



City of Santa Barbara
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum

DATE: July 24, 2025
TO: Fire and Police Commission
FROM: Commander Charles Katsapis
SUBJECT: Midyear Report on Complaints: January – June 2025

On October 18, 2022, 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.

As stated in section 2.09.010 of the Ordinance, the ordinance's purpose is to strengthen the relationship between the Santa Barbara Fire Department and Police Department and 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) in Quarters 1 and 2, 2025.**
 - For the period January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025, the Santa Barbara Police Department received the following number of complaints submitted involving sworn employees:
 - Citizen Complaints – 8
 - Administrative Complaints - 1

- **The number of pending PSU investigations and the related policy sections of misconduct being investigated in Quarters 1 and 2, 2025.**
 - For the period January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025, the Santa Barbara Police Department had the following pending open cases:
 - Pending Citizen Complaints – 8
 - Pending Administrative Complaints - 3
 - Relevant policy sections of all investigations:
 - 300 Use of Force.
 - 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 or Department
 - 320.3.5 Performance: Conduct Unbecoming
 - 320.3.5 (q) Failure to Take Reasonable Action While on Duty
 - 320.3.5 (z) Violation of Criminal Statute