THE OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT POLICE MONITOR

MONTHLY REPORT

AUGUST 2019

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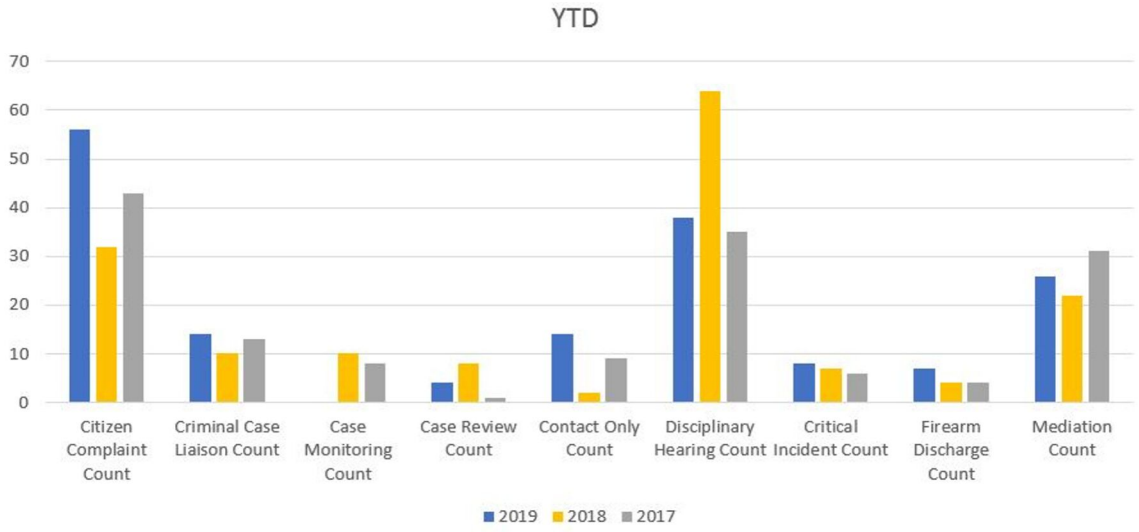
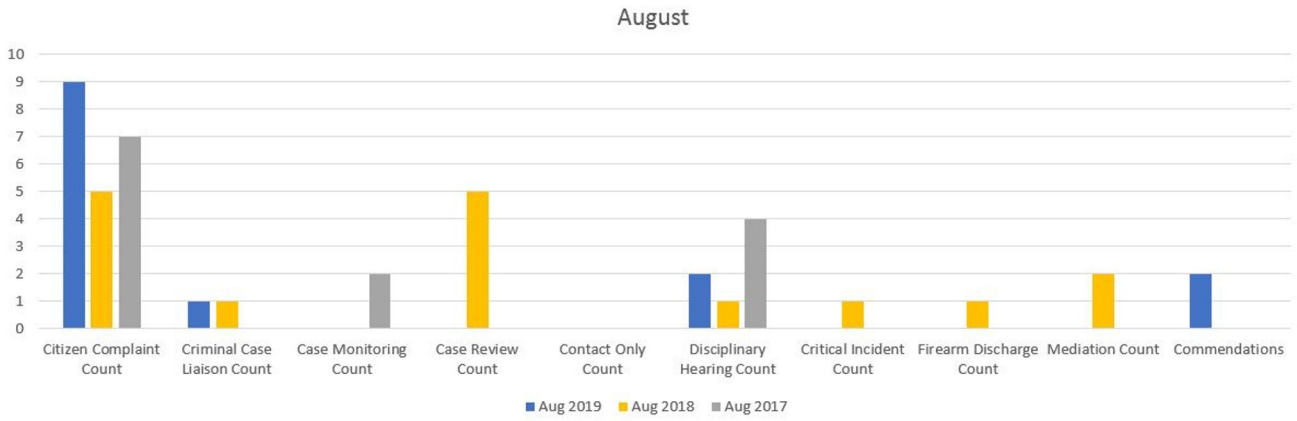
Year to Date Overview



	2019	2018	2017
Citizen Complaint Count	56	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	38	64	35
Critical Incident Count	8	7	6
Firearm Discharge Count	7	4	4
Mediation Count	26	22	31
Commendation Count	1	2	2
Grand Total	168	161	152

August Overview



	Aug 2019	Aug 2018	Aug 2017
Citizen Complaint Count	9	5	7
Criminal Case Liaison Count	1	1	0
Case Monitoring Count	0	0	2
Case Review Count	0	5	0
Contact Only Count	0	0	0
Disciplinary Hearing Count	2	1	4
Critical Incident Count	0	1	0
Firearm Discharge Count	0	1	0
Mediation Count	0	2	0
Commendations	2		
Grand Total	14	16	13

August Overview

COMPLAINTS – August (Received complaint in August)	
CC2019-0057 (*Received 8/1*)	Complainant witnessed the incident on Frenchmen Street where NOPD used force against a musician in a brass band and arrested him.
CC2019-0058 (*Received 8/1*)	Complainant alleges that a NOPD Commander and a Sergeant maybe engaged in some sort of an inappropriate relationship that results in the Sergeant receiving preferential treatment and being allowed to possibly violate certain NOPD and City policies.
CC2019-0059 (*Received 8/7*)	According to the complainant, on 8/7/2019 at approximately 11:00am, the complainant asked a young lady, Cassandra Gilds, 3x to remove herself from his property and she did not. He recorded the incident.
CC2019-0060 (*Received 8/12*)	NOPD Homicide detective believes she was demoted and transferred based on gender discrimination.
CC2019-0061 (*Received 8/12*)	Complainant stated he was assaulted by a security guard at the Exxon on St. Charles near Lee Circle and the police did nothing and did not issue a police report or item slip when complainant requested.
CC2019-0062 (*Received 8/15*)	The complainant stated that she reported to the NOPD officer assigned to her daughter's school that her daughter was jumped by individuals involved in an open criminal case that the complainant's daughter is a witness in. The complainant stated that the officer was nonchalant, unprofessional, and failed to take any action.
CC2019-0063 (*Received 8/14*)	Complainant alleges that he witnessed NOPD officers unlawfully separate a lady from her kids and arrest her.
CC2019-0064 (*Received 8/6*)	The complainant alleged numerous officers within the Fourth District failed to provide assistance or protection when she called multiple times over an extended of period of time about the continued stalking, harassing, and threats she received in violation of an active stay away order.
CC2019-0065 (*Received 8/22*)	Complainant, a street performer, stated that he was unlawfully arrested and given a summons while performing in front of Willie's Chicken Shack on Frenchmen and Chartres street.

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Criminal Liaison - August	
CL2019-0016	A street performer stated that he was unlawfully arrested and given a summons while performing in front of Willie's Chicken Shack on Frenchmen and Chartres street.

Disciplinary Proceedings - August (Received notification in August)	
DH2019-0037 PIB #2018-0524-R (*received notification on 8/5/2019*)	Officer is accused of driving a police vehicle while on duty and getting into a car accident while driving under the influence of alcohol.
DH2019-0038 PIB #2017-0720-P (*received notification on 8/5/2019*)	Officer is accused of committing an act of domestic violence while on duty against his partner and then being dishonest about the incident during the misconduct investigation.

Upcoming Reports and Presentations

Case Review Summaries: (Sept 2019)

- *Unity One Superintendent's Committee Hearing*
- *Unity One Use of Force Review Board*

Speaking Engagements: (Sept 2019)

National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement National Conference

- *Community-Police Mediation: The Power of Face-to-Face Dialogue, led by Mediation Program Director*

- *Addressing Use-of-Force Reform in the New Orleans Police Department, led by Deputy Monitor Tonya McClary*

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

1

SCHEDULED FOR MEDIATION

8

PENDING CONSENT

1

MEDIATION OFFER DECLINED BY OFFICER

2

MEDIATION OFFER DECLINED BY CIVILIAN

" 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 MEETINGS

- MaCCNO and Street Performers Meeting
- NOPD and Second Line Parades Meeting
- NOPD Training Advisory Committee Meeting
- Community Meeting for Police Oversight in Port Allen, Louisiana