# SALT LAKE CITY POLICE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTERLY REPORT 2013

# **January 22, 2014**

#### **PANELS**

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

C2013-0031

Allegation: Evidence Mishandling/Failure to Adhere to Policy

Panel Recommend: No Determination is Possible/Unfounded

SLCPD Finding: Pending

C2013-0033

Allegation: Conduct Unbecoming

Panel Recommend: Sustained SLCPD Finding: Pending

C2013-0078

Allegation: Failure to Take Police Action (S & S1)/

Truthfulness (S & S1)

Panel Recommend: No Determination is Possible (S & S1)/ Exonerated

(S & S1)

SLCPD Finding: Not Sustained (S & S1)/Not Sustained (S & S1)

C2013-0079

Allegation: Unreasonable Force/ Failure to Properly Document

Use of Force

Panel Recommend: Exonerated/Sustained SLCPD Finding: Not Sustained/Sustained

Panels with cases initiated and reported upon this quarter:

S2013-0015

Allegation: Officer Involved Shooting – Non Fatal

Panel Recommend: Exonerated/Within Policy

SLCPD Finding: Not Sustained

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

No significant trends were noted this quarter as all incoming complaints were examined not only for content but to see if any unit or individual were involved in repeated complaints, with negative results. A couple of the Panel cases heard this quarter were exceptionally lengthy but even those cases failed to reveal any systemic issues within the Department.

PCRB is once again happy to report that the number of complaints, and especially complaints alleging "use of force issues", remains at very low numbers. Not only are officers acting in a highly professional matter, PCRB speculates that the introduction, on a limited basis, of officer worn cameras, has had the desired effect on the number of complaints filed. The use of a video recording device present during police actions will have the effect of not only keeping an undisputable record, but their mere presence will ensure both parties will more likely behave in a much more suitable manner. This will discourage poor police performance as well as spurious complaints with the exception of impaired complainants. In any case, the existence of an audio/video recording will not only allow for an ideal record of what transpired it will speed up the investigative process if a complaint is filed. The result will be not only a completely accurate reconstruction of what occurred; it should result in officers not having to attend as many interviews, whether they are the subject of the investigation or a witness to the event and result in officers spending more of their time doing their primary duties. Even though the cost of such a system is significant, PCRB believes it will more than pay for itself by increasing officer availability and dramatically decreasing potential legal actions, up to and including adverse judgments. The Salt Lake City Police Department is once again a leader in progressive policing.

# Internal Affairs Cases October 1 – December 31, 2013

**20** Vehicle accidents

0 Intelligence cases

1 Pursuits

2 Firearms discharge

27 IA cases

Dispositions: AD: Administratively Declined

PO: Polled the PCRB PA: PCRB Panel Held

File #	Category	Swor n Y/N	Use of Force Y/N	Disposition	Status	Summary
C2013- 0080	M-file	Y	N	AD	NDI	Officer received NDI for Dispatch Procedures
0081	M-file	Y	N	AD	NDI	Officer received NDI for failure to write a report.
0082	M-file	Y	N	AD	Closed-Info Only	Officer accused of releasing confidential information.
0083	M-file	N	N	AD	NDI	Employee improperly calculated impound fees
0084	2	Y	N	AD	Sustained	Failure to qualify on annual Duty Firearm Qualification
0085	M-file	N	N	AD	NDI	Employee received NDI in regards to service desk procedures
0086	M-file	Y	N	AD	Closed-Info Only	Citizen Complaint – rudeness and inappropriate language
0087	M-file	Y	N	AD	Closed- Handled by Bureau	Citizen Complaint – Driving Habits (speeding on freeway)
0088	M-file	Y	N	AD	NDI	Officer received NDI for report accuracy and thoroughness
0089	M-file	N	N	AD	Closed-Info Only	No policy or procedure violations by SLCPD Officers identified
0090	M-file	N	N	AD	Closed-Info Only	Citizen Complaint – Bike Officer determined not to be SLCPD damaged citizen vehicle
0091	M-file	Y	Y	AD	Closed-Info Only	Citizen Complaint – Use of Force
0092	M-file	Y	N	AD	Closed-Info	Citizen Complaint -

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					Only	Officer pointed handgun at him and used inappropriate language
0093	M-file	Y	N	AD	Closed-Info Only	Citizen Complaint – Officers report was inaccurate
0094	2	Y	N	AD	NDI	Officer issued NDI for failure to take assigned vehicle in for maintenance
0095	M-file	N	N	AD	Closed-Info Only	No policy or procedure violations by SLCPD Officers identified
0096	M-file	N	N	AD	Closed-Info Only	No policy or procedure violations by SLCPD Officers identified
0097	M-file	Y	N	AD	Closed-Info Only	Citizen Complaint – Claims Officers detained him for no reason
0098	2	Y	N	AD	Open/Active	Citizen Complaint – Officer threatened and wanted to fight Comp
0099	M-file	Y	N	AD	Open/Active	Citizen Complaint – Driving Habits (speeding and inconsiderate driving habits)
0100	M-file	Y	N	AD	Open/Active	Citizen Complaint – Inconsiderate Contact
0101	1	N	N	Pending	Open/Active	Employee sent threatening e-mails from work e-mail account
0102	1	Y	Y	Pending	Open/Active	Inappropriate Force
0103	2	Y	N	AD	Open/Active	Officer reportedly sleeping on duty and missed several dispatched calls
0104	2	Y	N	AD	Open/Active	Citizen Complaint – Officer detained her in handcuffs without cause and used a racial slur
0105	M-file	N	N	AD	NDI	Employee received an NDI for non-support of co-workers and conduct unbecoming
0106	M-file	Y	N	Pending	Open/Active	Citizen Complaint – claims he was detained illegally
P2013- 0005	Pursuit	Y	N	AD	Open/Active	Officers assisted a Motor Vehicle Enforcement Officer in an active pursuit

File #	Category	Swor n Y/N	Use of Force Y/N	Disposition	Status	Summary
						on an assist request
\$2013- 0015	Firearm Discharge	Y	Y	PA	In-Policy	Officer injured Citizen – Investigated by the DA's Office and the SLCPD IA Deputy Chief
0016	Firearm Discharge	Y	N	AD	In-Policy	Injured Deer

## OVERVIEW of IA MATTERS (4th Quarter 2013)

## 50 Total Internal Affairs (IA) Matters

-23 Administrative (20 Accidents; 2 Firearm Discharges; 1 Pursuit)

-27 IA Cases

--Cat 1 2

---1 alleges "Use of Force" in some manner

--Cat 2 5 --M Files 20

---1 alleges "Use of Force" in some manner

### Personnel Involved

- -19 Sworn
  - -- 5 involve Rudeness, Inconsiderate Contact, and/or poor Driving Habits
- -8 Civilian Employees