

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

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TO: SBCCOG Board Delegates and Alternates

FROM: SBCCOG Police Practices Subcommittee (Olivia Valentine, Hildy Stern, Christian Horvath)

RE: Use of Force Statistics for the South Bay

As you know, the SBCCOG has had two special board meetings to discuss an elected officials' role in public safety in their city. We have been delighted to hear from experts in the field who have been able to present important ways that elected officials can exercise oversight.

At our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, Inglewood Mayor and former Police Chief Jim Butts encouraged elected officials to ask for information from their Police Departments so that they can understand disciplinary trends and to provide effective oversight for their constituents. Asking your Police Department about their disciplinary history and practices for dealing with use of force incidents is a start. The following questions are meant to help you do that:

1. How many externally generated **use of force complaints** have there been **in each** of the last 5 years?
2. How many internally generated **use of force complaints** have there been **in each** of the last 5 years?
3. How many Internally generated complaints have been recorded **each** year over the last 5 years?
4. How many externally generated complaints have been recorded **each** year over the last 5 years?
5. What is the definition of excessive force in your department?
6. How many use of force actions resulted (by year) in a Claim for Damages and/or a filed lawsuit?
7. What was the disposition classification totals for all complaints **by year** (Internal & External) for the last 5 years?
8. How many of the Sustained complaints (**by year**) resulted in suspensions without pay?
9. How many of the Sustained complaints resulted (**by year**) in Written Reprimands?
10. How many Sustained complaints resulted in no discipline (**by year**)?
11. How many **Firearms Discharge** investigations have been conducted (**by year**) in the last 5 years?
12. How many **Officer Involved Shootings** (hit and no hit) have there been (**by year**) in the last 5 years?
13. How many Officer Involved Shootings and Firearms Discharges were found to be in policy? How many were found to be out of policy?
14. What **exact** discipline was given in **each** out of policy discharge of a firearm?

15. How many times did it take in excess of 1 year to produce a Notice of Disposition to the officer for complaints (internal and external)?
16. Do all complaints have to be documented **in writing** and reviewed by the Chief of Police?
17. If not, who in the department other than the Chief has the authority to dispose of a complaint?
18. What is the lowest ranking officer that can dispose of a complaint?
19. How many Discourtesy complaints have been recorded in each of the last 5 years?
20. What was the disposition classification for Discourtesy complaints in each of the last 5 years?
21. How many sworn officers in your police department?
22. How many civilian (non-sworn) officers in your police department?

We understand that several of our cities are contracting for public safety services with the Sheriff's Department but we urge you to ask your local Captain for the answers to these questions. Since you are paying for local services, you should be able to get these answers.

Further, in order to understand what's happening in the South Bay, the Police Practices Subcommittee is asking each city's delegate and alternate to review the answers to the questions and share them with the SBCCOG by sending them to Jacki Bacharach @ [jacki@southbaycities.org](mailto:jacki@southbaycities.org) so that the Subcommittee can use them to prepare an agenda for another meeting on Policing in the South Bay.

We would like to keep the momentum of our efforts going so we ask that you get your answers back to Jacki no later than October 1.