

CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD OF BALTIMORE CITY
Semi-Annual Statistical Report
January 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002

In the six month period from January 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002, the Civilian Review Board reviewed 53 completed complaint investigations submitted by the Internal Affairs Division of the Baltimore Police Department. The Board reviewed one completed investigation involving the Baltimore City School Police. The 53 complaints reviewed from the Baltimore Police Department contained 53 allegations of Excessive Force, 38 allegations of abusive language, and 3 allegations of harassment. The 1 complaint reviewed from the Baltimore School Police contained 1 allegation of abusive language, and 1 allegation of harassment. The total number of allegations reviewed by the Board for the period was 93. The total number of complaints reviewed was 54*. Of the 54 complaints reviewed for the period, none were actually filed during this period.

Of the 53 allegations of excessive force reviewed by the Board, the Law Enforcement Agency involved found that 23 of the allegations were UNFOUNDED, 18 were NOT SUSTAINED, 10 were EXONERATED and 2 were SUSTAINED. For the same 53 allegations of excessive force, the Civilian Review Board found: 40 were NOT SUSTAINED, 7 resulted in a TIE-VOTE (no recommendation made, 3 EXONERATED, and 3 SUSTAINED.

Of the 38 allegations of abusive language reviewed by the Board, the Law Enforcement Agency involved found that: 10 were UNFOUNDED, 26 were NOT SUSTAINED, and 2 were SUSTAINED. For the same 38 allegations of abusive language, the Civilian Review Board found: 33 were NOT SUSTAINED, 3 were SUSTAINED, and 2 resulted in a tie-vote (no recommendation made).

Of the 3 allegations of harassment reviewed by the Board, the Law Enforcement Agency involved did not submit a finding. For the same 3 allegations of harassment, the Civilian Review Board found that all 3 were NOT SUSTAINED.

During this same period (January 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002) 60 complaints were received by the Civilian Review Board against members of the Baltimore Police Department. There were no complaints received against members of the Sheriff's Office, School Police, or Housing Authority Police.

Of the 60 complaints processed by the Board, a simultaneous investigation was requested to be done by the Board's investigators on 27 complaints.

The 60 complaints processed by the Board contained approximately 126 allegations. In this six-month review period, the Board recommended reversing the NOT SUSTAINED finding of IAD to SUSTAINED on 1 allegation of excessive force. Further, the Board recommended reversing the NOT SUSTAINED finding of IAD on 1 allegation of abusive language.

The 60 complaints processed in this review period compares with 62 filed in the preceding six-month period.

- * Complaints often contain multiple allegations.
- * Civilian Review Board cannot issue an UNFOUNDED finding.

CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD OF BALTIMORE CITY
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July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002

In the six-month review period from July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002 the Civilian Review Board reviewed 78 completed complaint investigations submitted by the Internal Affairs Division of the Baltimore Police Department. The Board reviewed 1 complaint involving the Housing Authority Police of Baltimore City. The 78 complaint reviews done by the Board contained 75 allegations of Excessive force, 66 allegations of Abusive Language and 10 allegations of Harassment. The 1 complaint reviewed involving the Housing Authority Police contained single allegation of Harassment. The total number of allegation reviewed by the Board for the period was 152, the total number of complaints reviewed has 79. Of the 79 complaints reviewed by the Board for the period, none was actually filed during the period.

Of the 75 allegations of Excessive Force reviewed by the Board, the Baltimore Police Department's Internal Affairs Division found that 13 of the allegations were UNFOUNDED, 7 were SUSTAINED, 45 were NOT SUSTAINED, and 2 were EXONERATED. 1 allegation of excessive force was not investigated. For the same 75 allegations of Excessive force the Civilian Review Board found that 63 were NOT SUSTAINED, 2 were SUSTAINED and 3 were EXONERATED.

Of the 66 allegations of Abusive Language reviewed by the Board, The BPD found that 11 were UNFOUNDED, 47 were NOT SUSTAINED, 6 were SUSTAINED, and 0 were EXONERATED. *2 allegations of Abusive Language were not investigated. For the same 66 allegations of Abusive Language reviewed by the Board, the Board found that 57 allegations of Abusive Language were NOT SUSTAINED, 5 were SUSTAINED, and 2 were EXONERATED. **2 allegations of abusive language did not result in completed investigations.

Of the 10 allegations of Harassment reviewed by the Board, the BPD found that 2 were UNFOUNDED, and ***8 were not investigated. For the same 10 allegations of Harassment reviewed by the Board, the Board found that 1 was SUSTAINED, and 2 were NOT SUSTAINED.

The Board reviewed 1 complaint of Harassment submitted by the Housing Authority Police of Baltimore. The Internal Affairs Division of the HAPB found the complaint NOT SUSTAINED. The Civilian Review Board found the complaint SUSTAINED.

In the six-month review period the Board recommended reversing the NOT SUSTAINED finding of IAD to sustained on 2 allegations of excessive force, also the Board recommended reversing 1 Harassment finding to a SUSTAINED finding. The Board also recommended reversing 1 Abusive Language finding to NOT SUSTAINED as opposed to the SUSTAIN finding concluded by IAD.

During this same period (July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002) the Civilian Review Board processed 52 complaints against members of the Baltimore Police Department. There were no complaints received against the Housing Authority Police, School Police, or Sheriff's Office.

Of the 52 complaints reviewed by the Board, a simultaneous investigation was requested to be done by the Board's investigation on 21 complaints.

The 52 complaints received by the Board during this period contained approximately 56 allegations.

The 52 complaints received by the Board during this review period compares with 60 complaints received in the preceding six month review period.

CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD COMPLAINTS FILED January 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002

**(0 – Housing Police, 0 – School Police, 0 Sheriff's Office,
Police Department – 59)**

- **59 complaints filed, resulting in 85 total allegations**

**Excessive Force (49) – 58%
Abusive Language (23) - 27%
Harassment (13) – 15%**

- **CRB requested investigations on 26 of these
complaints**

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COMPLAINANT PROFILE

Complainant's Race

African American (59) – 69%
White (17) – 20%
Other (1) - 1%
Unknown (8) – 9%

Complainant's Gender

Male (52) – 61%
Female (25) – 29%
Unknown (8) – 9%

Complainant's Age

Under 21 (8) – 9%
21 – 30 (21) – 25%
31 – 40 (25) – 29%
41 and over (22) - 26%
Unknown (12) - 14%

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ACCUSED PROFILE

Accused Race

White (24) – 28%
African American (23) – 27%
Latino (1) - 1%
Other (0) – 0%
Unknown (37) – 44%

Accused Gender

Male (49) – 58%
Female (0) – 0%
Unknown (36) - 42%

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Districts where incident occurred

Eastern (8) – 9%
Central (12) – 14%
Western (9) – 11%
Northern (7) – 8%
Northeastern (2) – 2%
Unknown (14) – 16%
Northwestern (6) – 7%
Southern (10) – 12%
Southeastern (4) – 5%
Southwestern (13) - 15%

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Excessive Force Allegations – Complainant's Race

African American (35) – 71%
White (10) – 20%
Unknown (4) – 8%

Abusive Language Allegations – Complainant's Race

African American (15) – 65%
White (5) – 22%
Unknown (3) - 13%

Harassment Allegations – Complainant's Race

African American (9) – 69%
Unknown (2) – 15%
White (2) – 15%

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Between January 1, 2002 and June 30, 2002 the Civilian Review Board of Baltimore City reviewed 53 completed investigations submitted by the Baltimore Police Department. Of these 53 completed investigations, 54 allegations of excessive force were reviewed.

- **From these 54 allegations of excessive force, the IAD of the Baltimore Police Department rendered findings of:**

**Sustained on 2
Not Sustained on 19
Unfounded on 23
Exonerated on 10**

- **From these 54 allegations of excessive force, the CRB rendered findings of:**

**Sustained on 3
Not Sustained on 41
Unfounded on 0
Exonerated on 3**

(Seven allegations resulted in a split vote with no clear finding.)

The CRB cannot render an unfounded finding, as defined by statute.

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- **Of these 53 completed investigations, 38 allegations of abusive language were reviewed.**
- **From these 38 allegations of abusive language, the IAD of the Baltimore Police Department rendered findings of:**

Sustained on 2
Not Sustained on 27
Unfounded on 9
Exonerated on 0

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- **From these 38 allegations of abusive language, the CRB rendered findings of:**

Sustained on 3

Not Sustained on 30

Unfounded on 0

Exonerated on 2

(Three allegations resulted in a split vote with no clear finding.)

The CRB cannot render an unfounded finding, as defined by statute.

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- From these 53 completed investigations, 2 allegations of harassment were reviewed.
- From these 2 allegations of harassment, the IAD of the Baltimore Police Department had not yet completed its investigation.
- From these 2 allegations of harassment, the CRB rendered a finding of:

**Sustained on 0
Not Sustained on 2
Unfounded on 0
Exonerated on 0**

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For the review period from January 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002, the Civilian Review Board affirmed the IAD findings on approximately 49% of the total allegations reviewed.

For the review period from January 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002, the Civilian Review Board voted to reverse the findings of IAD, from unfounded to sustained on a single allegation of excessive force. The Board also voted to reverse the findings of IAD, from not sustained to sustained on a single allegation of abusive language.

For the review period of January 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002, the Civilian Review Board of Baltimore City reviewed 1 completed investigation from the School Police. This complaint contained 1 allegation of excessive force, 1 allegation of abusive language, and 1 allegation of harassment.

Each allegation was found not sustained.