

# **Salt Lake City Police Civilian Review Board**

## **Quarterly Report**

**July 12, 2004**

Cases completed since last quarterly report on April 12, 2004

C1 2004-0014

Allegations:

1. Misuse of electronic messaging device
2. Failure to supervise

Panel's Recommendations:

1. Misuse of electronic messaging device. Complaints should be sustained.
2. Failure to supervise. Officer should be exonerated.

C2 2004-0001

Allegations:

1. Public courtesy.
2. Personal courtesy.

Panel's Recommendations:

1. Public courtesy. Complaint should be sustained.
2. Personal courtesy. Both officers should be exonerated.

C1 2004-0024

Allegations

1. Excessive use of force.
2. Driving habits.
3. Personal contacts.

Panel's Recommendations:

1. Excessive use of force. Complaint should be classified as unfounded.
2. Driving habits. Complaint should be classified as unfounded.
3. Personal contacts. Complaint should be sustained.

C1 2004-0026

Allegation: Excessive use of force

Panel's recommendation: No determination is possible.

C1 2004-0027

Allegations: Excessive use of force.

Panel's recommendations: Officer should be exonerated.

C1 2004-0028

Allegation: Excessive use of force.

Panel's recommendations: Complaint should be categorized as no determination is possible.

### Cumulative Statistics

Twenty-Nine case investigations have been completed since July 1, 2003. Seven of those contained allegations against more than one officer. Attachment 1 is a list of all officers investigated showing the ethnicity/race and gender of the officers and the complainants. Attachment 2 contains the analysis of the complaints based on the race/ethnicity and gender of complainants and officers. It should be noted that a case has been considered sustained if at least one allegation was recommended to be sustained. Cases frequently contain multiple allegations.

#### Analysis of Complainants

The overall sustain rate for all 29 cases is 59%. Of the 29 cases, 10 complainants have been people of color. Of the complaints filed by people of color panels have recommended that 5 (50%) be sustained, 1 (10%), no determination is possible, and 3 (30%) the officer should be exonerated, and 1 (10%) unfounded. Nineteen complainants were White. Of those 12 (63%) were sustained, 1 (5%) no determination is possible, 5 (26%) the officer should be exonerated, and 1 (5%) was unfounded.

Seven complaints were filed by females. Panels recommended that 2 (29%) be sustained, 1 (14%) no determination is possible, 3 (43%) the officer should be exonerated, and 1 (14%) was unfounded. Twenty-two complainants are male. Panels recommended that 15 (68%) be sustained, 1 (5%) no determination is possible, 5 (23%) the officer should be exonerated, and 1 (5%) was unfounded.

#### Analysis of Officers

Seven complaints have been filed against officers of color. Of those panels recommended that 5 (71%) be sustained, 1 (14%) be exonerated, and 1 (14%) was unfounded. No complaints filed against officers of color were classified as no determination is possible. Twenty-nine complaints have been filed against White officers. Of those panels recommended that 16 (55%) be sustained, 2 (7%) no

determination is possible, 8 (28%) officer should be exonerated, and 3 (10%) are unfounded.

Three complaints have been filed against Female officers. Panels have recommended that 2 (67%) be sustained and 1 (33%) be exonerated. No complaints against Female officers have been unfounded or no determination is possible. Thirty-three complaints have been filed against Male officers. Panels have recommended that 19 (58%) be sustained, 2 (6%) no determination is possible, 9 (27%) were exonerated, and 3 (9%) were unfounded.

#### Analysis of Use of Force

Fifteen complaints have been filed alleging excessive use of force. Of those panels have recommended that 2 (13%) be sustained, 2 (13%) no determination is possible, 9 (61%), officers should be exonerated, and 2 (13%) complaint was unfounded.

#### Quarterly Statistics

Six case investigations have been completed since April 12, 2004. One of those contained allegations against two officers. Attachment 3 is a list of all officers investigated showing the ethnicity/race and gender of the officers and the complainants. Attachment 4 contains the analysis of the complaints based on the race/ethnicity and gender of complainants and officers. It should be noted that a case has been considered sustained if at least one allegation was recommended to be sustained. Cases frequently contain multiple allegations.

#### Analysis of Complainants

No investigations have been completed where the complaint has been filed by a person of color from April 12 to July 12, 2004. Six investigations have been completed that were filed by Whites. Of those, panels recommended that 3 (50%) be sustained, 2 (33%) no determination is possible, and 1 (17%) the officer should be exonerated. No complaints filed by Whites were classified as unfounded.

No investigations have been completed where the complainant is female from April 12 to July 12, 2004. Six investigations have been completed that were filed by Males. Of those, panels recommended that 3 (50%) be sustained, 2 (33%) no determination is possible, and 1 (17%) the officer should be exonerated. No complaints filed by Males were classified as unfounded.

#### Analysis of Officers

No investigations have been completed where the involving an officer of color from April 12 to July 12, 2004. Seven investigations have been completed where the complaints were filed against White officers. Of those, panels recommended

that 3 (43%) be sustained, 2 (29%) no determination is possible, 1 (14%) the officer should be exonerated, and 1 (14%) the complaint was unfounded.

No investigations have been completed where the complaint was filed against a Female officer from April 12 to July 12, 2004. Seven investigations have been completed that were filed against Male officers. Of those, panels recommended that 3 (43%) be sustained, 2 (29%) no determination is possible, 1 (14%) the officer should be exonerated, 1 (14%) was unfounded.

#### Analysis of Use of Force

Four investigations containing allegations of excessive use of force were completed since April 12, 2004. Panels recommended that 2 (50%) no determination is possible and 2 (50%) the officers should be exonerated.

#### Trends and Patterns

Most use of force complaints allege that handcuffs were put on too tight. Handcuffs can, in fact, tighten if the individual is either struggling or sitting in a car. It is recommended that the Department evaluate its policy on double locking handcuffs and either require that handcuffs always be double locked or require that they be double locked under most circumstances and then articulate those circumstances under which it is not necessary to double lock them.