

Independent Police Advisory Panels

Mission Statement

To enhance police accountability and transparency to the community and foster public confidence and trust in the administration and operation of the City of Sarasota Police Department (SPD).

Description of Operations

The office will manage the activities of:

- * the Independent Police Advisory Panel, established in December, 2010, to advise and make recommendations to the City Commission on major policy aspects of policing within the City and other global policy matters.
- * the Police Complaints Committee, established in December, 2010, to advise the Chief of Police on policies, practices and procedures pertaining to the processing of complaints made against officers employed by the SPD.

The office will be engaged in the following activities:

- Recruitment, selection and training of members of the two police advisory bodies.
- Design and formulation of rules for the conduct of meetings and administrative instructions.
- Production of agendas, minutes of meetings, reports and the provision of background material.
- Production of reports of complaint investigation carried out by the Internal Affairs and Complaint Office, SPD.
- Accurate reporting of advice to the Chief of Police and responses from the Chief to members.
- Creating interface between the community and the police.
- Explaining and advertising the benefits of citizen police advisory groups.
- Provision of professional law enforcement advice to the advisory groups.
- Administration of, and participation in, the activities of the Panel and the Committee.
- Create a focal point for the receipt of complaints from the public against police and a conduit for their passage to the police for investigation.

CITYWIDE PRIORITIES

PRIORITY - Operational Focus

Strategy

Provide professional support to the advisory groups and facilitate police/City/community understanding and trust.

Objective

- Communicate through participation at Police and Administration command meetings and public forums, and through media contact.
- Achieve transparency through public participation in advisory group meetings, critical review of practices, policies and procedures and the publication of results.
- Educate all stakeholders by the provision of professional advice, timely Minutes and Reports.
- Inform Commissioners on police issues which have community implications and impact.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Description	Unit	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Input Measure					
Advisory group meetings conducted	Number	16	20	18	18
Output Measure					
Reports issued to the public	Number	19	22	19	18
Speaking appearances	Number	7	9	8	8
Effectiveness Measure					
Complaints received against police officers	Number	14	12	10	9

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Cost Center Expenditures By Category

	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Budget	FY 2015 Continuation	FY 2015 Issues	FY 2015 Totals
Personnel	40,575	52,014	52,014	0	52,014
Operating Expenditures	206	2,800	2,800	0	2,800
Totals	40,781	54,814	54,814	0	54,814

Personnel Summary

Actual Positions		0.70	0.70	0.00	0.70
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