



February 15, 2013

TO: Rod R. Knecht
Chief of Police

FROM: A/Officer in Charge Albert Lacher
Professional Standards Branch

RE: MONTHLY REPORT – January 2013

This report has been prepared for the February 21, 2013, Edmonton Police Commission meeting.

During the month of January 2013, Professional Standards Branch opened 94 new files:


- 21 Public complaints as defined by Part 5 of the *Police Act*;
- 1 Internal complaint as defined by Part 5 of the *Police Act*;
- 1 EPS Matter; and
- 71 Citizen Contacts.

Additionally, 3 files were directed for criminal investigation (Statutory Complaint).

Concluded 108 files:

- 0 Public Statutory Complaints;
- 2 Internal Statutory Complaints;
- 6 Public complaints as defined by Part 5 of the *Police Act*, including 1 complaint regarding policies or services provided by the EPS;
- 4 Internal complaints as defined by Part 5 of the *Police Act*;
- 14 EPS Matters; and
- 82 Citizen Contacts.

The Edmonton Police Service received 38,095 calls in Communications Section, dispatched 11,669 of those calls and recorded opening 23 compliments.



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cc: Shami Sandhu, Chair, Edmonton Police Commission



**January 2013 REPORT TO THE
EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION**



The following report is submitted for:

- Approval
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 Information

**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BRANCH
February 21, 2013, *OPEN MEETING***

Approved by:

**Rod R. Knecht
Chief of Police**

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Inspector Denis Jubinville



**Professional Standards Branch
January 2013
Edmonton Police Service**

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

January Update

1. RECEIVED FILES

The following figure shows the number and type of files received during the month of January. Blue colours represent informal files and red colours represent formal investigations. Lighter shades indicate internally generated files and darker shades indicate externally generated files. As can be seen below, during the month of January, PSB received 72 informal files and 22 formal complaints.

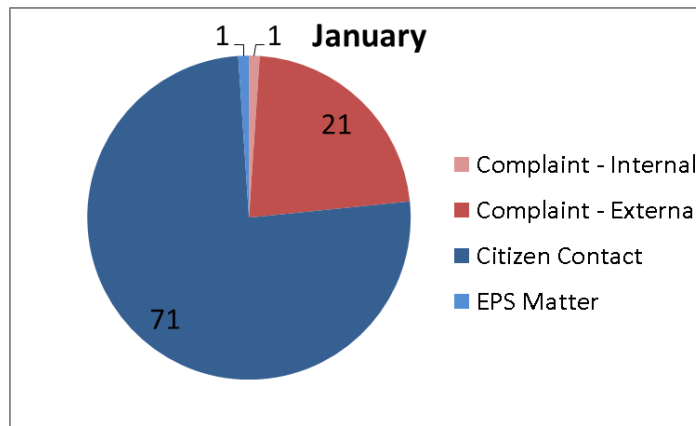


Figure 1-1. Type of Files Received During January

The following figure shows the year-to-date percentage increase or decrease in formal complaints and total files compared to 2012 values. The percentage differences below are quite large since this is a comparison of only one month (January). The difference in formal complaints represents an increase of 6 investigations, and the difference in total files received represents an increase of 10 files.

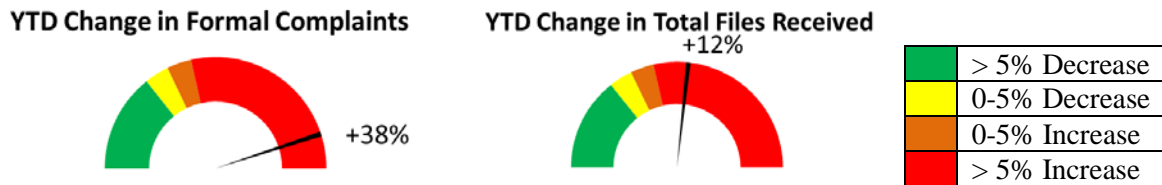


Figure 1-2. Year-to-Date Changes in Files

2. CURRENT WORKLOAD

The following figure displays the status of all open PSB files and shows the age of the file for all active files. As of January 31, 2012, PSB had 450 open investigations; 276 of those files are *Police Act* or Statutory investigations. The remaining files are informal concerns received internally or from the public. An investigation is listed as “Suspended” when it is not currently being advanced. Reasons for suspending a file may include executive review of the investigation, disciplinary hearings, criminal investigation or court proceedings. An investigation is listed as “Forwarded” when it is ongoing but not under the control of PSB. Reasons for forwarding a file may include supervisory reviews, obtaining legal opinions, or investigation by outside investigators.

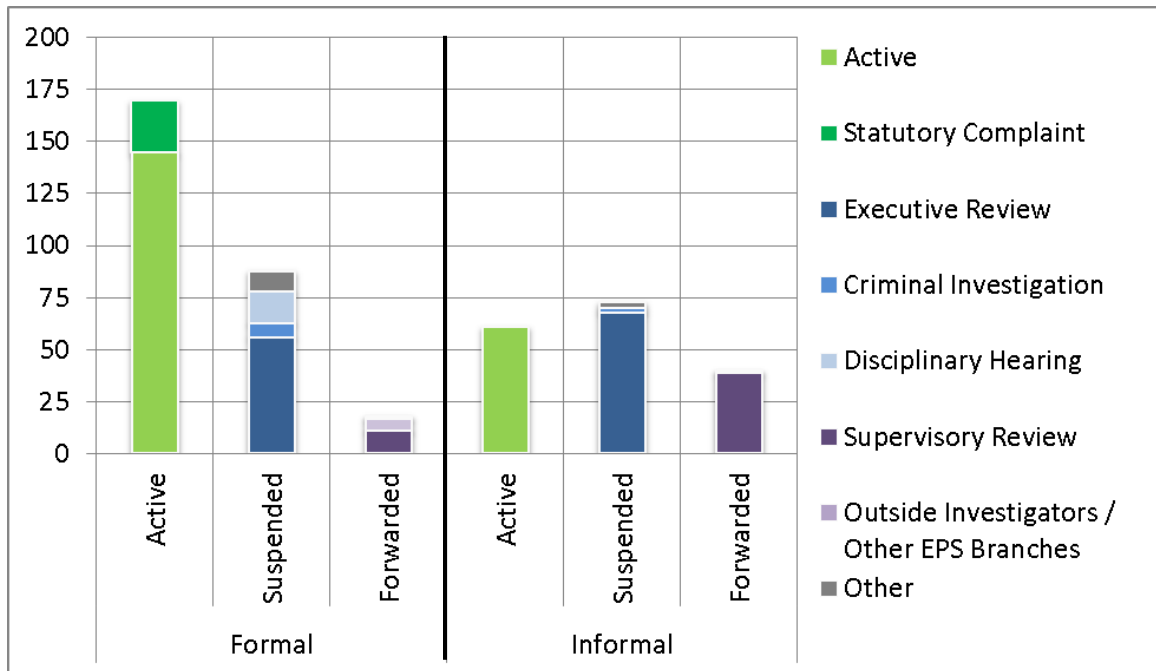


Figure 2-1. Status of All Open Investigations and Reasons for Suspension or Forward

The following figure shows the age and status of all open PSB investigations. Each individual marker (i.e., diamond, circle or triangle) represents one investigation; thus the number of open investigations from a given time period is indicated by the density of the markers.

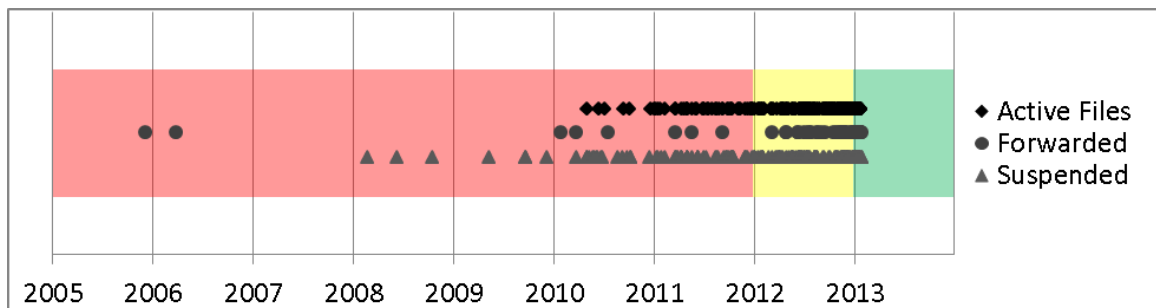


Figure 2-2. Age and Status of All Open Investigations

The following figure shows the stage of investigation for formal complaints by month. The stages of investigation include Clarification (interviewing the complainant to determine the specific details of the complaint), Collection (collection of evidence and witness interviews), Subject Officer Interviews (explanatory reports and/or interview of the subject officer), Report (compiling the final report) and Disposition (executive review of the file). Investigations may also be placed on “Hold” (e.g., for dispute resolution, legal review, hearing, etc.) or may be undetermined (e.g., for complaints that are not proceeding to formal investigation). Complaints in the “Hold” stage or with an undetermined stage are not included in this figure.



Figure 2-3. Monthly Comparison of Complaint Stages

3. CONCLUDED FILES

The following figure shows the disposition of all files concluded during the month of January, including 2 statutory complaints, 10 formal complaints, 82 Citizen Contact files and 14 EPS Matters.

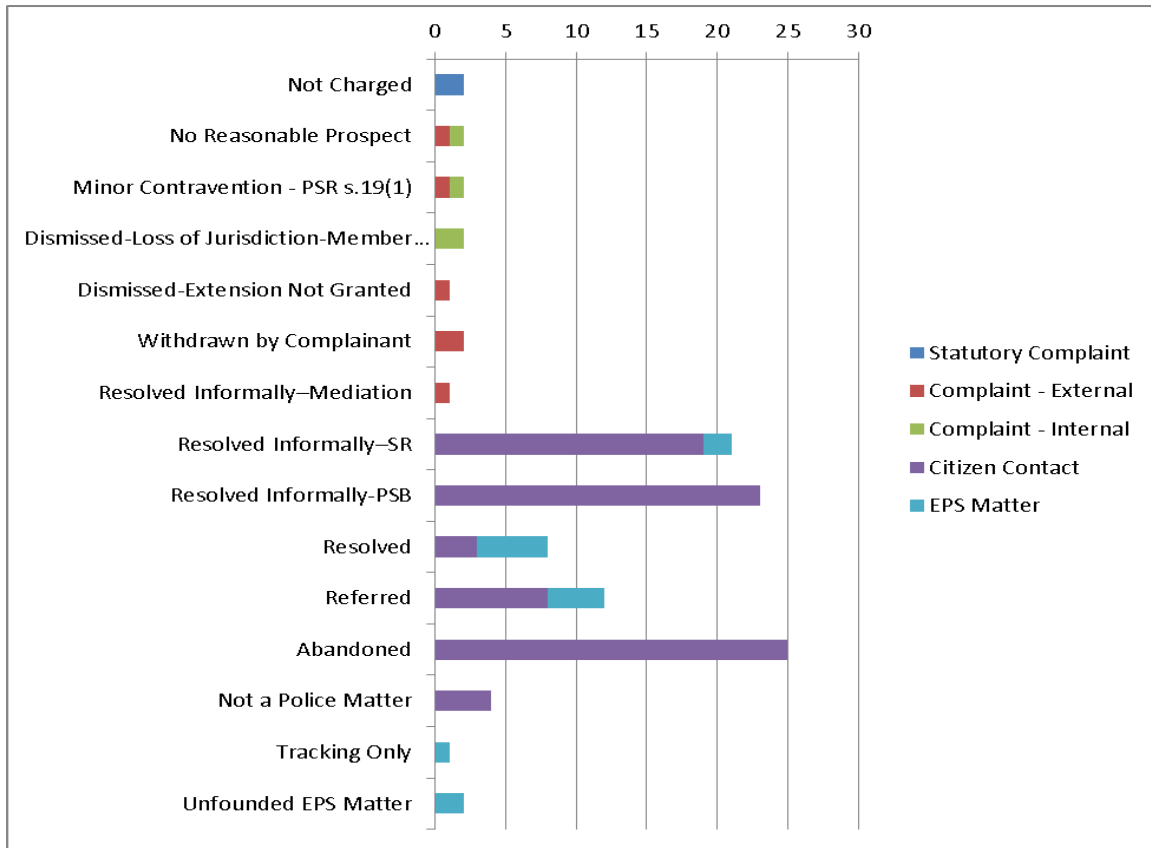


Figure 3-1. Dispositions of Concluded Files

	2011		2012		2013	
	January	YTD	January	YTD	January	YTD
Received						
Complaint	20	20	16	16	22	22
Citizen Contact	62	62	60	60	71	71
EPS Matter	11	11	8	8	1	1
Total	93	93	84	84	94	94
Concluded						
Complaint	25	25	12	12	10	10
Citizen Contact	45	45	45	45	82	82
EPS Matter	15	15	12	12	14	14
Total	85	85	69	69	106	106

Figure 3-2. Three-Year File Comparison for the Month of January

DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN AGAINST MEMBERS

1. I.A. File Number: IA2011-0732
Complainant: EPS
Date of Complaint: September 26, 2011
Subject Officer: Reg. No. 2060 Cst. L. Lamb
- Deceit x 2
 - Discreditable Conduct x 2
 - Insubordination x 1
- Presenting Officer: M. Sallaberry, Edmonton Police Service
Presiding Officer: Supt. M. Logar, Edmonton Police Service

Cst. Lamb was issued an immediate dismissal on January 29, 2013, by Supt. Logar for the five proven counts of misconduct. The hearing was closed.

PENDING DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS

1. I.A. File Number: IA2011-0745
Date of Complaint: September 21, 2011
Subject Officer: Constable A.B.
- Insubordination x 1
 - Discreditable Conduct x 1
 - Corrupt Practice x 1
 - Deceit x 1
- Presenting Officer: D. Cranna, Field LLP
Presiding Officer: Supt. M. Logar, Edmonton Police Service

Open Disciplinary Hearing is scheduled for February 19, 2013.

2. I.A. File Number: IA2011-0839
Date of Complaint: October 27, 2011
Subject Officer: Constable A.B.
- Corrupt Practice x 1
 - Discreditable Conduct x 1
- Presenting Officer: S. Johnson, Edmonton Police Service
Presiding Officer: Supt. M. Logar, Edmonton Police Service

Open Disciplinary Hearing is scheduled for February 26, 2013.

3. I.A. File Number: IA2008-0801
Date of Complaint: October 28, 2008
Subject Officer: Constable A.B.
- Unlawful or Unnecessary Exercise of Authority x 1
- Presenting Officer: M. Sallaberry, Edmonton Police Service
Presiding Officer: Supt. M. Logar, Edmonton Police Service

Open Disciplinary Hearing is scheduled for March 8, 2013.

4. I.A. File Number: IA2008-0475
Date of Complaint: June 10, 2008
Subject Officer: Constable A.B.
- Unlawful or Unnecessary Exercise of Authority x 1
 - Deceit x 2
- Presenting Officer: G. Crowe, Edmonton Police Service
Presiding Officer: Supt. T. Grue, Edmonton Police Service

Open Disciplinary Hearing is scheduled for April 3, 2013.

5. I.A. File Number: IA2011-0929
Date of Complaint: December 9, 2011
Subject Officer: Constable A.B.
- Discreditable Conduct x 1
 - Insubordination x 1
- Presenting Officer: M. Sallaberry, Edmonton Police Service
Presiding Officer: Supt. T. Grue, Edmonton Police Service

Open Disciplinary Hearing is scheduled for April 4, 2013.

6. I.A. File Number: IA2010-0452
Date of Complaint: February 8, 2011
Subject Officer: Constable A.B.
- Discreditable Conduct x 2
- Presenting Officer: M. Sallaberry, Edmonton Police Service
Presiding Officer: Supt. T. Grue, Edmonton Police Service

Open Disciplinary Hearing is scheduled for April 12, 2013.

7. I.A. File Number: IA2008-0843
Date of Complaint: October 20, 2008
Redirected by the LERB August 24, 2012
Subject Officer: Constable A.B.
- Neglect of Duty x 1
- Presenting Officer: M. Sallaberry, Edmonton Police Service
Presiding Officer: Supt. T. Grue, Edmonton Police Service

Open Disciplinary Hearing is scheduled for May 8 and 9, 2013.

DELAYED OFFICER NOTIFICATION

Professional Standards Branch has not delayed notifying the subject officer in any investigations.

COMPLETED COMPLAINTS OF SERVICE
(Section 44 *Police Act*)

There was one Complaint of Service under Section 44 of the *Police Act* that was resolved or concluded during January 2013.

1. Concluded by the Chief of Police
PSB File Number: IA2012-0355
Date of Complaint: May 7, 2012

REVIEW PANEL MATTERS

There were four (4) matters brought forward to the Review Panel during the month of January.

1. I.A. File Number: IA2010-0861
Date of Complaint: October 12, 2010
Internal Complaint

2. I.A. File Number: IA2011-0063
Date of Complaint: January 19, 2011
Public Complaint

3. I.A. File Number: IA2011-0659
Date of Complaint: August 22, 2011
Internal Complainant

4. I.A. File Number: IA2012-0228
Date of Complaint: March 24, 2012
Internal Complainant

COMPLIMENTS

During the month of January 2013, twenty-three (23) letters of appreciation were entered by the Edmonton Police Service. Professional Standards Branch would like to present two (2) of these letters.

1.

Dear Chief Knecht:

Re: Commendable service of Detective Dale Myhre

I write to specially recognize the service of one of your members, Detective Dale Myhre, who presently works out of the Southeast Division of the EPS.

I first met Detective Myhre (then Constable) in 2009. At that time (and since 2007) he was the School Resource Officer (“SRO”) at Harry Ainlay Composite High School, where my daughter attended. The circumstances of this first meeting were not ideal. [Deleted], who was then 15 years of age, had experimented with some illegal drugs which were obtained at the school and which landed her in emergency.

Thereafter, I accompanied [deleted] to the Southwest Division station so that she could “provide information”. The members there referred us to (then) Constable Myhre at the school.

During Detective Myhre’s tenure as the SRO at the school from 2009–2010, he remained in contact with [deleted] and me, in addition to other kids and parents from the school. He forged a positive connection with my daughter and other kids who then spoke of him, and still speak of him today, with great respect and esteem. That is quite a feat given that high school kids can be a pretty tough, impenetrable crowd!

Even after Detective Myhre’s departure from the SRO position in 2010, he remained in contact with [deleted] and me and, I understand, other kids and parents from the school. He kept up this contact even though he had assumed other responsibilities and duties.

In late 2012 (which by then, I am happy to report, [deleted] had graduated and was on a good path), I received an email from Detective Myhre who was again checking in to see how [deleted] and family were doing. I was pleased to tell him that [deleted], now almost 18, had taken an interest in a policing career. Detective Myhre’s response was enthusiastic and he immediately offered guidance and assistance to [deleted], which she gratefully accepted. Detective Myhre continues to generously give much of his time to [deleted] to speak with her about a policing career with the EPS as well as support her in other matters.

[Deleted]’s 18th birthday was at the end of December 2012. Given her present career interest, I contacted Detective Myhre to ask whether it would be possible to obtain some promotional EPS items to include for her birthday. Once again, Detective Myhre’s response was immediate and enthusiastic and, in the result, made her birthday quite memorable and special.

In my respectful submission, Detective Myhre’s generosity of spirit—in terms of both his time and genuine concern to and for others, especially youngsters, in his community—deserves special recognition. He has made a positive difference in many lives and has served our community in an

exemplary fashion. He has and still serves as a positive role model for youth and young adults. His commendable service reflects very well on the EPS as a whole.

I notice that on one of the EPS's crests are the words "Integrity, Community and Courage".

In my view, Detective Dale Myhre is an exemplar of this motto and deserves special recognition.

Yours truly,

2.

To whom it may concern:

I wanted to write to thank some police officers who helped me out today. Due to the unseasonably warm weather and a massive snow fall I got stuck backing out of my parking spot. I couldn't go forward and I couldn't go back as the parking lot slopes a bit, as well as the buildup of slushy ice and snow.

Two constables were at my neighbour's door and came over to help. I didn't catch their names but they were both from Britain, one officer had been here since 2007 and his partner had only been here for 2 years. They spent a half an hour pushing and shoveling to try and help me get my car free. They called in a second car and with the efforts of four men, we were able to get the car moving and back into the parking spot. I really want to thank them and thank you, the Edmonton City Police force for all of your help and effort.

I didn't catch their names but they were in at my address: [deleted]

If someone could contact me and give me their names and where I can send some Tim Horton's gift cards I would really like to do that as a way to say thank you.

Thank you so much again for all of your help and support. It was much appreciated!

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