



Weekly Activity Report: San Francisco Department of Police Accountability

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Department of Police Accountability

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Highlights For the Week of April 15, 2024

The following report includes the Department of Police Accountability's recent developments since the last Police Commission meeting:

- ◆ DPA's Audit Division received the Exemplary Knighton award from the Association of Local Government Auditors for the 2023 audit on SFPD's handling of officer misconduct.
- ◆ DPA's Legal team discussed two OIS cases at the Firearm Discharge Review Board (FDRB) last week and has two cases in closed session tonight.
- ◆ DPA's Policy unit completed the DGO 8.03 (Crowd Control) Community Working Group along with SFPD's tactical unit and stakeholders from City Departments.

Investigation Updates

Below is a comparison of year-to-date statistics for 2024 vs 2023.

- ◆ **Cases Opened:** There has been a 12% decrease in cases opened compared to this time in 2023.
- ◆ **Cases Closed:** We've seen a 4% increase in the number of cases closed compared to 2023.
- ◆ **Cases Pending:** Our open caseload has remained stable compared to this time last year.
- ◆ **Cases Sustained:** We've seen an 18% increase in sustained cases this year. This represents a substantial workload increase for the investigative and legal teams.
- ◆ **Cases Mediated:** Mediations have remained constant.

Year to Date Statistics

Measure	2024 Year to Date	2023 Year to Date
Cases Opened	186	211
Under Investigation	280	284
Cases Closed	218	210

Breakdown of Closed Complaints

Measure	2024 Year to Date	2023 Year to Date
Cases Sustained	20	17
Cases Not Sustained	193	188
Cases Mediated	5	5

Investigations Over 270-Days/Tolling

The DPA has 28 cases open for more than 270 days. Of those, 22 cases (79%) are “tolled”.

Measure	2024 Year to Date	2023 Year to Date
Cases Over 270 Days	28	23

Note: Per California Government Code Section 3304, there are several exceptions that “toll,” or pause, one-year statute of limitations.

This year, DPA has conducted an increasing number of resource intensive investigations involving multiple officers, complex data analysis, and the need to obtain court orders. Examples include:

- ◆ Officer involved shooting investigation closures
- ◆ Investigations involving juveniles, which require DPA to seek a court order
- ◆ Investigations involving stop data collection required by California state law

DPA Sustained Cases Pending Final Adjudication

- ◆ There are 112 cases sustained by DPA that are pending with the Chief
- ◆ There are 13 cases pending with the San Francisco Police Commission

Weekly Statistics

Allegations Received Since the Last Commission Meeting

Allegation Type	Allegation Summary	Percent
Conduct Unbecoming	The officer behaved or spoke inappropriately.	17%
Neglect of Duty	The officer failed to take a required action.	9%
Neglect of Duty	The officer prepared an incomplete or inaccurate incident report.	9%
Referral	--	9%
Unwarranted Action	The officer towed a vehicle without justification.	4%

SFPD District Station Break Down

Below is the total number of complaints received per station since the last commission meeting.

Station	Cases Received	Last Reporting Period
A - Central	2	1
B - Southern	2	-
C- Bayview	1	1
D - Mission	1	1
E- Northern	1	1
F – Park	1	-
G - Richmond	1	1
H - Ingleside	2	-
I – Taraval	-	-
J - Tenderloin	3	1
Airport	1	0
Not Applicable	4	8
Out of Jurisdiction	2	1
Pending	4	2
Total	25	17

Other DPA Updates

- ◆ **Audit:** DPA’s audit of SFPD’s stop data is in progress. Our audit director went on a ride along at Southern Station to watch officers use the stop data collection system in the field.
- ◆ **Policy:** DPA met with Commissioner Yanez and SFPD representatives to discuss the Commission led Investigative Social Media DGO. Next steps include additional conversations with SFPD Subject Matter Experts and outside prosecutors to learn how they use the tools.
- ◆ **Mediation:** We held a check-in session for our volunteer mediators, focused on DPA audits. This is part of a continuous effort to help mediators understand their role in DPA’s broader oversight activities.