

## **INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR**

The mission of the San José Independent Police Auditor is to provide independent oversight of the police misconduct complaint process to ensure its fairness, thoroughness, and objectivity.

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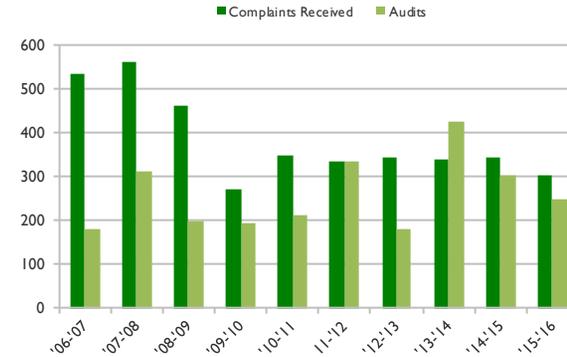
The Independent Police Auditor (IPA) provides the public with an objective review of police misconduct investigations in order to instill confidence in the complaint process and to provide independent oversight. In addition, the IPA conducts outreach to the San José community, proposes recommendations to improve San José Police Department (SJPD) policies and procedures, prepares annual public reports about complaint trends, and works to strengthen the relationship between the SJPD and the community it serves.

In 2015-16, the operating budget for the IPA totaled \$1.3 million. The IPA authorized positions remained unchanged from last year—6 in 2015-16.

In 2015-16, the IPA received 302 complaints from the public regarding SJPD officers, 12 percent fewer than the previous year. There were 44 percent fewer complaints than ten years ago. The number of people receiving IPA outreach services at community events or meetings decreased by 40 percent from 11,323 in 2014-15 to 6,777\* in 2015-16, but it is comparable to a decade ago with 6,168.

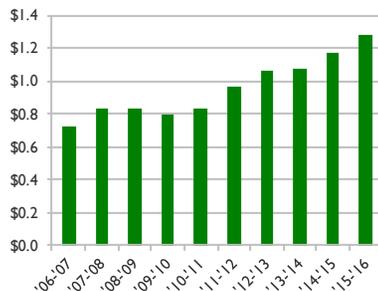
*\*The change in outreach efforts from the prior year were due to staff shortages in the IPA Office over the past fiscal year as well as the physical location change of the Office.*

**Complaints Received and IPA Audits**

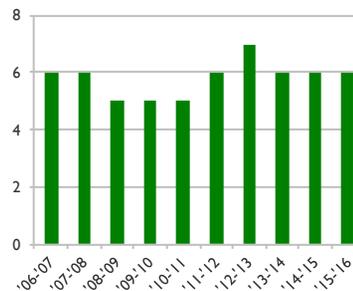


Note: The IPA audits only those complaints classified as “conduct complaints” or “policy complaints”. In general, the SJPD must complete its complaint investigation within one year from the date that the complaint was received. Thus, complaints received in one fiscal year may not be closed and audited until the following fiscal year.

**IPA Operating Budget (\$millions)**



**IPA Authorized Positions**



**Individuals Receiving Outreach Services at Community Events/Meetings**

