

**SALT LAKE CITY POLICE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD  
2nd QUARTERLY REPORT 2016**

**July 20, 2016**

**PANELS**

Note: the use of the letter S denotes the subject officer(s)

Panels initiated in the 2nd quarter of 2015 with case numbers included in that chart:

**C2015-0062**

Allegation: S – Improper Use of Force  
Panel Recommend: S – Sustained  
SLCPD Finding: S – Sustained

Panels initiated in the 3rd quarter of 2015 with case numbers included in that chart:

**C2015-0086**

Allegation: S/S1/S2 – Excessive Force  
Panel Recommend: S/S1/S2 – Exonerated  
SLCPD Finding: S/S1/S2 – Not Sustained

**S2015-0015**

Allegation: S – Unreasonable Use of Force: OIS  
Panel Recommend: S – Within Policy  
SLCPD Finding: S – Within Policy

Panels initiated in the 4th quarter of 2015 with case numbers included in that chart:

**C2015-0100**

Allegation: S – Conduct Unbecoming  
Panel Recommend: S – Sustained  
SLCPD Finding: S – Sustained

**C2015-0105**

Allegation: S – Excessive Force  
Panel Recommend: S – Unfounded  
SLCPD Finding: S – Not Sustained

**C2015-0106**

Allegation: S/S1 – Excessive Force

Panel Recommend: S/S1 – Exonerated  
SLCPD Finding: S/S1 – Not Sustained

**C2015-0110**

Allegation: S/S1 – Improper Use of Force

Panel Recommend: S/S1 – Unfounded  
SLCPD Finding: S/S1 – Not Sustained

Panels initiated in the 1st quarter of 2016 with case numbers included in that chart:

**C2016-0010**

Allegation: S – Improper Use of Force

Panel Recommend: S – Exonerated  
SLCPD Finding: S – Not Sustained

**C2016-0019**

Allegation: S/S1 – Improper Use of Force

Panel Recommend: S/S1 – Unfounded  
SLCPD Finding: S/S1 – Pending

**C2016-0023**

Allegation: S – Support of Co-Workers

Panel Recommend: S – Sustained  
SLCPD Finding: S – Pending

**C2016-0026**

Allegation: S – Improper Use of Force

Panel Recommend: S – Exonerated  
SLCPD Finding: S – Pending

Panels initiated in the 2nd quarter of 2016 with case numbers included in that chart:

**C2016-0033**

Allegation: S – Improper Conduct

Panel Recommend: S – Unfounded  
SLCPD Finding: S – Pending

## **Trends/Issues Identified and Relayed to the Police Department**

PCRB recommends that the SLCPD explore and implement a program wherein first level supervisors pull and review, all officer body camera footage when there is any indication that force has been used by an officer. This additional step will enhance the 10-15 “arrest check” currently being done by field Sergeants after every arrest made by officers. This additional step will allow Sergeants and Lieutenants to know the circumstances of their officer’s actions when they are approving the police reports submitted by the involved officer, as is currently the practice. It also will allow for quicker intervention and reporting of situations wherein an officer has used force that may “fall through the cracks” until a complaint is lodged.

PCRB has recommended that the SLCPD institute a program that recognizes officers who were able to de-escalate an encounter that could have evolved into a physical interaction. With the understanding that officers attempt to de-escalate all encounters, PCRB believes that it is equally “heroic” to de-escalate a situation as it is to deal with a violent offender physically. In no way is this recommendation intended to suggest that officers should act in an unsafe manner, or expose themselves, their partners, or the general citizenry of the City to unsafe situations, but is more an acknowledgment that officers, on a daily basis, attempt to keep all encounters safe and secure for all parties involved and that when an officer goes to incredible lengths to de-escalate a situation, that their actions are on par with an officer who is forced to use force to resolve a situation. As a result of this earlier communicated recommendation, the SLCPD has instituted the following program:

### **De-Escalation Award Criteria**

*Officer(s) utilized exceptional tactical skills or verbal approaches and techniques to de-escalate any deadly force situation resulting in the saving or sustaining of a human life.*

Officers will be honored for two incidents at a 7/13/16 awards ceremony, the following are brief details of those two situations:

June 3, 2016

Dispatch received a call from a concerned citizen that an undercover officer was being assaulted at a 7-Eleven convenience store. In fact officer Q12 was in route to quarterly training in PT clothes when he stopped at the 7-Eleven to get a drink. As soon as he walked into the store he noticed that A/P was staring at him. The A/P approached the officer and said he knew him from the prison in Draper. The officer assured the A/P he had the wrong guy and did not know him. The A/P placed all food items on the counter and then rushed the officer grabbing for his gun which was concealed. Officer Q12 did a great job talking to the A/P, getting him to calm down and until other officers arrived. No one was injured. The A/P was booked for assault on a police officer and for the 1st degree felony charge of attempting to disarm a police officer.

June 7, 2016

A/P was walking into traffic, speaking to himself and waving a knife around. Officers responded to N Temple and Redwood Road, and obtained the description of the suspect from complainants in the area. Officers located A/P acting just as strangely at 500 north Redwood. He still had a knife in his hand, and only seemed to be intermittently aware of Officers, and did not follow commands. A/P fled on foot West on 500 North. Officers were able to contain A/P at 500 North and Newstar. A/P continued to display the knife, and refused to follow commands. An Officer deployed his Taser to bring the situation to a resolution, without serious injury to anyone involved.

In both situations, officers were able to de-escalate and control a situation wherein a citizen was involved in actions that threatened the lives of the involved officers and possibly, nearby citizens. By using their training and keeping their wits, these officers were able to control and contain the situation that easily could have resulted in the use of Deadly Force.

The data from the second quarter, 2016, shows that there were no allegations of improper use of force during the entire quarter. Three cases went to a full panel during the quarter, but were holdover cases from the first quarter of the year. There are two pending 1<sup>st</sup> quarter use of force cases, meaning that for the first half of the year, only five total incidents involved an allegation of improper use of force of any kind. This data indicates that on a monthly basis, less than one allegation a month is submitted. PCRБ highly commends the SLCPD for this statistic and points out that in comparison with other Capital Cities, SLC is a leader in the low number of force related cases. However, PCRБ continues to monitor each and every complaint as one sustained allegation of mis-use of force, is one too many.

Internal Affairs Cases  
**April 1 – June 30, 2016**

**17** Vehicle accidents  
**0** Intelligence cases  
**4** Pursuits  
**0** Firearms discharge  
**24** IA cases

Dispositions: AD: Administratively Declined  
PO: Polled the PCRB  
PA: PCRB Panel Held

File #	Category	Sworn Y/N	Use of Force Y/N	Disposition	Status	Summary
C2016-0028	2	N	N	AD	NDI	Employee received NDI in regards to obligation to support and respect co-workers.
0029	1	Y	N	AD	Resigned	Officer failed to provide details about damaged equipment, turn in reports in a timely manner and omitted details within reports.
0030	M-file	Y	N	AD	NDI	Officer reported late to work on numerous occasions.
0031	M-file	Y	N	AD	Closed-Information Only	Citizen Complaint: Rudeness
0032	M-file	Y	N	AD	Resolved by Bureau	Citizen Complaint: Officer did not take her serious, document her injuries or charge her ex-husband.
0033	1	Y	N	PA	Not Sustained	Citizen Complaint: Officer was watching pornography in patrol car.
0034	2	Y	N	AD	Open	Officer allowed civilians to enter a potentially dangerous environment.
0035	2	N	N	AD	NDI	Employee received NDI for conduct unbecoming.
0036	M-file	Y	N	AD	Resolved by Division	Citizen Complaint: Officer was rude while issuing a traffic citation.
0037	1	Y	N	AD	Open	Citizen Complaint: Officer made inappropriate statements to an arrestee.

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0038	2	N	N	AD	Open	Records clerk accessed and shared info about a case for personal reasons.
0039	1	Y	N	AD	Open	Detective accused of DV and served with PO.
0040	2	Y	N	AD	Not Sustained	Complainant alleges detectives were rude and sarcastic with each other during an investigation.
0041	2	Y	N	AD	Open	Complainant says detective was hostile and rude.
0042	2	Y	N	AD	Open	Complainant says SLCPD detective/neighbor is harassing her and recently threatened her.
0043	M-file	Y	N	AD	Resolved by Division	Citizen Complaint: Officer was rude and inconsiderate while issuing them a ticket.
0044	2	Y	N	AD	Open	Complainant's attorney says officers were rude, inconsiderate and used derogatory language while arresting her client.
0045	M-file	Y	N	AD	Open	Citizen Complaint: Officer was rude and inconsiderate.
0046	1	Y	N	Pending	Open	Officer left the scene of an accident and wouldn't identify himself because he knew one of the parties.
0047	2	Y	N	AD	Open	Officer out of the City for 3 hours without authorization.
0048	1	Y	N	AD	Closed – Information Only	Officer's ex-wife filed for PO but order was dropped by court and ex-wife.
0049	M-file	Y	N	AD	Closed – Information Only	Citizen Complaint: Officer should not have arrested him for assault but does state he assaulted someone.
0050	M-file	Y	N	AD	Closed – Resolved by Bureau	Officer made remarks in media about a religious group.
0051	2	Y	N	AD	Open	Officer lost drugs seized in an arrest.

