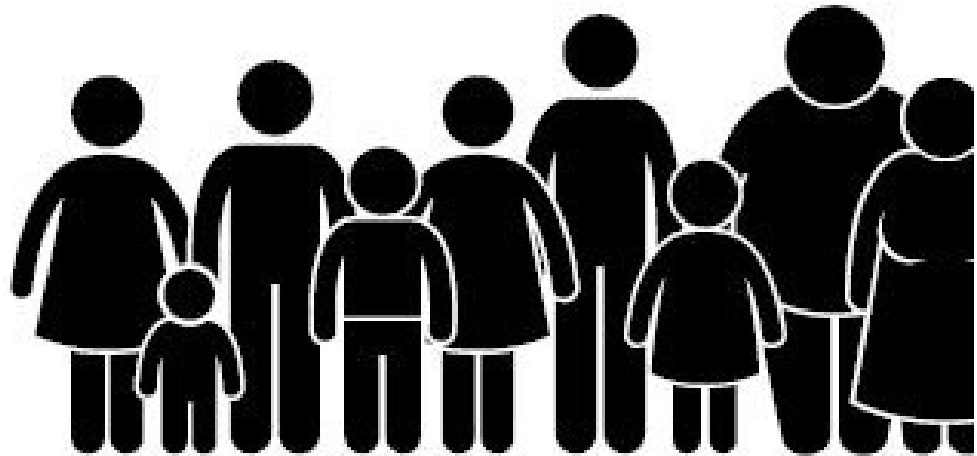
### KNOW YOUR RIGHTS TRAINING

- Liberty's Kitchen
- Day Reporting Center

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### POLICE UNION MEETING

- Fraternal Order of Police



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### COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- NONPACC
- Coalition of groups concerned with RTCC



# Critical Incidents

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.

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### Critical Incident

- Officer Involved  
Shooting - Civilian Death

