

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.

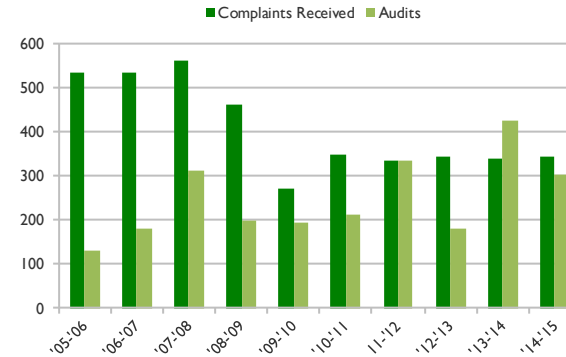
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The Independent Police Auditor (IPA) provides the public with an objective review of police misconduct investigations in order to instill confidence in the complaint process and to provide independent oversight. In addition, the IPA conducts outreach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

In 2014-15, operating expenditures for the IPA totaled \$1.2 million, an increase of 7 percent compared to 2013-14 and 76 percent higher than ten years ago. The IPA authorized positions remained unchanged from last year-6 in 2014-15.

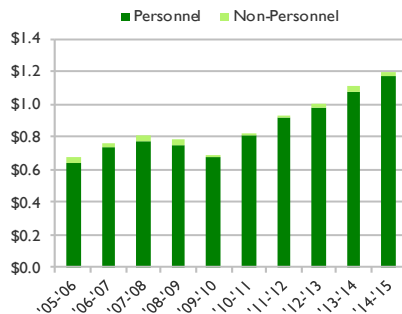
In 2014-15, the IPA received 342 complaints from the public regarding SJPD officers, roughly the same as in the previous year. There were 36% fewer complaints than ten years ago. The number of people receiving IPA outreach services at community events or meetings increased by 4 percent from 10,861 in 2013-14 to 11,323 in 2014-15. Over the past decade, the number of people attending outreach events has more than doubled.

Complaints Received and IPA Audits

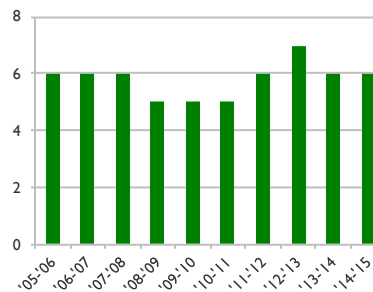


Note: The IPA audits only those complaints classified as “conduct complaints” or “policy complaints”. In general, the SJPD must complete its complaint investigation within one year from the date that the complaint was received. Thus, complaints received in one fiscal year may not be closed and audited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

IPA Operating Expenditures (\$millions)



IPA Authorized Positions



Individuals Receiving Outreach Services at Community Events/Meetings

