

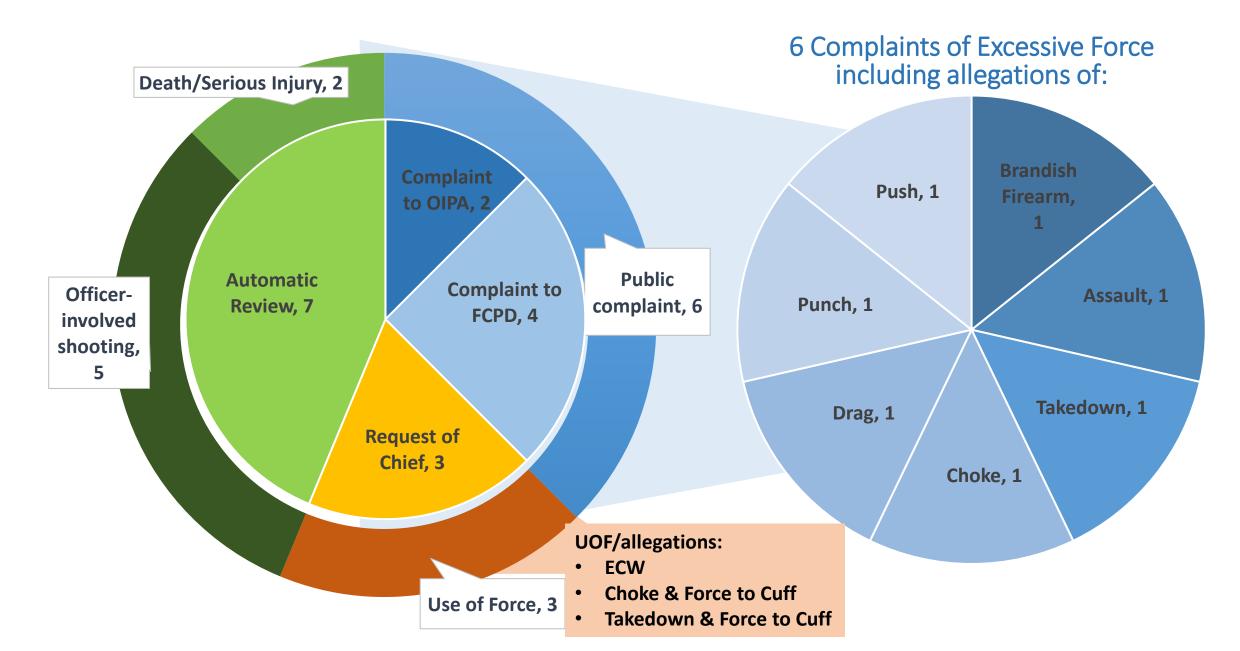
# **Independent Police Auditor**

**Public Safety Committee Meeting** 

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May 17, 2022

#### 16 Case Reviews Open in 2021



#### 2021 Incident Reports: Summary of Findings

| IPA Case # | Incident Date | Incident Type/<br>Allegation        | Report Date | Investigation Complete, Thorough,<br>Objective, Impartial, Accurate | Recommendations<br>Made |
|------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|---|-------------------------|
| IPA-19-04  | 4/25/2019     | UOF<br>(Takedown, Force to<br>Cuff) | IPA-19-04   | Yes   | No                      |
| IPA-19-05  | 6/25/2019     | OIS<br>(Domesticated Animal)        | IPA-19-05   | Yes   | No                      |
| IPA-19-06  | 7/20/2019     | UOF<br>(Force to Cuff, Choke)       | IPA-19-06   | Yes   | Yes                     |
| IPA-19-07  | 10/21/2019    | OIS                                 | IPA-19-07   | Yes   | No                      |
| IPA-20-01  | 10/20/2019    | Death/Serious Injury                | IPA-20-01   | Yes   | Yes                     |
| IPA-20-03  | 10/25/2019    | UOF<br>(Choke)                      | IPA-20-03   | Yes   | Yes                     |
| IPA-20-06  | 5/27/2020     | UOF<br>(Punch; Drag)                | IPA-20-06   | Yes   | Yes<br>3                |

## **Recommendations & Implementation Status**

| Report Type/<br>Incident Date | Report<br>Date | Recommendation  | Status  |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---|---|
| Memo                          | 12/11/2018     | Clarifying in G.O. 610.3 III. C. that warrants must be served<br>within 15 days after being obtained and removing the<br>possibility of an exception to this timeline and ensuring<br>adherence to VA code § 19.2-56. | Implemented (see G.O. 611, effective 7/1/2021)                    |
| Memo                          | 12/11/2018     | Specifying within G.O. 610.3 IV. B. that the presence of<br>domesticated animals should be presented at the briefing<br>prior to executing a search warrant to make it consistent with<br>G.O. 540.10 I. B.           | Implemented (see G.O. 611, effective 7/1/2021)                    |
| Memo                          | 12/11/2018     | Clarifying in G.O. 610.3 V. B. that a member of the search team<br>should "document" the execution of a search warrant, not<br>"record" it, which could be construed as audio or video<br>recording.                  | Implemented (see G.O. 611, effective 7/1/2021)                    |
| Memo                          | 12/11/2018     | Adding language to G.O. 610.3 VI. to specify that the knock<br>and announce requirements prior to entry still apply when a<br>search site is known or thought to be vacant.   | Implemented (see G.O. 611, effective 7/1/2021)                    |
| Memo                          | 12/11/2018     | Clarify in G.O. 610.3 VII. C. that no frisk can occur unless the officer conducting the frisk can articulate reasonable suspicion that the individual frisked is armed and poses a danger.                            | Implemented (see G.O. 611, effective 7/1/2021)                    |
| Memo                          | 12/11/2018     | In G.O. 610.3 IX. B. removing confusing language regarding where a statement should be filed when no items are seized in a search.  | Implemented with modifications (see G.O. 611, effective 7/1/2021) |

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| Memo                          | 5/26/2020      | Policy changes to G.O. 603.4 POLICE CITIZEN CONTACT,<br>including clarifying elements of reasonable suspicion and<br>making the reasonable suspicion standard consistent<br>throughout the G.O.   | Implemented (see G.O. 002 Human Relations, 7/9/2021) |
| Memo                          | 5/26/2020      | Policy changes to G.O. 601 ARREST PROCEDURES, including to recognize the full extent of and limitations on the lawful search incident to arrest.  | Implemented (G.O. 601, effective 1/1/2021)           |
| 20-06<br>5/27/2020            | 2/25/2021      | Reiterated recommendation from 20-07  | In progress  |
| 19-06<br>7/20/2019            | 3/5/2021       | Revise the language in FCPD Regulation 201.22 to reflect that<br>bias-based policing is prohibited even during consensual law<br>enforcement activity and that the department's IAB will<br>investigate all allegations of bias-based policing in an effort to<br>prove or disprove them. | Implemented (see G.O. 002, effective 7/9/2021)       |
| 20-01<br>10/20/2019           | 3/25/2021      | FCPD G.O 502 on "normal vehicle operations" should be revised to fix grammatical errors and reduce redundant language.  | In progress  |

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| 20-03<br>10/25/2019           | 5/7/2021       | Add the "preponderance of the evidence" burden of proof<br>standard to both the "Unfounded" and the "In Compliance"<br>findings listed in FCPD G.O. 301 VI.  | In progress |
| 20-03<br>10/25/2019           | 5/7/2021       | Whenever possible, any vehicle used to transport an arrestee<br>shall be equipped with forward-facing and rear-facing in-car<br>video capability and shall be equipped with safety partitions<br>between the front and rear seats. | In progress |
| Memo                          | 6/9/2021       | Revision to FCPD G.O. 601 ARREST PROCEDURES to reflect 4th<br>Circuit ruling in U.S. v. Davis.   | In progress |

## Other 2021 Activities

- UTSA study, *An Investigation of the Use of Force by the Fairfax County Police Department,* presented to the Board in June 2021 and to the community in October 2021
- Support to the Police Civilian Review Panel and establishment of Panel Executive Director position
- Outreach and media events
- Independent intake venue for complaints against the FCPD
- Reviewed IAB complaint status to ensure timely and adequate responses to complainants
- Professional development NACOLE Use of Force Policy Development Committee