



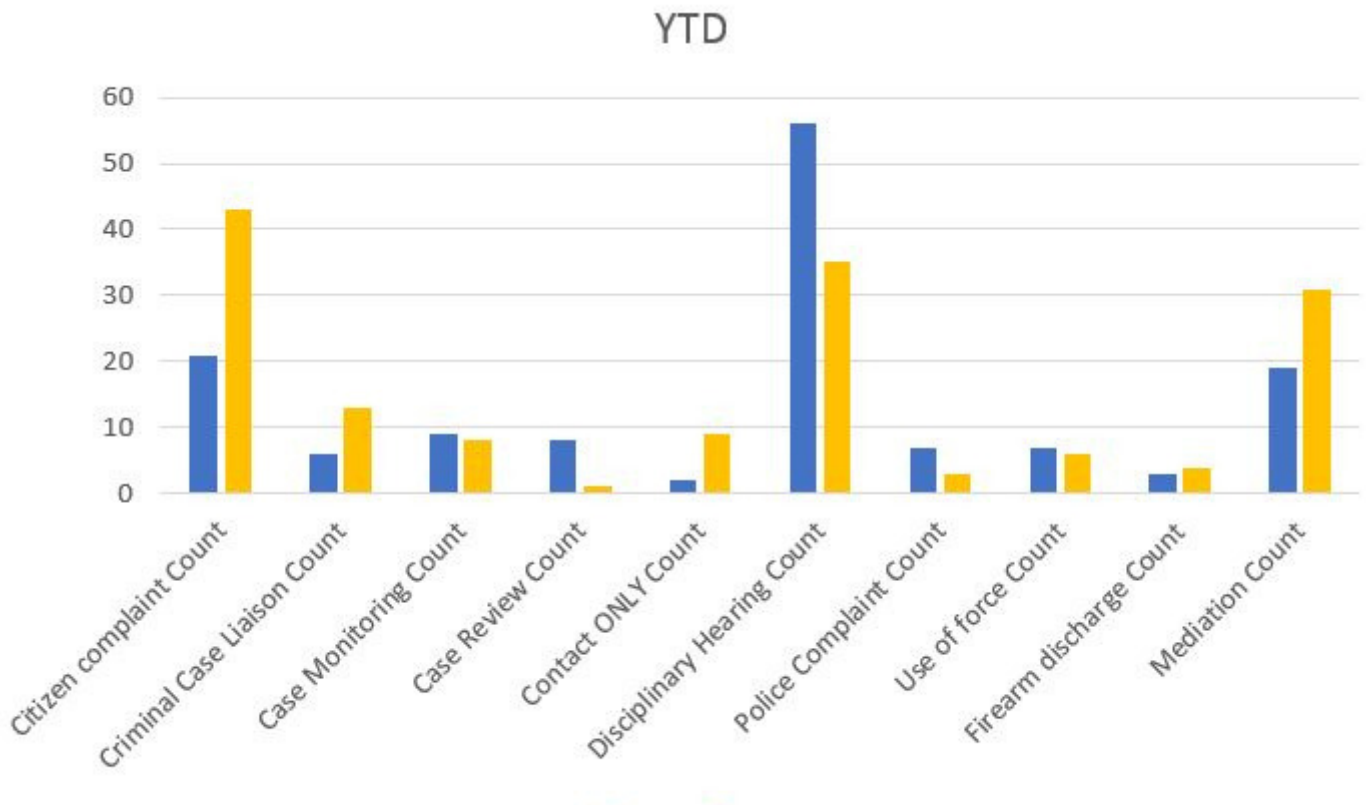
OCTOBER

Monthly Report

THE OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT
POLICE MONITOR

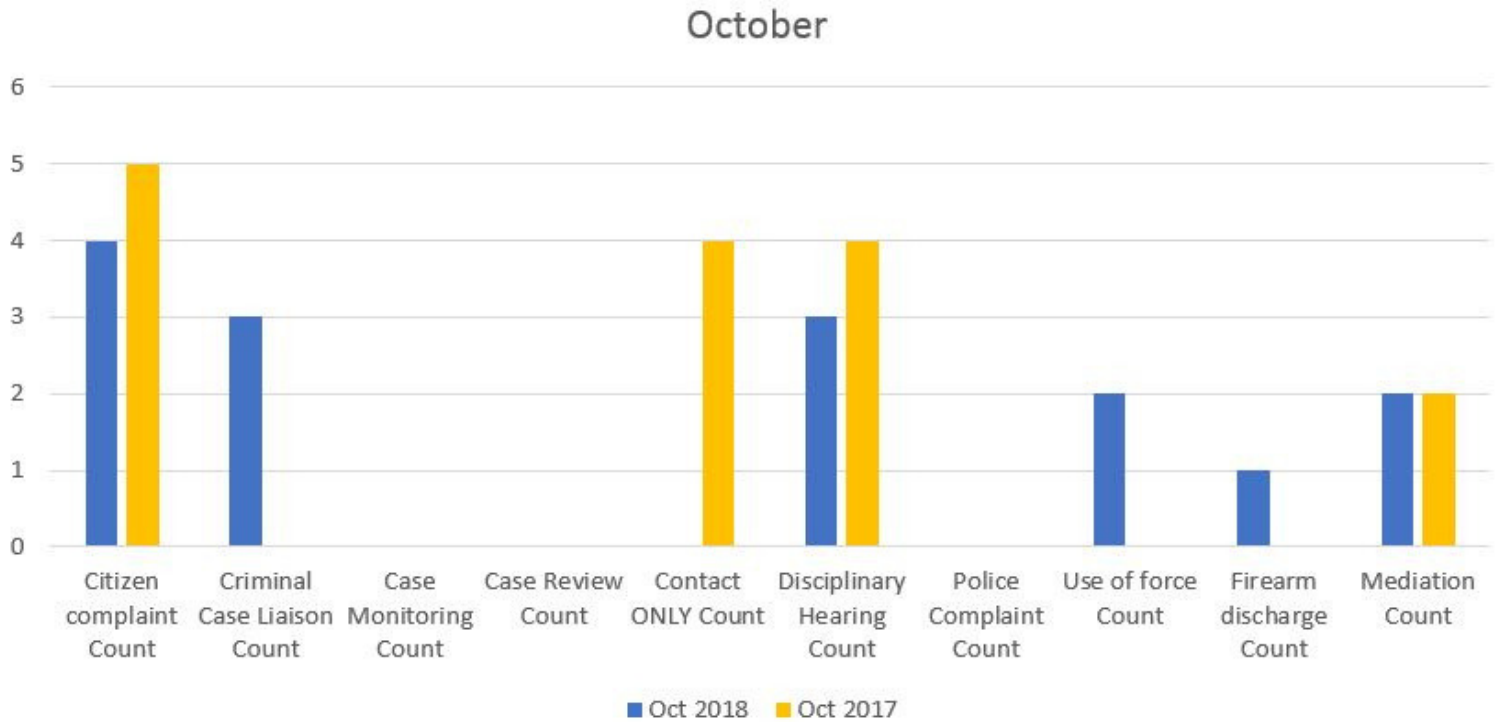
Susan Hutson
Independent Police Monitor

Year to Date Overview



	2018	2017
Citizen complaint Count	21	43
Criminal Case Liaison Count	6	13
Case Monitoring Count	9	8
Case Review Count	8	1
Contact ONLY Count	2	9
Disciplinary Hearing Count	56	35
Police Complaint Count	7	3
Use of force Count	7	6
Firearm discharge Count	3	4
Mediation Count	19	0
Grand Total	138	122

October Overview



	Oct 2018	Oct 2017
Citizen complaint Count	4	5
Criminal Case Liaison Count	3	0
Case Monitoring Count	0	0
Case Review Count	0	0
Contact ONLY Count	0	4
Disciplinary Hearing Count	3	4
Police Complaint Count	0	0
Use of force Count	2	0
Firearm discharge Count	1	0
Mediation Count	2	2
Grand Total	15	15

October Overview

Use of Force		
CI2018-0004	Use of force	An officer was checking his equipment prior to his duty. While checking his secondary handgun, he unintentionally discharged one round into the ground. There were no injuries or property damaged as a result of the discharge.
CI2018-0005	Use of force	Officers were dispatched to a residential burglary in progress. Officers encountered an individual in residence's driveway. After being taken into custody, the individual stopped breathing. Officers rendered aid and EMS arrived, however the individual died after being transported to the hospital.
Use of Force Count: 2		

Criminal Case Liaison		
CL2018-0011	Criminal Case Liaison	Requested to speak with the detective investigating.
CL2018-0012	Criminal Case Liaison	NOPD Cold Case: Hollygrove killing remains unsolved after 10 years.
CL2018-0013	Criminal Case Liaison	Assistance on behalf of a complainant. The complainant has a history with the 7th District.
CL2018-0014	Criminal Case Liaison	The Complainant and her husband have been involved in an ongoing criminal investigation into incidents involving another family, and in which the Complainant's husband was shot and shot at. The Complainant wants to provide information regarding these incidents to the NOPD investigator and learn if there is any progress in the investigation of the shootings from last year. The Complainant requested the OIPM's assistance with facilitating that communication with the investigator.
Criminal Case Liaison Count: 4		

Disciplinary Hearings		
DH2018-0056	Disciplinary Hearing	Accused allegedly was involved in a domestic incident with his girlfriend.
DH2018-0057	Disciplinary Hearing	A higher ranking officer learned an officer failed to notify the N.O.P.D. Communications Division he was working Paid Detail. The officer also failed to enter the detail into the "Paid Detail Log" located in N.O.P.D. web application.
DH2018-0058	Disciplinary Hearing	Unprofessional behavior
Disciplinary Hearing Count: 3		

October Overview

Firearm Discharge

FD2018-0004	Firearm discharge	
Firearm discharge Count 1		

Mediation

Mediation cases are confidential.

Mediation Count: 2

Citizen Complaints

2018-12	Complaint Manager	According to the complainant, two white NOPD officers violated NOPD manual, policies, and / or practices when they: stopped the complainant while he was repairing a car in his work capacity of a mechanic with no reason.
2018-17	Complaint Manager	Complainant alleges that she was assaulted and treated unprofessionally by an officer while a higher ranking officer allowed it. The complainant also alleges that four demonstrators were unlawfully arrested.
2018-14	Complaint Manager	Complainant (civilian) alleges her supervisor (police officer) has transferred her and retaliated against her -- severely affecting her employment with the NOPD. The complainant alleges this officer has a history of this behavior.
2018-16	Complaint Manager	Complainant is concerned about an incident that happened in March 2016 regarding the 1st District stating there was "nothing they could do" about an intruder who stood on the complainant's home and damaged the gutter during a second line.

Citizen Complaint Count: 4

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 reviews the disciplinary process. OIPM monitors and review 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 COMPLAINT
COUNT**

3

**DISCIPLINARY HEARING
COUNT**

0

POLICE COMPLAINT COUNT



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 officer and civilian to be fully heard and understood in a non-judgmental way.

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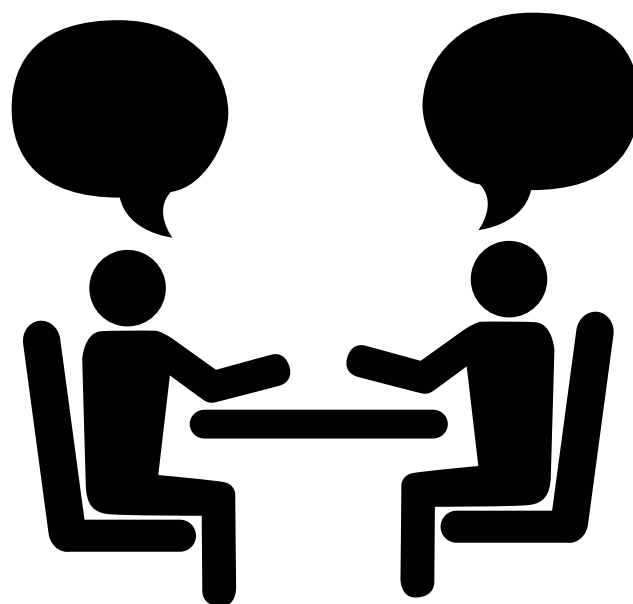
**REFERRALS FOR
MEDIATION**

3

**MEDIATION OFFER
DECLINED**

2

MEDIATIONS COMPLETED



1

MEDIATION PENDING

Use of Force

Staff of OIPM were notified of two critical incidents and responded to the scenes to monitor the activities of NOPD. OIPM is continuing to monitor these cases and will do so until they are closed by NOPD.

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CRITICAL INCIDENTS

- In Custody Death
- Negligent Discharge of a Firearm

In Custody Death

On October 2, 2018, officers were dispatched to a residence burglary in progress regarding an individual, under the influence of narcotics. Upon arrival Officers encountered an individual in the residence's driveway armed with a knife. The individual complied with officer commands by relinquishing the knife and walking towards the officers. Officers noticed him bleeding from his lower lip / mouth area. Officers attempted to hold the individual's arms for the additional officer to handcuff the individual. The individual was able to wiggle away from the officers' grasps before he lay on the ground and attempted to kick the officers. Approximately one minute after the individual was handcuffed, he stopped breathing. One officer retrieved his Narcan from his vehicle and administered it to the individual, but it was not effective. The two other officers began CPR on the individual after requesting EMS to the scene. A registered nurse, who resided in the neighborhood, arrived prior to EMS' arrival and also assisted the individual. The individual was transported to Tulane Hospital and died on Wednesday, October 3, 2018.

Negligent Discharge of a Firearm

On October 18, 2018 an officer unintentionally discharged one round into the ground in the parking lot of the 4th District. There were no injuries or property damaged as a result of the discharge.

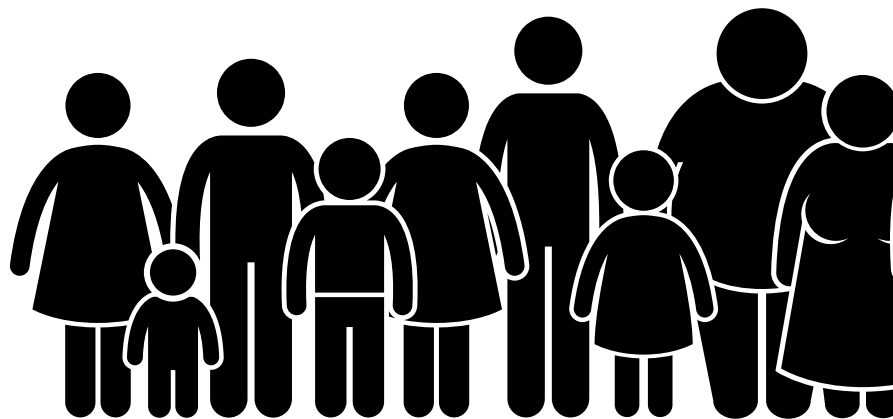
Community Relations

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

- St. Augustine High School
- Liberty Kitchen



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PANELIST

- Southern Christian Leadership Council's "Justice for our Girls" Symposium

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EVENT ATTENDANCE

- Night Out Against Crime
- National Day Against Police Brutality Vigil

Policy Recommendations

The following are recommended updates to Chapter: 24:2 – Community-Police Mediation, of the New Orleans Police Department Operations Manual. These recommendations were developed through meetings between OIPM and PIB and are currently in the process of being reviewed by leadership of OIPM and PIB.

The following changes are recommended:

- Increase the number of days from 10 days to 15 days that OIPM must receive consent from the officer and civilian.
- Increase the number of days that the mediation must take place from 25 days to 45 days
- Allow allegations of Discriminatory or Bias-based policing to be eligible for mediation
- Bifurcate allegations for complaints with one allegation that is eligible for mediation and another allegation that does not require extensive investigation
- Establish regular weekly process for OIPM to review with PIB new cases that could potentially be referred to mediation
- Establish quarterly meetings between OIPM and PIB to review mediation program procedures, evaluate what is working/not working and troubleshoot challenges
- Establish annual review of mediation program with OIPM and PIB leadership
- Offer 2 mediations per NOPD district per year that are outside of the complaint system for community problem solving of ongoing issues in the community
- Offer a few mediations per year for rank-initiated complaints
- Explore new possibilities for mediation, including offering mediation as an alternative to discipline for complaints that have been investigated and found “Sustained;” and/or offering mediation for complaints that have been determined “Not Sustained” in an effort to give citizens and officers who are unsatisfied with the outcome of their investigation an opportunity to be heard and seek resolution.

Access to Systems

We are working with New Orleans Police Department and the City's Information Technology department to address OIPM's daily access to NOPD systems. OIPM had a productive telephone conference with IT and progress is being made. We are also working on access that will allow us to up date our systems with NOPD data quicker.

