



**City of Santa Barbara**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Memorandum**

**DATE:** October 24, 2024  
**TO:** Fire and Police Commission  
**FROM:** Commander Charles Katsapis  
**SUBJECT:** Quarterly Report: July – September 2024

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The City Council approved an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara amending the municipal code by adding chapter 2.09 to assign additional civilian police oversight duties to the board of the Fire and Police Commissioners on October 18, 2022.

As stated in section 2.09.010 of the Ordinance: the purpose of the ordinance is to strengthen the relationship between the Santa Barbara Fire Department and Police Department with the community by providing transparent oversight and increased civilian input regarding departmental policies, practices, and procedures.

As stated in section 2.09.040 of the Ordinance: Under Powers and Duties specifically section B4: Receive reports from the Chief of Police or the City Administrator's Office that contain aggregate data regarding internal investigations and subsequent employment actions taken. The reports shall not disclose any information in violation of state and local law regarding the confidentiality of personnel records, including but not limited to, California Penal Code Section 832.7. Aggregate data includes the following:

- **The number of complaints of department sworn employees submitted to the Professional Standards Unit (PSU) on a quarterly basis.**
  - For the period July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024, the Santa Barbara Police Department received the following number of complaints submitted involving sworn employees:
    - Citizen Complaints – 5
    - Administrative Complaints - 1

- **The number of pending PSU investigations, and the related policy section of misconduct that are being investigated on a quarterly basis.**
  - For the period July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024, the Santa Barbara Police Department opened the following PSU investigations involving sworn employees:
    - Pending Citizen Complaints – 4
    - Pending Administrative Complaints - 2
  - Relevant policy sections of all investigations:
    - 312.3 Search and Seizure
    - 314.3.1 Department Prohibited Discriminatory Conduct
    - 320.3.2 (k) Discourteous or disrespectful treatment of any member of the public.
    - 320.3.3 (a) Discriminate against any person because of age, race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, martial status, physical or mental disability or medical condition.
    - 320.3.5 (q) Failure to take reasonable action while on duty.
    - 320.3.8 (b) Failure of a supervisor to timely report known misconduct of an employee to his or her immediate supervisor or to document such misconduct appropriately or as required by policy.
    - 1022 - Nepotism and Conflicting Relationships