

Quarterly Report
Q3 - 2024

PRESENTED TO:

The City of Sacramento Mayor and City Council

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As required by City Code section 2.22.040, the director, at a minimum, shall prepare quarterly reports consistent with California Penal Code section 832.7(c), relating to the number, kind, and status of all citizen complaints filed against police department personnel for review by the Sacramento community police review commission and the city council.



SUMMARY

The City of Sacramento’s Office of Public Safety Accountability (OPSA) encompasses oversight practitioners responsible for the investigation, review, and audit of allegations of misconduct involving the Sacramento Police Department (SPD) and the Sacramento Fire Department (SFD) personnel. OPSA ensures that investigations have been completed fairly, thoroughly, and objectively.

The Office of Public Safety Accountability continues its efforts in the improvement of policing and better serving the interests of the public. The goals and objectives of the office involve creating meaningful opportunities for the community to influence decisions that impact them, incorporating innovative and progressive ideas to resolve issues, explaining challenges and limitations, and ensuring outcomes meet goals while remaining inclusive and accessible.

OPSA MISSION

The Mission of the Office of Public Safety Accountability is to improve the relationship between the City's public safety departments and the community they protect and serve. We promote trust, excellence, transparency, and accountability through independent and impartial oversight of complaints related to public safety employee misconduct.

SPOTLIGHT: COMPLAINTS

Note: The allegations outlined below are new complaints filed during this quarter that will be assigned to SPD personnel and investigated.

- Complainant alleged that he attempted to file a police report, but two male sergeants refused to take an offense report. Complainant also alleged that he provided video evidence of the incident.
- Complainant alleged that officers responded to the scene and failed to complete an offense report regarding an incident involving child abuse.
- Complainant alleged that officers manhandled her while she was being handcuffed and that she was thrown against the police vehicle. Complainant also alleged that she sustained injuries from this incident and that officers threw away her personal belongings.
- Complainant alleged that an SPD employee engaged in sexist behavior, harassment, and used derogatory words to describe female employees.
- Complainant alleged that officers refused to take a report after he was carjacked at gunpoint while his vehicle was inoperable on the side of the roadway. Complainant also advised that officers towed his vehicle without his consent.
- Complainant alleged that officers pulled him over for tinted windows and removed him from the vehicle and detained him although he provided the officers his parole discharge card. Complainant also stated that officers searched his vehicle unlawfully because he was no longer on parole.
- Complainant alleged that an SPD sergeant has created a hostile work environment.
- Complainant alleged that officers violated the law by facilitating an eviction which is a civil matter.

WAYS TO FILE A COMPLAINT



Call: (916) 808-7525



Online: <https://www.cityofsacramento.org/OPSA>

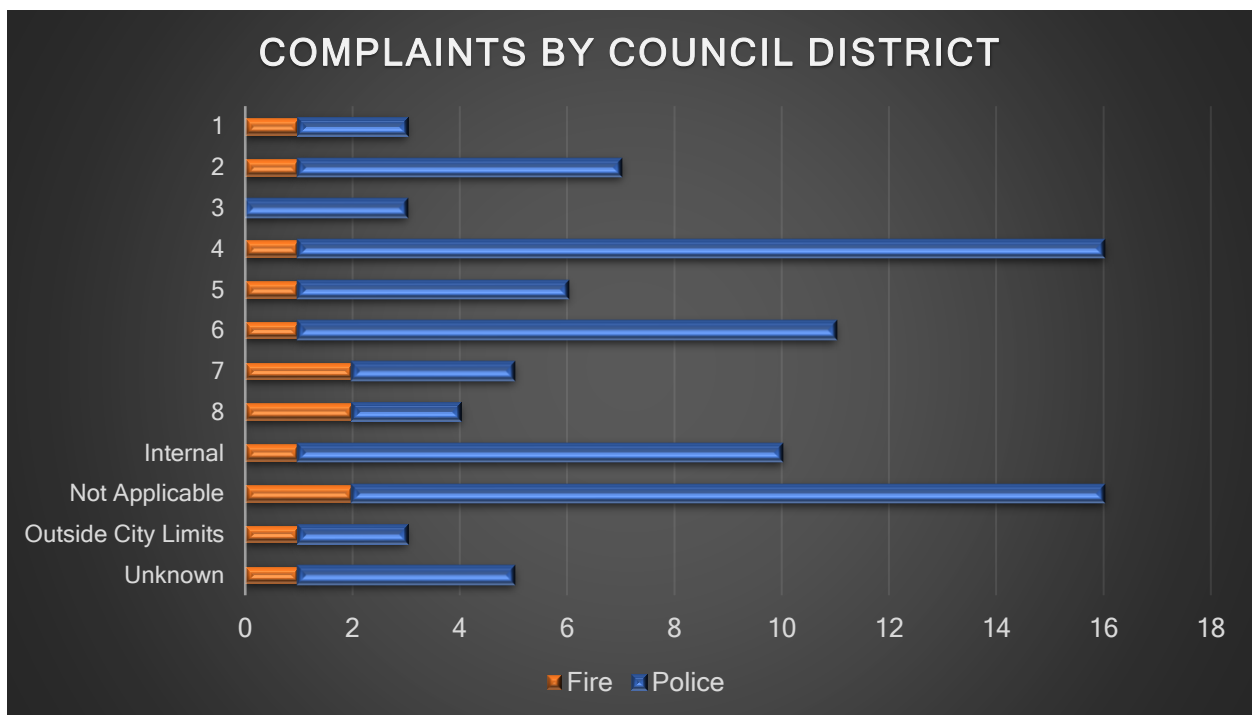
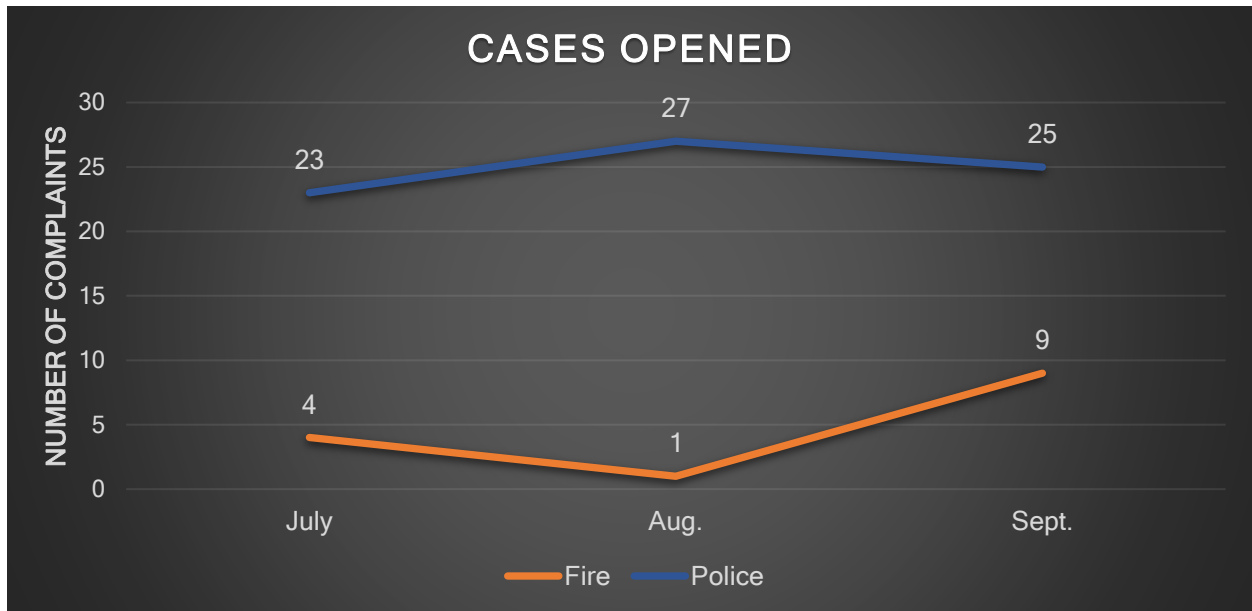


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ALLEGATIONS/COMPLAINTS

The Office of Public Safety Accountability received 75 complaints against police personnel containing 168 allegations and 14 complaints against fire personnel containing 44 allegations during the Third Quarter of 2024.

There were five additional allegations of misconduct reported to the office that did not involve public safety employees in the City of Sacramento. The OPSA staff does its best to connect these complainants with the proper agency or provide further information to help them resolve their concern

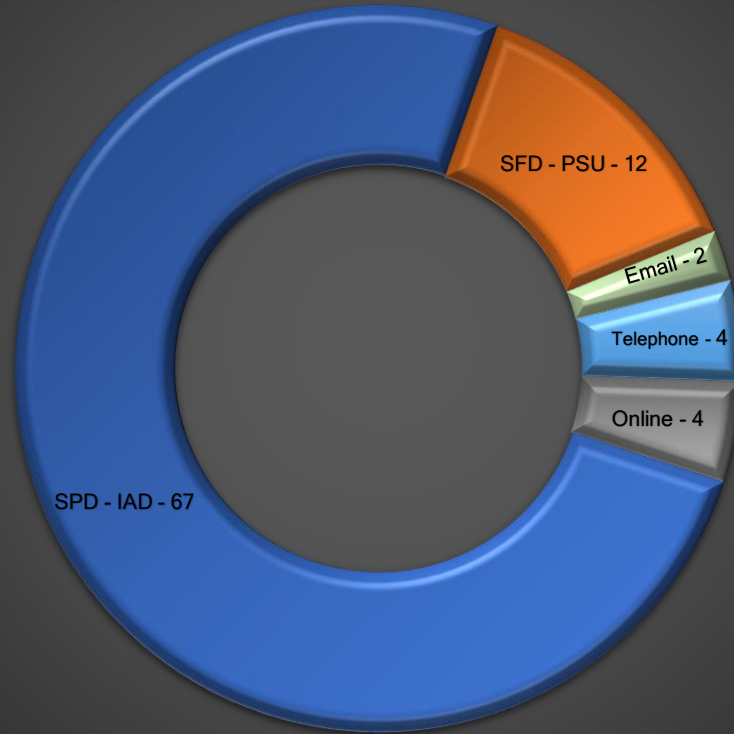


ALLEGATIONS BY TYPE

Allegation	Number of Allegations	
	Fire	Police
City Equipment	3	0
Conduct Unbecoming	3	6
Discourtesy	10	28
Discrimination	5	10
Dishonesty	2	2
False Arrest	0	8
Firearm Discharge	0	1
Force	0	4
Harassment	0	9
Improper Search & Seizure	0	8
Improper Tactics	9	7
Insubordination	0	1
Neglect of Duty	8	46
Profiling	0	1
Service	4	37
Total	44	168

Note: One complaint can include multiple allegations.

COMPLAINT FILING METHOD



Note: Email, online, and telephone data reflect complaints filed directly with OPSA. Internal Affairs Division (IAD) and Professional Standards Unit (PSU) complaints are filed directly with their respective departments.

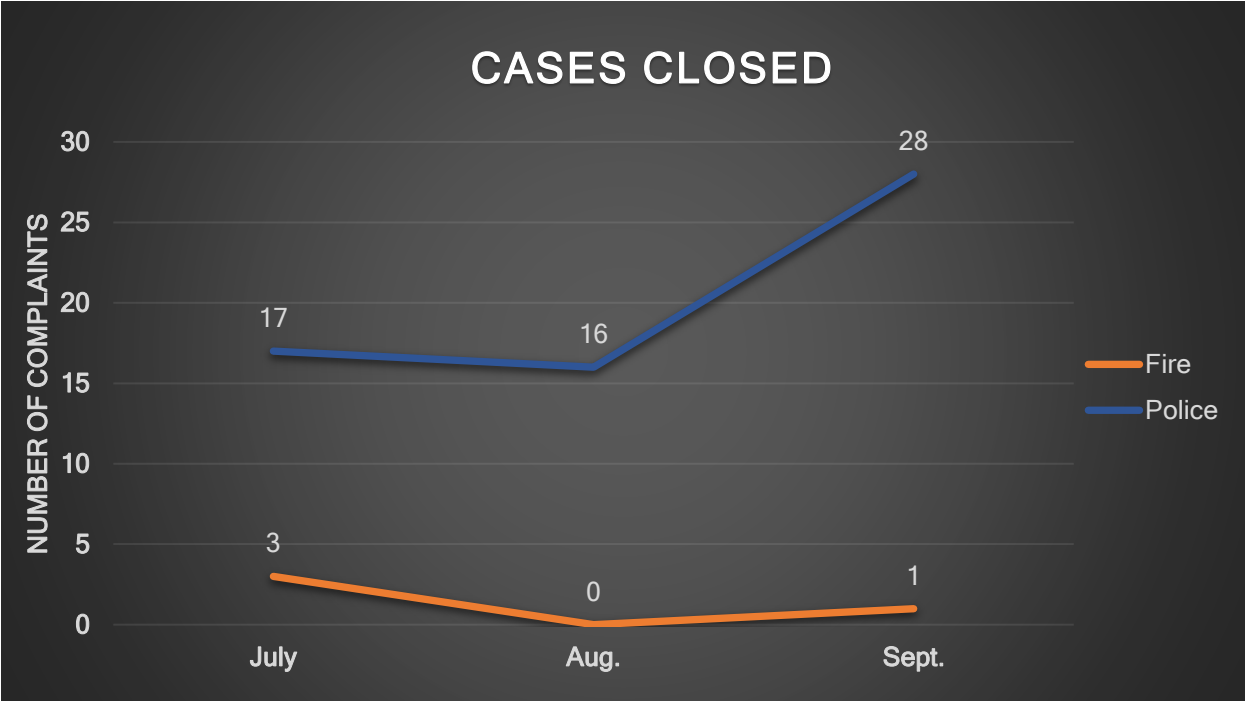
FINDINGS

Police

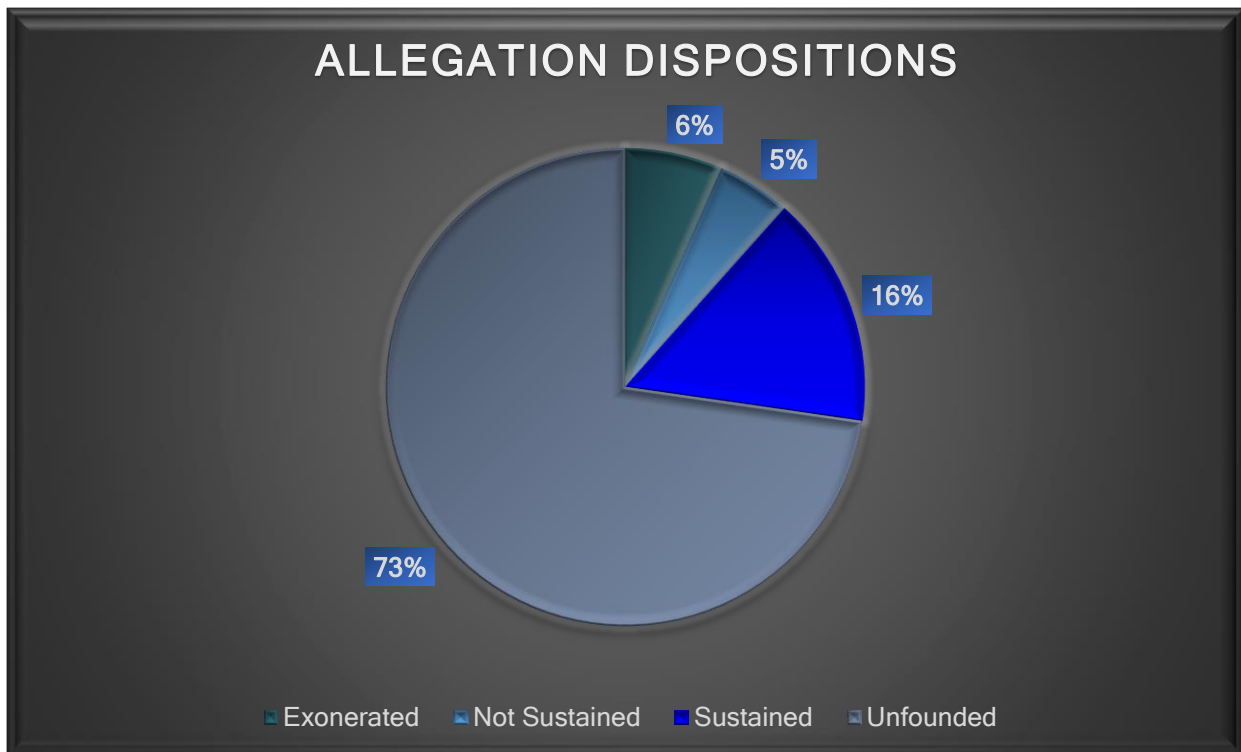
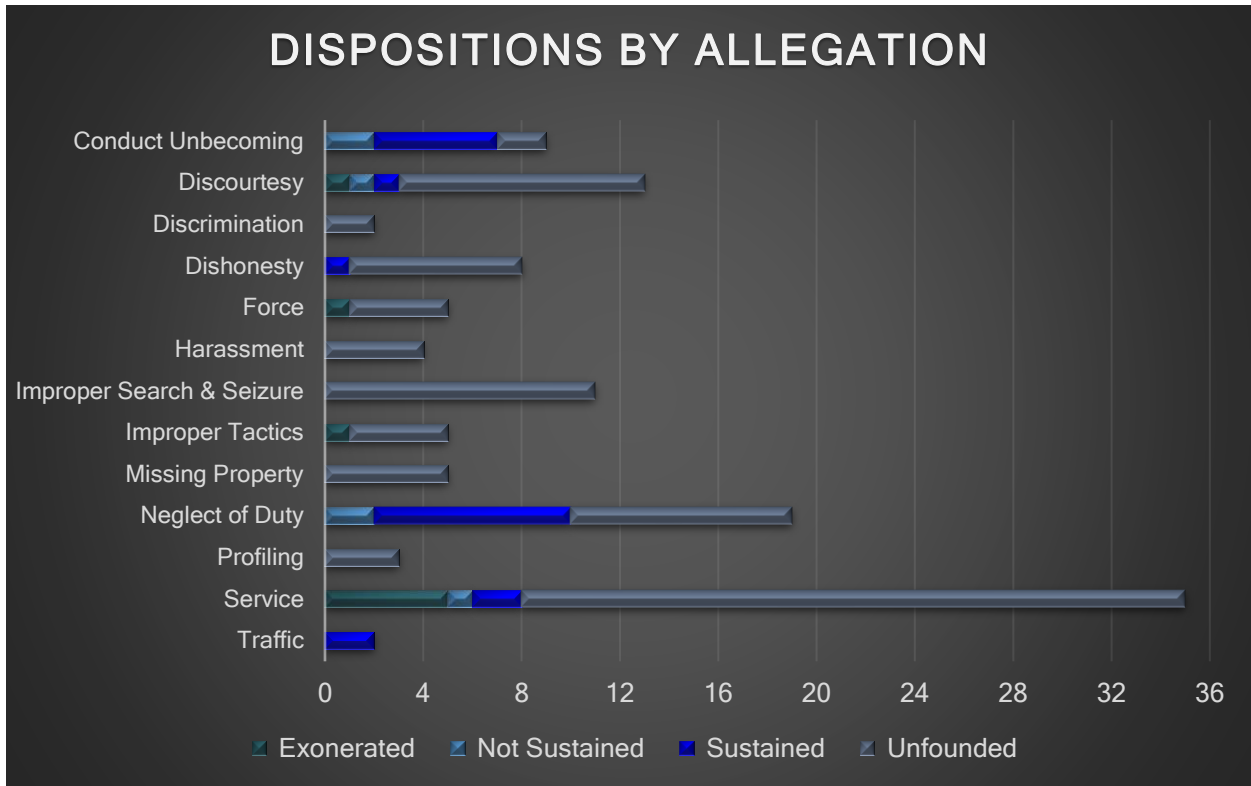
There were 61 police complaints containing 121 allegations that were closed during the Third Quarter of 2024. Nineteen of the allegations were closed with a disposition of Sustained, which is a 16% Sustained rate. The remaining 102 allegations did not yield any policy violations.

Fire

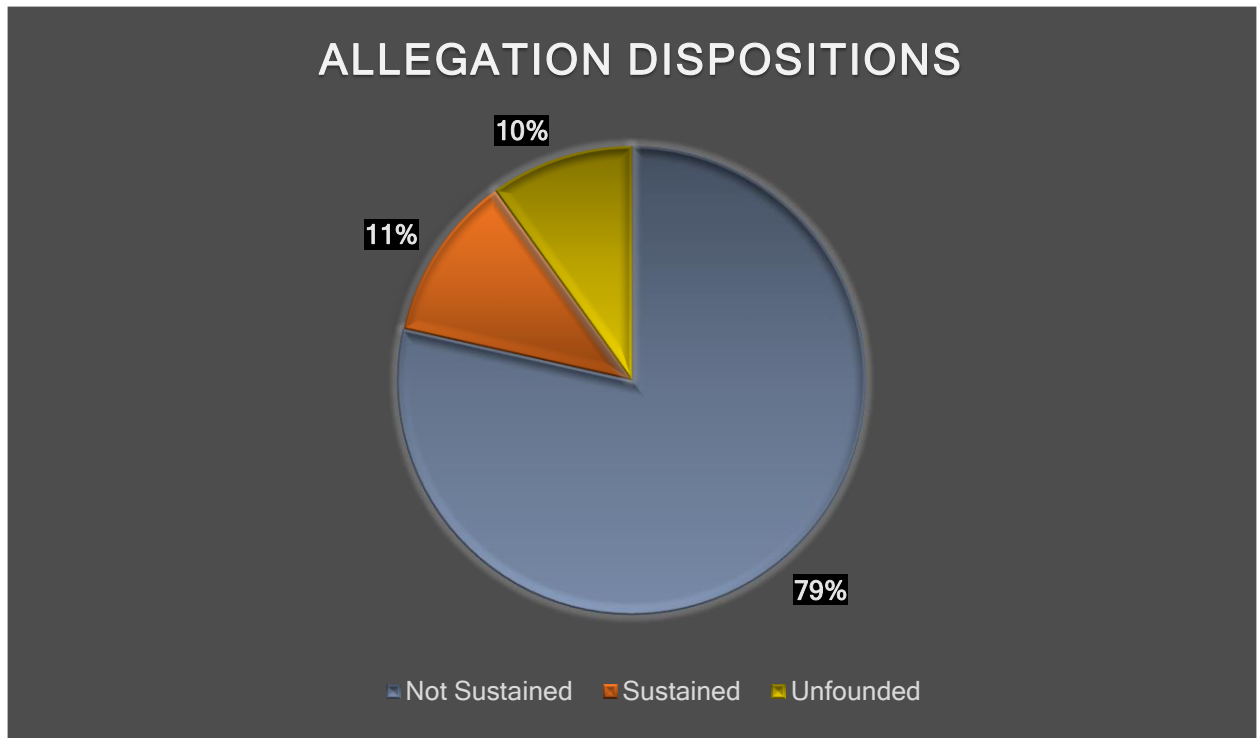
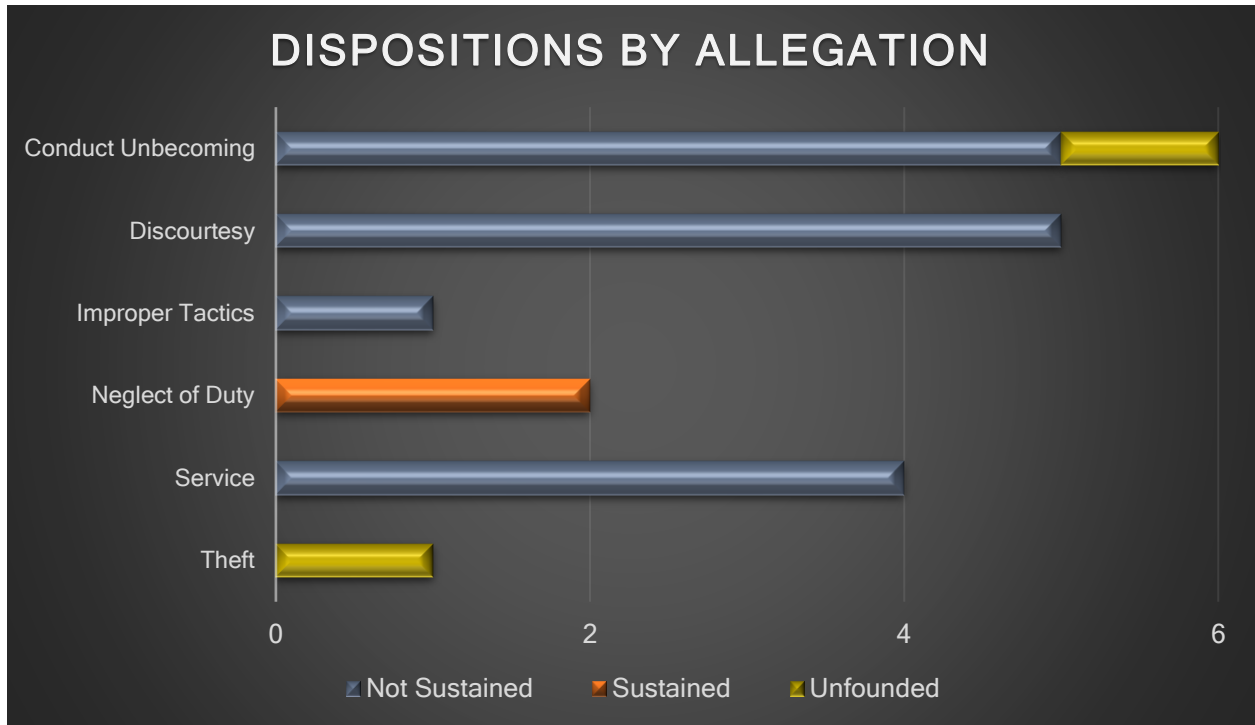
There were four fire complaints containing 19 allegations that were closed during the Third Quarter of 2024. Two of the allegations were closed with a disposition of Sustained, which is a 11% Sustained rate. The remaining 17 allegations did not yield any policy violations.



Police



Fire



COMPLAINANT DEMOGRAPHICS

The OPSA does its best to collect demographic information from complainants and through information provided by SFD and SPD for complaints filed directly with each department. Departmental complaints that are internally generated without a specific complainant are not included in the data below.

Complainant	Fire		Police	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
18 and under	0	0%	0	0%
19-30	0	0%	6	9%
31-40	2	15%	17	27%
41-50	1	8%	15	23%
51-60	1	8%	4	6%
61-70	0	0%	4	6%
Over 70	0	0%	1	2%
Did Not Disclose	0	0%	1	2%
Unknown	9	69%	16	25%
Total	13	100%	64	100%

Gender	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Female	8	62%	23	36%
Male	3	23%	26	41%
Did Not Disclose	0	0%	1	2%
Non-binary	1	8%	1	2%
Unknown	1	8%	13	20%
Total	13	100%	64	100%

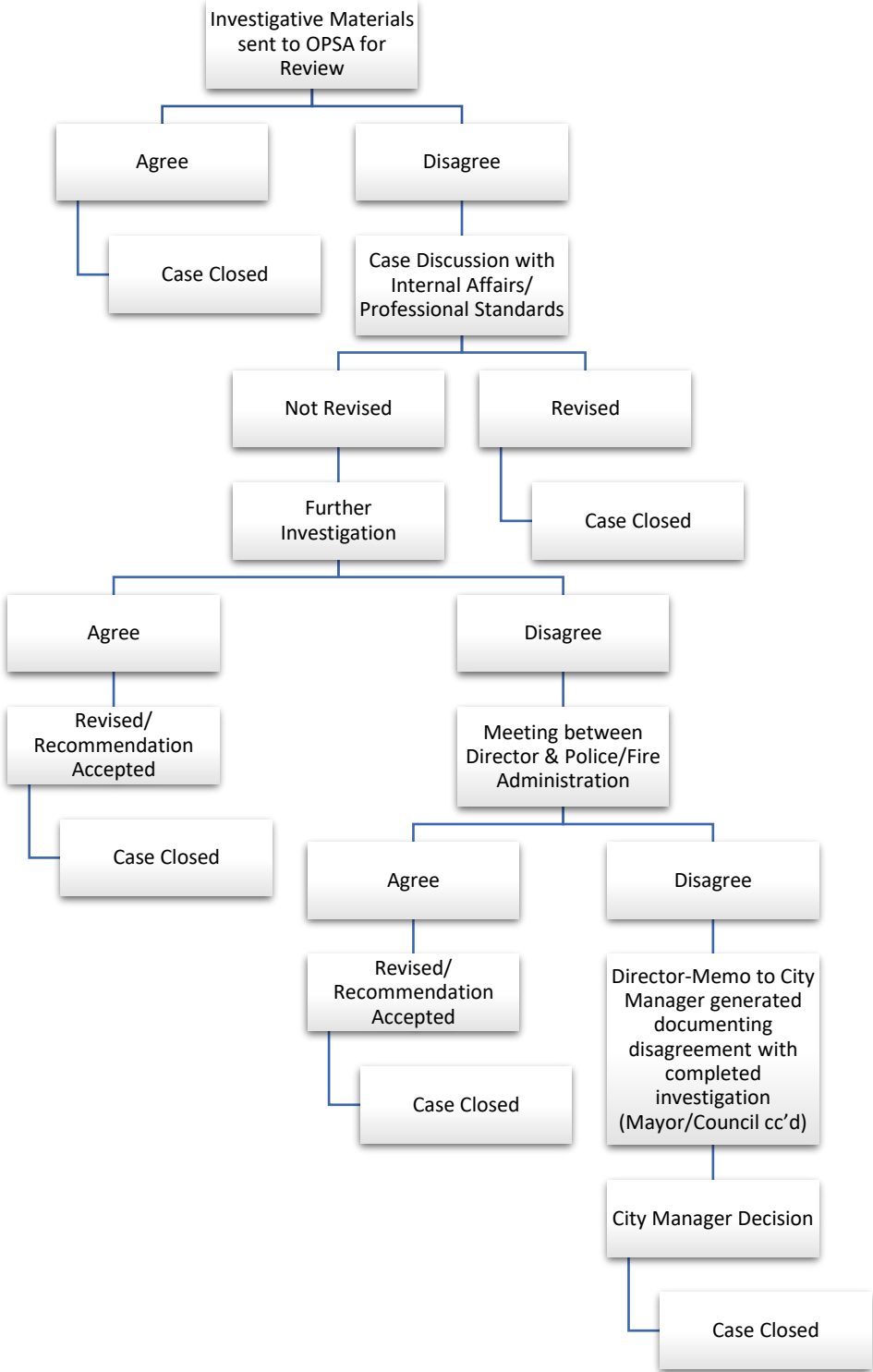
Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Asian	1	8%	1	2%
Black/African American	2	15%	20	31%
Hispanic/Latino	1	8%	10	16%
White/Caucasian	2	15%	11	17%
Did Not Disclose	2	15%	1	2%
Unknown	5	38%	21	33%
Total	13	100%	64	100%

Note: Percentages may not add up due to rounding. Internal cases are not included in this data set. OPSA tracks additional Age/Gender/Race/Ethnicity categories, but only includes reportable quarterly data.

REVIEWS

An overview of the OPSA review process can be found in the chart below.

Review Process Chart



REVIEWS

Under the direction, control, and supervision of the City of Sacramento Mayor and City of Sacramento City Council, the Office of Public Safety Accountability tracks and monitors any internal investigation, reviews completed investigations, and advises the Sacramento Police Chief and the Sacramento Fire Chief of deficient investigations involving misconduct allegations against public safety personnel.

OPSA receives all police and fire complaints, regardless of where the complaints are filed. After OPSA conducts a preliminary review of each alleged complaint, a determination is made as to whether the case will or will not be reviewed. OPSA documents the determination by sending a review form to the Sacramento Police Department Internal Affairs Division and Sacramento Fire Department Professional Standards Division indicating whether the case will be reviewed or not reviewed. For all cases selected for oversight review, OPSA receives access to all investigative materials utilized to render a finding prior to discipline being imposed.

During Q3 of 2024, OPSA reviewed 100% of the completed investigations filed against the Sacramento Fire Department and 48% of the completed investigations filed against the Sacramento Police Department.¹ Of the completed investigations reviewed by OPSA, seven investigations for fire and seven investigations for police required further review.

Review Finding Options

- Agree
- Discussed – Revised
- Discussed – Not Revised, Memo Sent
- Discussed – Further Investigation, Agree/Recommendation Accepted
- Discussed – Further Investigation, Disagree/Memo Sent

Further Review Results

Police

Month	Recommendation/Disagreement	Outcome
July	Disposition Incorrect/Allegation Correction	Discussed - Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration/Recommendation Accepted
July	Disposition Incorrect/Allegation Correction	Discussed - Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration/Recommendation Accepted
August	Additional Information Needed/Disposition Incorrect/Allegation Correction	Discussed - Further Investigation, Agree

¹ The percentage for completed investigations reviewed by the OPSA does not include any complaints that were classified as a '914S' by SPD. The computer aided dispatch (CAD) code '914S' is defined as a 'Supervisor Message' and pertains to a complaint or issue that does not meet the criteria that warrants an Internal Affairs investigation.

August	Additional Information Needed/Disposition Incorrect/Allegation Correction	Discussed - Further Investigation, Agree
August	Additional Allegation Needed	Discussed - Further Investigation, Agree
September	Disposition Incorrect/Allegation Correction	Discussed - Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration
September	Additional Allegation Needed	Discussed - Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration/Recommendation Accepted

Fire

Month	Recommendation/Disagreement	Outcome
July	Disposition Incorrect/Allegation Correction	Discussed - Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration/Recommendation Accepted
July	Additional Information Needed/ Additional Allegation Needed	Discussed - Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration/Recommendation Accepted
July	Disposition Incorrect/Allegation Correction Additional Allegation Needed	Discussed - Further Investigation, Disagree/Recommendation Under Consideration/Recommendation Accepted
August	Additional Information Needed	Discussed - Further Investigation/Agree
August	Additional Information Needed/Additional Allegation Needed	Discussed - Further Investigation, Agree
August	Additional Information Needed	Discussed - Further Investigation, Agree
September	Additional Information Needed	Discussed - Further Investigation, Agree

CRITICAL INCIDENTS

Death in Custody Investigation – 3600 Block of Jasmine Street

On July 23, 2024, just before 4:30 p.m., Sacramento Police Department patrol officers responded to a welfare check in the 3600 Block of Jasmine Street. A family member reported that an individual was under the influence of narcotics and potentially going to harm himself. When officers arrived on scene, they located a male white adult (51 years old) matching the description given on the call, sitting nearby holding a knife. The individual threw the knife in the street, fled from officers, and entered a nearby parked vehicle. Officers continued to talk with the individual in an effort to de-escalate the situation. Ultimately, officers were able to remove him from the vehicle. The individual was detained in handcuffs and placed in the back seat of a patrol vehicle. As a precaution, officers requested the Sacramento Fire Department respond to evaluate the individual. The individual became unresponsive, and emergency medical aid was performed by Sacramento Fire personnel. The individual was transported to an area hospital, where unfortunately he was pronounced deceased.

Due to the male having a medical emergency while detained by our officers, the department initiated a death-in-custody investigation. Homicide Detectives responded to the scene and are working closely with Crime Scene Investigators to determine the circumstances of this incident. Detectives are in the early stages of this investigation.

The Sacramento County Coroner’s Office will release the identity of the deceased after next of kin have been notified.

This incident is being investigated by the Sacramento Police Department’s Homicide unit, Internal Affairs Division, and Professional Standards Unit. The Office of Public Safety Accountability and the Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office are providing oversight by monitoring the investigation. This incident falls under the City Council policy on video release. As a result, all pertinent video and audio associated with this incident will be released to the public within 30 days.

The Sacramento Police Department encourages any witnesses with information regarding this investigation to contact the dispatch center at (916) 808-5471 or Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP (4357). Callers can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000. Anonymous tips can also be submitted using the free “P3 Tips” smartphone app.

Officer-Involved Shooting – Beloit Drive & Bell Avenue

On September 14, 2024, at approximately 4:31 p.m., Sacramento Police Department patrol officers observed a suspicious vehicle with suspended registration in the area of Beloit Drive and Bell Avenue. An individual believed to be associated with the vehicle abandoned the car prior to officers contacting him. Officers located the individual who was hiding on the roof of a nearby RV. Officers verbally contacted the individual who spontaneously jumped from the top of the RV in an attempt to flee. Officers attempted to detain the individual and during that time an officer-involved shooting occurred.

Officers rendered emergency medical aid to the individual who was transported to an area hospital for his injuries and is currently in stable condition. An officer sustained minor injuries during this incident.

The individual is currently in custody for an outstanding felony no-bail warrant for being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm.

This incident is being investigated by the Sacramento Police Department's Homicide Unit, Internal Affairs Division, and Professional Standards Unit. An investigation into the incident will also be conducted by the Force Investigation Team. The investigation will focus on policy, tactics, and training as it relates to the use of force. The Office of Public Safety Accountability and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office are providing oversight by monitoring the investigation.

This incident falls under the City Council's policy on Police Use of Force as well as SB 1421. As a result, all pertinent video and audio associated with this incident will be released to the public within 30 days.

The Sacramento Police Department encourages any witnesses with information regarding this incident to contact the dispatch center at (916) 808-5471 or Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP (4357). Callers can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000. Anonymous tips can also be submitted using the free "P3 Tips" smartphone app.

OPSA COMMUNITY CORNER

OPSA'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR ACTIVITY

- Brother 2 Brother Discussion Meeting – July 1, 2024
- Youth Forward Discussion Meeting – July 3, 2024
- Sacramento Job Corps Discussion Meeting – July 3, 2024
- Highlands Success Center (Future Site Visit Discussion)– July 3, 2024
- Impact Justice Discussion Meeting – July 5, 2024
- Voice of the Youth Discussion Meeting – July 5, 2024
- Gifted Misfits (non-profit) OPSA Presentation at Sheldon Highschool – July 8, 2024
- Public Health Advocates Discussion Meeting – July 10, 2024
- Lao Family Community Development Center Discussion Meeting – July 10, 2024
- Sacramento Community Police Review Commission Discussion Meeting – July 11,2024.
- Sierra Health Foundation Discussion Meeting – July 11, 2024
- Anti-Recidivism Coalition Discussion Meeting – July 15, 2024
- Brother 2 Brother Lunch with Former SPD Police Chief Daniel Han – July 16, 2024
- African American Student Healing and Empowerment (ASHÉ) Center Discussion Meeting – July 17, 2024
- Sacramento City College Discussion Meeting – July 17, 2024
- Los Rios Community College/Folsom Prison Discussion Meeting – July 17, 2024
- CycleBreakers Ministries Discussion Meeting – July 19, 2024
- CA Hispanic Resource Council Discussion Meeting – July 23, 2024
- La Familia Counseling Center Discussion Meeting – July 23, 2024
- Public Defender's Office Discussion Meeting – July 24, 2024
- Church of Praise (COP) Church Discussion Meeting – July 24, 2024
- Sacramento Kings – Social Impact Team Discussion - Potential Partnership – July 25, 2024
- Sacramento County – County Council Discussion Meeting – July 26, 2024

- Black Chamber of Commerce & Sac State Discussion Meeting – July 26, 2024
- Sacramento Police Review Commission Chair Discussion Meeting – August 1, 2024
- University of California – Davis Discussion Meeting – August 2, 2024
- California State Senate Discussion Meeting – August 2, 2024
- Discussion with Dilpreet Sidhu for OPSA Internship – August 5, 2024
- Sierra Health Foundation Discussion Meeting – August 8, 2024
- Discussion Meeting for Presentation with Youth Juvenile Halls – August 7, 2024
- Sacramento County Probation Discussion Meeting – August 12, 2024
- Discussion Partnership with OPSA and Know Your Rights Training – August 15, 2024
- Children’s Law Center - OPSA (Role & Responsibilities) Discussion – August 16, 2024
- Reparations Now - OPSA (Role & Responsibilities) Discussion – August 19, 2024
- Sacramento Office of Education - OPSA (Role & Responsibilities) Discussion – August 19, 2024
- St. Paul Church (Oak Park) - OPSA (Role & Responsibilities) Discussion – August 21, 2024
- Sac Connect – OPSA (Role & Responsibilities) Discussion – August 22, 2024
- Sacramento Office of Education - OPSA (Role & Responsibilities) Discussion – August 27, 2024
- LegalShield- OPSA (Role & Responsibilities) Discussion – August 28, 2024
- Adv’O’Kidz Foundation Inc - OPSA (Role & Responsibilities) Discussion – August 28, 2024
- KB Branding - Discussed Branding and Social Media Strategies for OPSA – August 28, 2024
- Sacramento PD Retired Sargeant Discussion (OPSA History and Mission – September 6, 2024
- San Juan Unified School District - OPSA (Role & Responsibilities) Discussion – September 11, 2024
- Color The Block - OPSA (Role & Responsibilities) Discussion – September 13, 2024
- Fortune Schools - OPSA (Role & Responsibilities) Discussion – September 17, 2024

OPSA COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

OPSA INITIATIVE: COMMUNITY CONVERSATION TOURS

OPSA kicked off its ‘Community Conversation Tours’ Initiative with phase one solely focusing on organizations in the City of Sacramento. The purpose of this initiative is to create ongoing public engagement opportunities between organizational stakeholders and OPSA oversight practitioners.

Learning through community conversations is essential in providing the best quality of life for Sacramento residents. Honest and transparent dialogue is essential in ensuring that public safety reform efforts encompass the meaningful and transparent inclusion of community perspectives.

Our community conversation tours are informative for OPSA personnel as well as Sacramento organizational stakeholders. OPSA shares the office’s vision and mission for establishing oversight and accountability in the city’s public safety agencies as well as discuss how the office can be utilized as a community resource.

- OPSA Community Conversations Tour - Meadowview – July 18, 2024
 - Sacramento Job Corps Center
 - Rose Family Creative Empowerment
 - Sacramento Works One Stop
 - Voice of the Youth + Sojourner Truth Museum

OPSA COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

- Voice of the Youth Impact Program – July 17, 2024
- Community Police Commission at Oak Park – July 18, 2024
- 916 Ink – Life After AmeriCorps Training Event – July 25, 2024
- Adv’O’Kidz Foundation Inc. Advocacy Workshop – August 11, 2024
- Reentry Resource Fair – August 15, 2024
- South Sacramento Family Success Fair – August 23, 2024
- District 8 South Sacramento Festival – August 24, 2024
- Annual Black Food Festival – September 8, 2024
- Autumn Lantern Festival – September 14, 2024