

1st Annual Report of the Santa Rosa Independent Police Auditor

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Overview

- Goals and activities
- Extent of auditing functions
- Methods of operation
- General Observations of SRPD
- Issues Identified
- Going forward goals and directions

Goals and Activities

- Goals

- Help improve service to community
- Help complainants
- Oversee & audit internal investigations
- Establish communication and credibility with stakeholders

- Activities

- Identifying opportunities for staff to address
- Meetings, calls & emails
- Reviewing files and videos
- Meetings, calls & emails, with continuing outreach

Auditing Activities

- Audited internal investigations:
 - 88 personnel complaints
 - 58 use of force review
- Audited 310 body cam videos
- Rode along for 66 hours
- Attended various SRPD meetings
- Met with dozens of concerned community members and complainants
- Attended various meetings in community
- Met with other community stakeholders

Methods of Operation

- Thorough review of all materials
- Identification of concerns and questions
- Discussions with appropriate SRPD staff
- Resolution

General Observations of SRPD

- Overall
- Patrol
- Command Staff
- Professional Standards Unit
 - Why and where to?
 - Successes and shortcomings still to be addressed

Issues Identified

- Better implementation of Body Worn Cameras
- PSU quality and consistency
- SRPD facility
- Challenges of the Homeless & Mentally Ill
- Overlapping but distinct Santa Rosas

Goals and Directions

- More work in and with community
- Continued auditing
- Continued work to make PSU more effective
- Assist in improving BWC collection & usage

Questions?