



**CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD of BALTIMORE CITY
SEMIANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT
January 1, 2017 – June 31, 2017**

I. INTRODUCTION

In the first half of 2017, the Civilian Review Board received a total of 130 complaints of police misconduct and closed 39 complaints. The Board sustained 7 allegations in 5 complaints against law enforcement officers within its jurisdiction.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Highlights

In January 2017, former Maryland State Delegate Jill P. Carter joined the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) as Director. The OCR houses four separate agencies, including the Civilian Review Board (Board).

In February 2017, the Board lost quorum and consequently, lost the ability to conduct official business until June 2017.

In March 2017, the Office added a part-time investigator, bringing the total number of Board investigators to three; the other two investigators are full-time members of staff.

In April 2017, U.S. District Judge James K. Bredar approved the consent decree signed by the Mayor of Baltimore, the Baltimore Police Department, and the U.S. Department of Justice.

In May 2017, the Board regained quorum after Mayor Catherine E. Pugh appointed five new members to the Board, all of whom were confirmed by the City Council. In addition, the Maryland General Assembly passed HB1037, which altered the Board's enabling statute by (1) removing the requirement that complaints made to the Board needed notarization, and (2)

extending the length of time an individual can file an excessive force complaint from within 90 days to within 1-year. These changes became effective July 1, 2017.

In June 2017, Mayor Pugh appointed nine members to the Community Oversight Task Force, a temporary body mandated by the Consent Decree to study the Board and publish a report proposing reforms designed to increase the Board's effectiveness.

B. Current Status

As of the date of this report, the Board's four open seats remain vacant. These seats are assigned to the following police districts: Northeastern, Eastern, Southern, and Western.

The Board's three investigators (two f/t, one p/t) currently have a total caseload of over 150 investigations. Investigators are working diligently to complete cases in a timely manner despite inadequate resources.

The Board's enabling statute limits its jurisdiction to reviewing only five types of complaints: Excessive Force, False Arrest, False Imprisonment, Harassment, and Abusive Language. Because there is no mechanism in place that allows the Board to review complaints that originate with law enforcement agencies, said agencies can classify complaints in ways that prevent their forwarding to the Board for review, even if a complaint's written narrative supports otherwise.

C. Future Expectations

The Board is optimistic about the coming changes required by the Consent Decree and the Community Oversight Task Force's meaningful recommendations to advance the Board's breadth and reach. In the months and years ahead, the Board desires to see a substantial increase in statutory authority and financial resources to successfully carryout its public safety goal of building better community-police relations through robust and effective police accountability.

III. COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

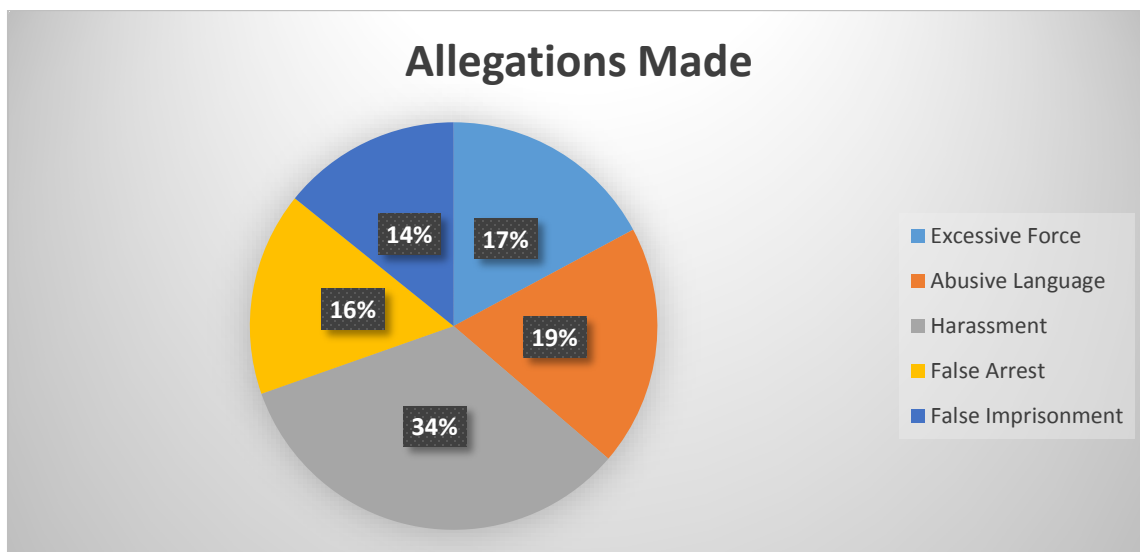
During this period, the Board received 130 complaints from members of the public alleging acts of misconduct by law enforcement officers. This represents an increase of 106 percent compared to the 63 complaints filed in first half of 2016.

Of the 130 complaints received during this period, 125 were filed against officers of the Baltimore Police Department; 4 against officers of agencies outside of the Board's jurisdiction; 1 against officers of the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office; and 0 against officers of the Baltimore Public School System, Baltimore City Community College, Morgan State University, and the Department of Public Works' Watershed/Environmental police unit. Although it is identified in the Board's enabling statute as a law enforcement unit within the Board's jurisdiction, the Baltimore City Housing Authority disbanded its police unit in May 2013.



IV. ALLEGATIONS MADE

Of the 130 complaints filed during the period, members of the public made 204 allegations. Broken down by category, there were 68 allegations of Harassment, 39 allegations of Abusive Language, 35 allegations of Excessive Force, 33 allegations of False Arrest, and 29 allegations of False Imprisonment. There were at least 3 allegations made that either fell outside of the Board's subject matter jurisdiction or were unintelligible.

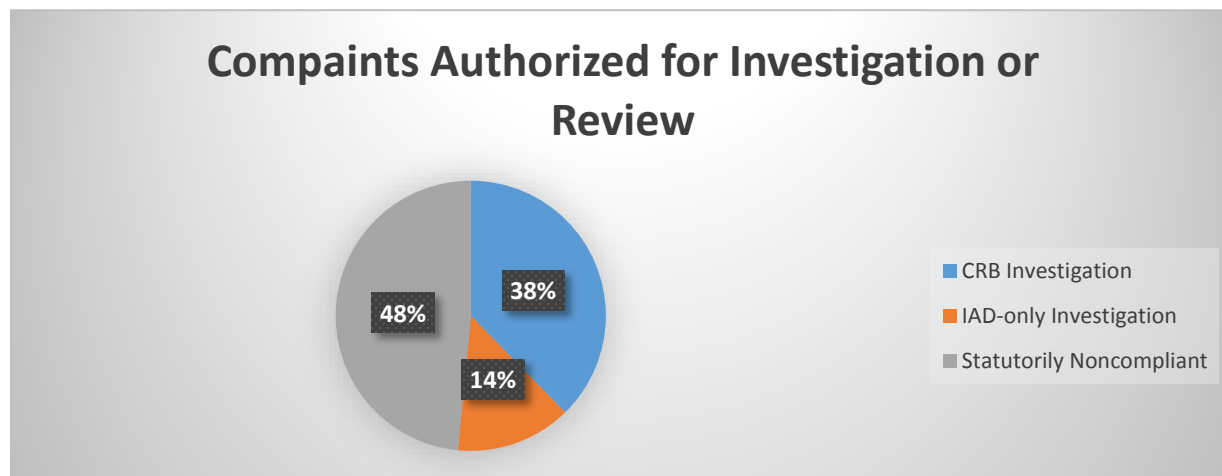


V. COMPLAINTS AUTHORIZED FOR INVESTIGATION OR REVIEW

Of the 130 complaints filed by members of the public during the period, 67 fell within the Civilian Review Board's ("Board") jurisdiction and were reviewed; 63 were determined ineligible because of issues meeting statutorily-defined requirements, whether substantive and/or technical.¹

¹ For example, members of the public filed complaints untimely or against law enforcement officers from other jurisdictions. Also, the Baltimore Police Department forwarded to the Office of Civil Rights 50 notifications of CRB-eligible complaints; however, Board staff was unsuccessful in converting those notifications into complaints that met the enabling statute's form requirements.

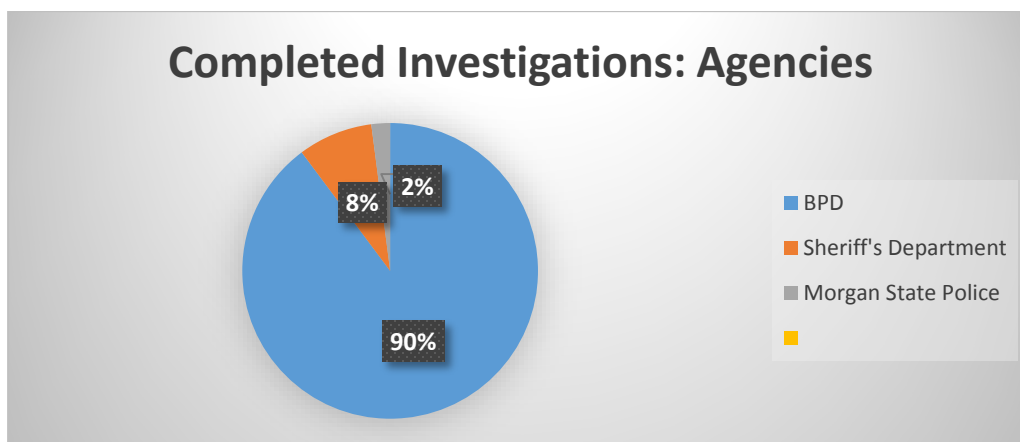
Of the 67 complaints reviewed, the Board authorized independent and concurrent investigations into 49 complaints. For 18 complaints, the Board declined to conduct an investigation, electing instead to review the investigation conducted by the respective Internal Affairs Division (IAD-only).



VI. COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS

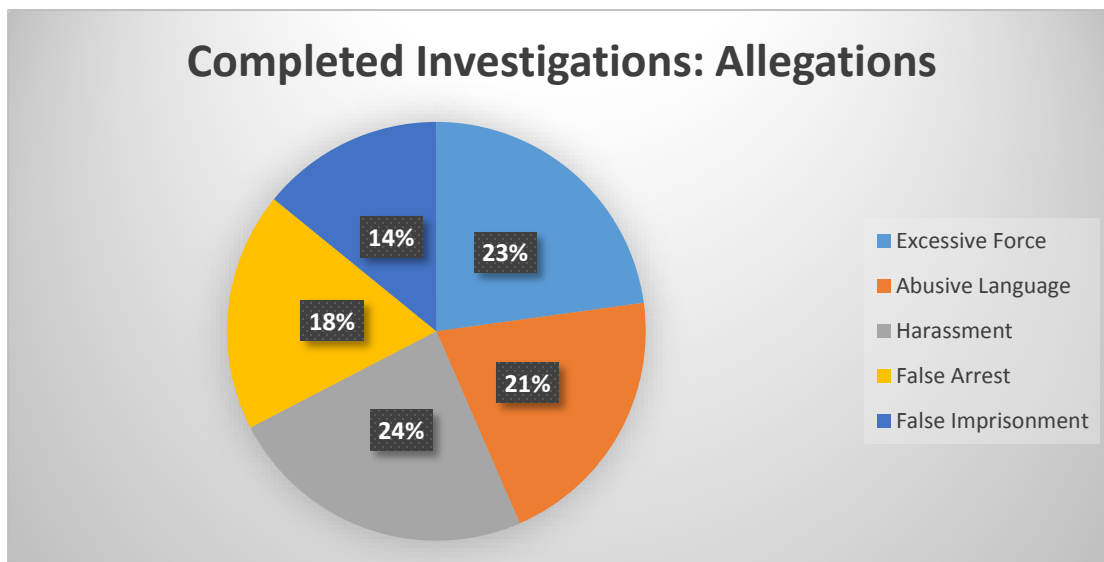
The Board reviewed 49 investigations completed by staff. Of the 49 reviewed, 44 were against members of the Baltimore Police Department; 4 against members of the Baltimore City Sheriff's Department; and 1 against members of the Morgan State University Police.

The Board closed 39 complaints during this period. It should be noted that from March 2017 through June 2017, the Board was unable to conduct official business, including reviewing and adjudicating cases, because of quorum issues.



VII. ALLEGATIONS WITHIN COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS

The 49 completed investigations reviewed contained 22 allegations of harassment, 21 allegations of excessive force, 19 allegations of abusive language, 17 allegations of false arrest, and 13 allegations of false imprisonment, for a total of 92 allegations reviewed.



VIII. BOARD FINDINGS

Of the 92 allegations reviewed, the Board recommended the reversal of an IAD finding of “Not Sustained” to a ‘Sustained’ in 8 of them, which makes up approximately 9% of the allegations reviewed.

IX. OFFICERS WITH MULTIPLE COMPLAINTS

Three (3) officers were noted as having multiple complaints during this period and generated 7 percent of the complaints the Board received.

2016	Complaints	Allegations				
		Harassment	False Arrest	False Imprisonment	Excessive Force	Abusive Language
	3	3	1	n/a	1	n/a
	3	1	1	1	1	n/a
	3	3	n/a	n/a	1	1

X. COMPLAINTS BY DISTRICT

	Complaints	EF	H	AL	FA	FI
Central	7 (5.4%)	4 (11.4%)	4 (5.9%)	1 (2.6%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)
Eastern	7 (5.4%)	2 (5.8%)	1 (1.5%)	3 (7.7%)	4 (12%)	4 (13.8%)
Western	7 (5.4%)	1 (2.9%)	3 (4.5%)	3 (7.7%)	3 (9%)	2 (6.8%)
NEastern	15 (11.5%)	3 (8.2%)	8 (11.8%)	3 (7.7%)	6 (18%)	5 (17.2%)
Northern	8 (6.1%)	3 (8.2%)	4 (5.9%)	3 (7.7%)	1 (3%)	2 (6.8%)
NWestern	3 (2.3%)	0 (0%)	3 (4.5%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Southern	7 (5.4%)	2 (5.8%)	5 (7.4%)	1 (2.6%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
SEastern	11 (8.5%)	3 (8.2%)	7 (10.3%)	7 (18%)	1 (3%)	1 (3.4%)
SWestern	14 (10.8%)	2 (5.8%)	3 (4.5%)	2 (5.1%)	8 (24%)	8 (27.6%)
Other Categories						
Unknown	43 (33%)	13 (37.1%)	25 (36.8%)	12 (30.8%)	6 (18%)	5 (17.2%)
School	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Ed&Tr	4 (3.1%)	1 (2.9%)	2 (3%)	2 (5.1%)	2 (6%)	1 (3.4%)
ExecProt	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Special Enf	4 (3.1%)	1 (2.9%)	3 (4.5%)	2 (5.1%)	1 (3%)	1 (3.4%)
Sheriff	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)