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PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL: REPORT AND UPDATE FROM INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR

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- IPA for the City of Palo Alto
- Semi-Annual Audit Reports re PAPD internal review systems
- Last Council appearance in June of 2023



Latest Semi-Annual Report: Cases completed in first half of 2023

- *One external complaint*
- *2 force incidents*
- *5 “standalone” Pointed Firearm incidents*
- *5 IPA recommendations*



Summary of Findings



- Lone public complaint was unfounded
- Minimal force deployments during this review cycle
- Vehicle pursuit/foot pursuit/use of force: importance of accurate and rigorous supervisory review

Pursuit Case: A Closer Look

- Multi-faceted incident involving successful apprehension of adult female subject
- Internal review by PAPD: strengths and limitations
- IPA issues and recommendations re **process** (not findings)



Pointed Firearm Incidents

- PAPD's "evolving system" of identification and review
- All instances were evaluated and found to be consistent with training and policy
- IPA rec: "Supervisory memos as opportunity for *holistic* assessment"



Questions/Discussion



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