

INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR

The mission of the San José Independent Police Auditor is to provide independent oversight of the police misconduct complaint process to ensure its fairness, thoroughness, and objectivity.

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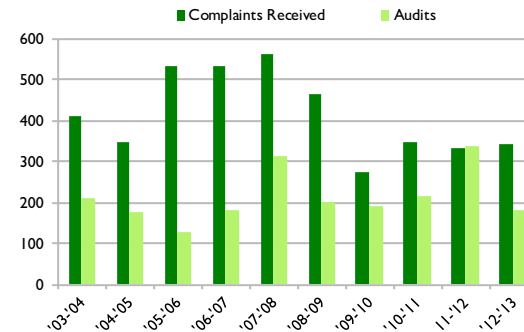
The Independent Police Auditor (IPA) provides the public with an objective review of police misconduct investigations in order to instill confidence in the complaint process and to provide independent oversight. In addition, the IPA conducts outreach to the San José community, proposes recommendations to improve San José Police Department (SJPD) policies and procedures to the City Council, and works to strengthen the relationship between the SJPD and the community it serves.

In 2012-13, operating expenditures for the IPA totaled just under \$1 million, an increase of 7 percent compared to 2011-12 and 54 percent compared to ten years earlier. The IPA had 7 authorized positions in 2012-13, one more than in 2011-12.

In 2012-13, the number of complaints received from the public regarding SJPD officers increased 3 percent from 335 in 2011-12 to 345. Complaints were down 25 percent compared to five years earlier. The number of people attending IPA outreach events and meetings decreased by 25 percent from 12,367 in 2011-12 to 9,322 in 2012-13. However, over the past decade, the number of people attending outreach events has more than tripled.

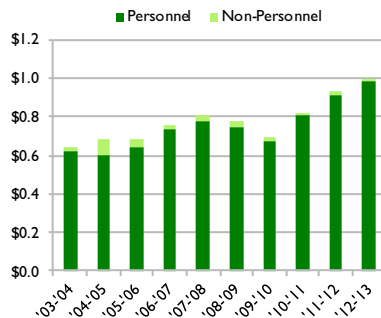
According to the IPA, in 2013, the IPA identified new and cost-effective ways to inform San Jose residents about the IPA office and the services it provides. The IPA worked with SJPD and the Mayor’s Gang Prevention Task Force to identify “hot spots” in the City (locations of frequent interaction between SJPD and residents), and focused outreach at those locations.

Complaints Received and IPA Audits

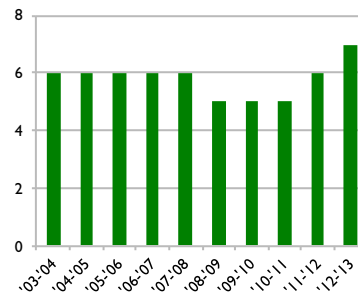


Note: The IPA audits only those complaints classified as “conduct complaints” or “policy complaints. In general, the SJPD must complete its complaint investigation within one year from the date that the complaint was received. Thus, complaints received in one fiscal year may not be closed and audited until the following fiscal year.

IPA Operating Expenditures (\$millions)



IPA Authorized Positions



Individuals Attending Outreach Events/Meetings

