

Salt Lake City Police Civilian Review Board

Quarterly Report

October 11, 2004

Cases completed since the last quarterly report on July 12, 2004.

C1 2004-0029

Allegation: Courtesy in Public Contacts

Panel's Recommendation: Exonerate

C1 2004-0030

Allegations:

1. Accuracy of Reports
2. Conduct Unbecoming

Panel's Recommendations:

1. Accuracy of Reports: Sustain
2. Conduct Unbecoming: Sustain

C1 2004-0031

Allegations:

1. Accuracy of Reports
2. Failure to Take Police Action
3. Courtesy in Public Contacts
4. Code of Conduct

Panel's Recommendations:

1. Accuracy of Reports: Sustain
2. Failure to Take Police Action: Sustain
3. Courtesy in Public Contacts: Sustain
4. Code of Conduct: No Determination is Possible

C1 2004-0034

Allegation: Accuracy of Reports

Panel's Recommendation: Sustain

C1 2004-0036

Allegations:

1. Unit Status
2. Obligation to Abide by Law and Orders

Panel's Recommendation:

1. Unit Status: Sustain
2. Obligation to Abide by Law and Orders: Sustain

C1 2004-0038

Allegation: Failure to Supervise a Major Crime Scene

Panel's Recommendation: Sustain

C1 2004-0040

Allegations:

1. Excessive Use of Force
2. Conduct Unbecoming

Panel's Recommendations:

1. Excessive Use of Force: Exonerate
2. Conduct Unbecoming: Unfounded

C1 2004-0042

Allegation: Conduct Unbecoming

Panel's Recommendation: Sustain

C1 2004-0044

Allegation: Failure to Show Respect Toward Subordinate Personnel

Panel's Recommendation: No determination is possible

C1 2004-0046

Allegation: Use of Force

Panel's Recommendation: Unfounded

C1 2004-0057

Allegation: Use of Force

Panel's Recommendation: Unfounded

C1 2004-0058

Allegation: Profiling

Panel's Recommendation: Sustain

Cumulative Statistics

Forty-one case investigations have been completed since July 1, 2003. Nine of those cases 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 is reported here as sustained if at least one allegation was recommended to be sustained. Cases frequently contain multiple allegations.

Since July 1, 2003, 77 cases have been referred from Internal Affairs. The Police Civilian Review Board has investigated 41 (53%) of the cases and has not investigated 36 (47%) of the cases.

Analysis of Complainants

The overall sustain rate for all cases is 59%. Of the 41 cases, 13 complainants have been people of color. Of the complaints filed by people of color, panels have recommended that seven (54%) be sustained, one (8%) no determination is possible, four (31%) the officer should be exonerated, and one (8%) unfounded. Twenty-eight complainants were white. Of those panels recommended that 17 (61%) be sustained, two (7%) no determination is possible, five (18%) officer should be exonerated, and four (14%) unfounded.

Twelve complaints were filed by females. Of those panels recommended that two (17%) be sustained, two (17%) no determination is possible, four (33%) officer should be exonerated, and four (33%) unfounded. Twenty-nine complaints were filed by males. Of those panels recommended that 22 (76%) be sustained, one (3%) no determination is possible, five (17%) the officer should be exonerated, and one (3%) unfounded.

Analysis of Civilian or Police Status of Complainant

Thirty-two complaints were filed by civilians. Of those panels recommended that 15 (47%) be sustained, two (6%) no determination is possible, seven (22%) officer should be exonerated, and eight (25%) unfounded. Nineteen complaints were filed by other police officers. Of those panels recommended that 15 (79%) be sustained, one (5%) no determination is possible and three (16%) be exonerated.

Analysis of Officers

The overall sustain rate is 60%. Nine complaints have been filed against officers of color. Of those panels recommended that six (67%) be sustained, one (11%) no determination is possible, one (11%) officer

should be exonerated, and one (11%) unfounded. Forty-one complaints were filed against white officers. Of those panels recommended that 24 (59%) be sustained, two (5%) no determination is possible, nine (22%) officer should be exonerated, and six (15%) unfounded.

Three complaints have been filed against female officers. Of those panels have recommended that two (67%) be sustained and one (33%) officer should be exonerated. No complaints against female officers were found to be no determination is possible or unfounded. Forty-seven complaints have been filed against male officers. Of those panels have recommended that 30 (60%) be sustained, three (6%) no determination is possible, 10 (21%) officer should be exonerated, and six (13%) unfounded.

Analysis of Use of Force

Twelve complaints alleged excessive use of force. Of those panels recommended that two (17%) be sustained, one (8%) no determination is possible, six (50%) officer should be exonerated, and three (25%) unfounded.

Trends and Patterns

It appears that the Police Department needs better guidelines regarding what is meant about Internal Affairs investigations being “confidential.” In three cases investigated during this quarter the subject officer had contacted witnesses and discussed the investigation with them.