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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD November 13, 2013

The CCRB received 514 complaints in October. This is 86 fewer than in the same period of 2012, when the CCRB received 600 complaints. It is a 14% decrease for this period.

From January to October, the board received 4,569 complaints within its jurisdiction. This is an 11% decrease in complaint activity compared to the same period of last year. Total intake at the CCRB, including complaints within our jurisdiction and those we refer out, has declined by 29% year-to-date.

In October the board closed 516 cases. In the first ten months of 2013, the board closed 1,713 fully investigated cases and substantiated 254, which is a substantiation rate of 15% of fully investigated cases. Our truncation rate was 55%. This is 5 points higher than in the first ten months of 2012, when the truncation rate was 50%.

In October, the mediation unit successfully mediated 19 cases involving 24 officers. An additional 35 cases were closed as mediation attempted, involving 46 officers.

The agency's docket at the end of October stood at 2,678 cases. That is a 3% decrease over the open docket in September when we were at 2,774. Ninety-one percent of our open investigations stem from complaints filed within the last year, and 66% were filed in the last four months. Of the open cases, 621 are awaiting panel review. That's 24% of the docket. 1,823 are being investigated and 226 cases are in the mediation program.

By date of incident, 12 cases in the CCRB's open docket are 18 months and older, as compared to 15 in October of 2012. This is 0.4% of the open docket. Three cases are on DA hold and 4 cases were filed months after the date of incident. Two cases are pending panel review, in two cases there was an investigator delay, and one case has been re-opened.

In September, the police department closed 11 substantiated cases involving 16 officers. They did not impose discipline against 11 officers, declining to prosecute 5 officers, and the statute of limitations expired in cases involving the other 6 officers.

From January through September, the disciplinary action rate was 57% and the department declined to prosecute rate was 29%. In cases in which the department pursued charges and specifications, the conviction rate was 81%. This includes officers who pled guilty to charges and officers who were found guilty after disciplinary trials. The guilty after trial rate was 60%.