

THE OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT POLICE MONITOR

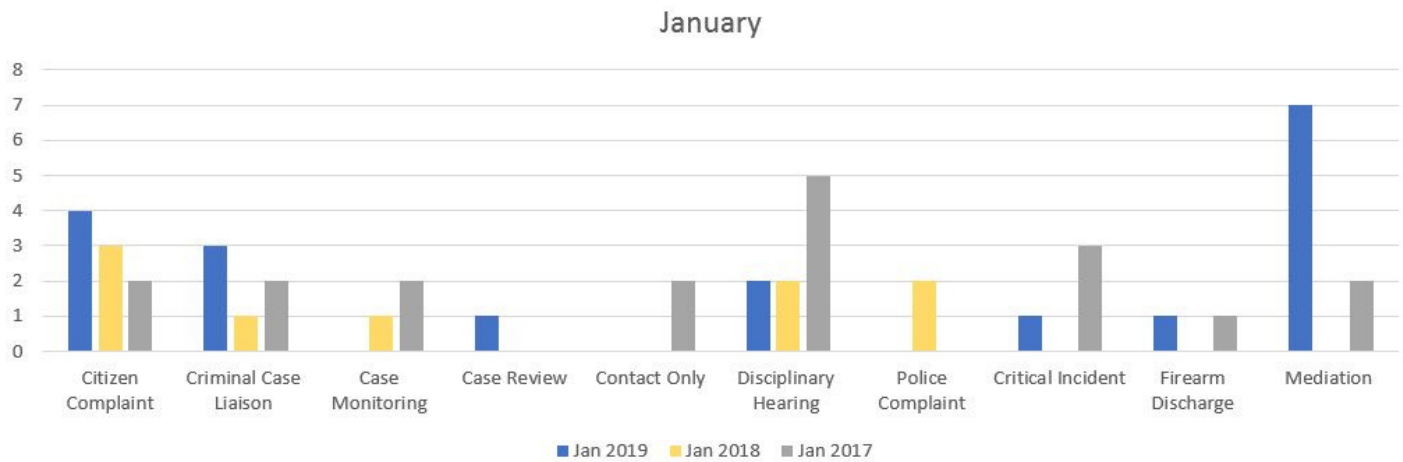


MONTHLY REPORT

JANUARY 2019

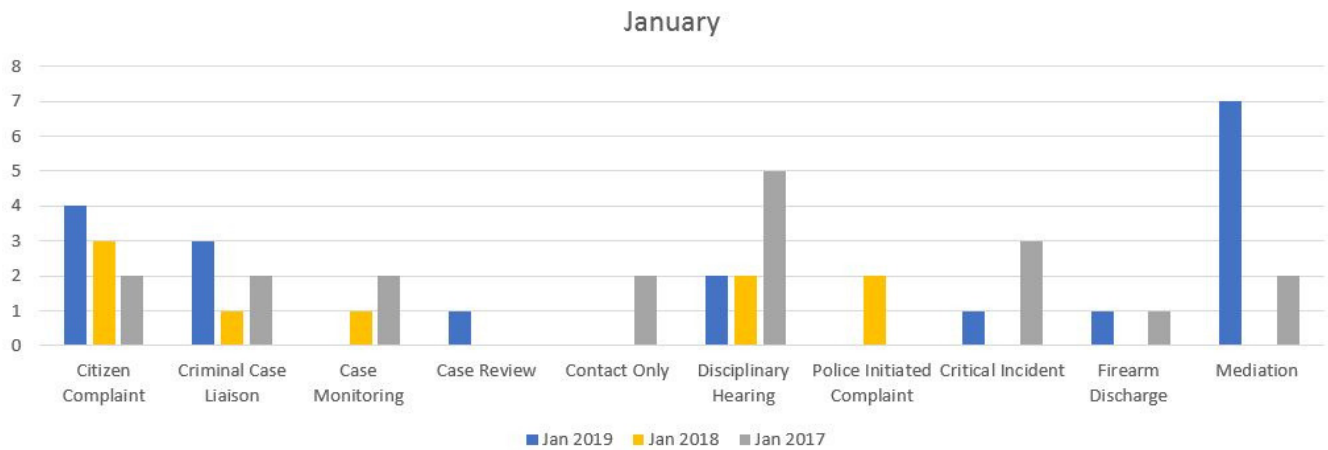
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INDEPENDENT POLICE MONITOR

Year to Date Overview



	2019	2018	2017
Citizen Complaint	4	38	43
Criminal Case Liaison	3	10	13
Case Monitoring	0	10	8
Case Review	1	8	1
Contact Only	0	2	9
Disciplinary Hearing	2	66	35
Police Initiated Complaint	0	7	3
Critical Incident	1	7	7
Firearm Discharge	1	4	4
Mediation	7	23	31
Grand Total	19	175	154

January Overview



	Jan 2019	Jan 2018	Jan 2017
Citizen Complaint	4	3	2
Criminal Case Liaison	3	1	2
Case Monitoring	0	1	2
Case Review	1	0	0
Contact Only	0	0	2
Disciplinary Hearing	2	2	5
Police Initiated Complaint	0	2	0
Critical Incident	1	0	3
Firearm Discharge	1	0	1
Mediation	7	0	2
Grand Total	19	9	19

January Overview

Complaints	
CC2019-0001	Complainant believes the police completed an insufficient investigation and failed to arrest a family acquaintance who exposed himself to the complainant's daughters, stating this is a "he said, she said" situation. When the complainant asked to speak to a supervisor, the complainant waited for over two hours and the supervisor never came to the scene. The complainant has not received any follow up or assistance from NOPD.
CC2019-0002	Complainant alleges the NOPD Fifth District failed to properly preserve evidence and the commander of the station failed to properly supervise when the Fifth District moved to a new station space and left behind two binders with "suspect photos," photograph line-ups, and booking sheets in the previous office space
CC2019-0006	Complainant alleges the NOPD failed to communicate effectively with the complainant and another civilian causing there to be two different police responses to the same situation resulting in confusion and future conflict between the complainant and the other civilian.
CC2019-0007	Complainant believes the NOPD misused NOPD systems and technology when personal information about the complainant, including the complainant's domicile, vehicle information, and criminal record, appeared on the website: Nextdoor.com. The complainant believes this information, that is ordinarily not available through publicly accessible systems, was provided to a member of the public by an officer within the NOPD for this person to use / post against the complainant.
Complaints: 4	

Mediation
Mediation case are confidential.
Mediations Held: 1

January Overview

Disciplinary Hearings	
2018-0500-R	Officer is accused of driving a NOPD take-home vehicle while intoxicated and getting in a car accident. This incident occurred while the officer was off duty.
2018-0351-R	Officer is accused of using unauthorized force by striking a civilian with his baton in the legs and neck, improperly using a prohibited ankle and wrist cuffs technique ("hogtying"), and failing to activate the officer's body worn camera in violation of NOPD policy.
Disciplinary Hearings Count: 2	

Criminal Liaison	
CL2019-0001	Civilian is concerned regarding the NOPD investigation and coroner's classification of son's death. The civilian requested possible assistance with connecting with the NOPD and the District Attorney's Office with next steps.
CL2019-0002	Civilian requested assistance with receiving an accurate and signed Stay Away Order from a defendant in criminal proceedings. The OIPM assisted the civilian with receiving the Stay Away Order and will stay in touch with the complainant to ensure the Stay Away Order is now implemented by the NOPD.
CL2019-0003	Civilian requested assistance with either a complaint against the NOPD or assistance with the District Attorney's Office regarding how charges were classified in a criminal proceeding by the state trooper (the charging and investigating agency for the proceeding). The OIPM is assisting the civilian with facilitating a meeting with the District Attorney's Office.
Criminal Liaison: 3	

Critical Incidents	
Officers responded to a call for service where an individual, armed with a gun, was threatening to commit suicide. Upon arrival, the individual allegedly fired at officers, striking an officer twice in his ballistic vest. The officers returned fire, striking the individual multiple times. Both the officer and the individual, identified as Mr. Zonell Williams, were transported to University Medical Center. The officer sustained minor injuries; Mr. Williams expired from his injuries.	
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

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**DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS**

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POLICE 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**

3

**MEDIATION OFFERS
DECLINED BY CIVILIAN**

3

**REFERRALS RETURNED
DUE TO UNREACHABLE
CIVILIANS**

1

**MEDIATION
COMPLETED**

1

MEDIATION PENDING

“It was so deep to talk about how I felt at that moment. I got to help him be better at his job. And it let me learn about their (the police officers) job too. Everybody got to know each other’s roles better. Now that we know more, we won’t be as confused.”

-Civilian participant



“It was refreshing to be able to speak my mind. We left the table happy and understanding each other. It was a positive thing.” - 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
- District C

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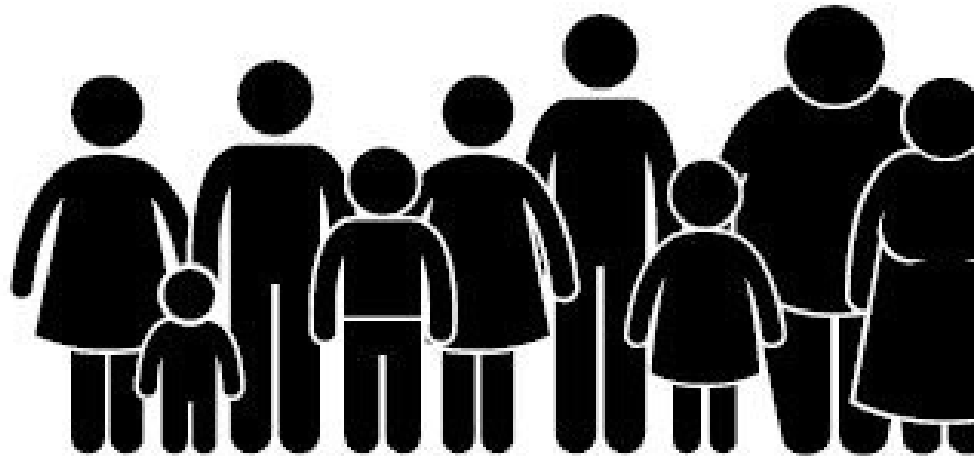
SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

- Citizens Police Academy
- Tulane Law Public

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SITE VISIT

- Real Time Crime Camera
Center for Community
Groups



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

