



October 10, 2013

TO: Rod R. Knecht
Chief of Police

FROM: A/Inspector Al Murphy
Professional Standards Branch

RE: MONTHLY REPORT – September 2013

This report has been prepared for the October 17, 2013, Edmonton Police Commission meeting.

During the month of September 2013, Professional Standards Branch opened 85 new files:

- 14 Public complaints as defined by Part 5 of the *Police Act*;
- 4 Internal complaints as defined by Part 5 of the *Police Act*;
- 5 EPS Matters; and
- 62 Citizen Contacts.

Additionally, 1 file was directed for Criminal Investigation (*Statutory Complaints*).

Concluded 56 files:

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

The Edmonton Police Service received 41,239 calls in Communications Section and recorded receiving 30 compliments.

A/Inspector Al Murphy
Professional Standards Branch

cc: Shami Sandhu, Chair
Edmonton Police Commission

CHIEF R.R. KNECHT
EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE



September 2013 REPORT TO THE EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION




The following report is submitted for:

- Approval
- Ratification
- Information

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BRANCH
October 17, 2013 *OPEN MEETING*

Approved by:



Rod R. Knecht
Chief of Police

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Al Murphy
A/Inspector



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

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

September Update

1. RECEIVED FILES

The following figure shows the number and type of files received during the month of September. Blue colors represent informal files and red colors 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 September, PSB received 67 informal files and 18 formal complaints.

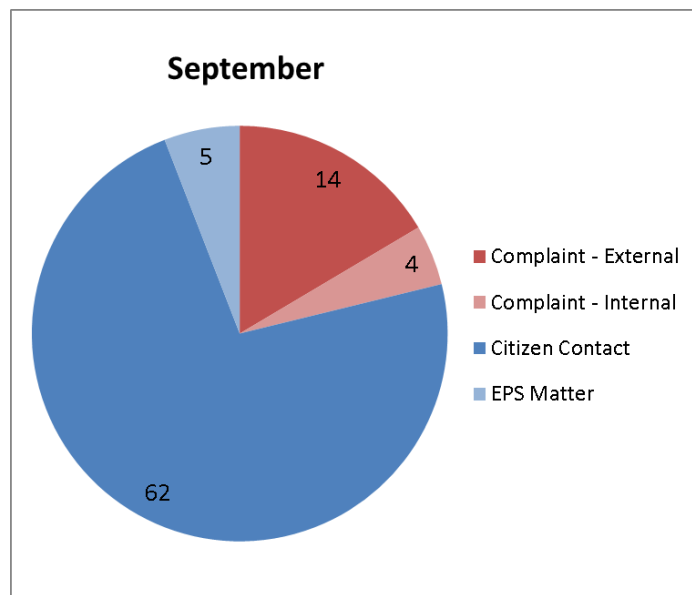


Figure 1-1. Type of Files Received During September

The following figure shows the year-to-date percentage increase or decrease in formal complaints and total files compared to 2012 values. The difference in formal complaints represents an increase of 10 investigations, and the difference in total files received represents a decrease of 8 files.

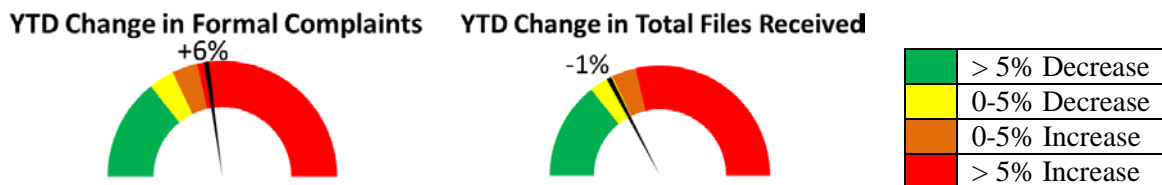


Figure 1-2. Year-to-Date Changes in Files Received

2. CURRENT WORKLOAD

The following figure displays the status of all open PSB files. As of September 30, 2013, PSB had 383 open investigations; 244 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.

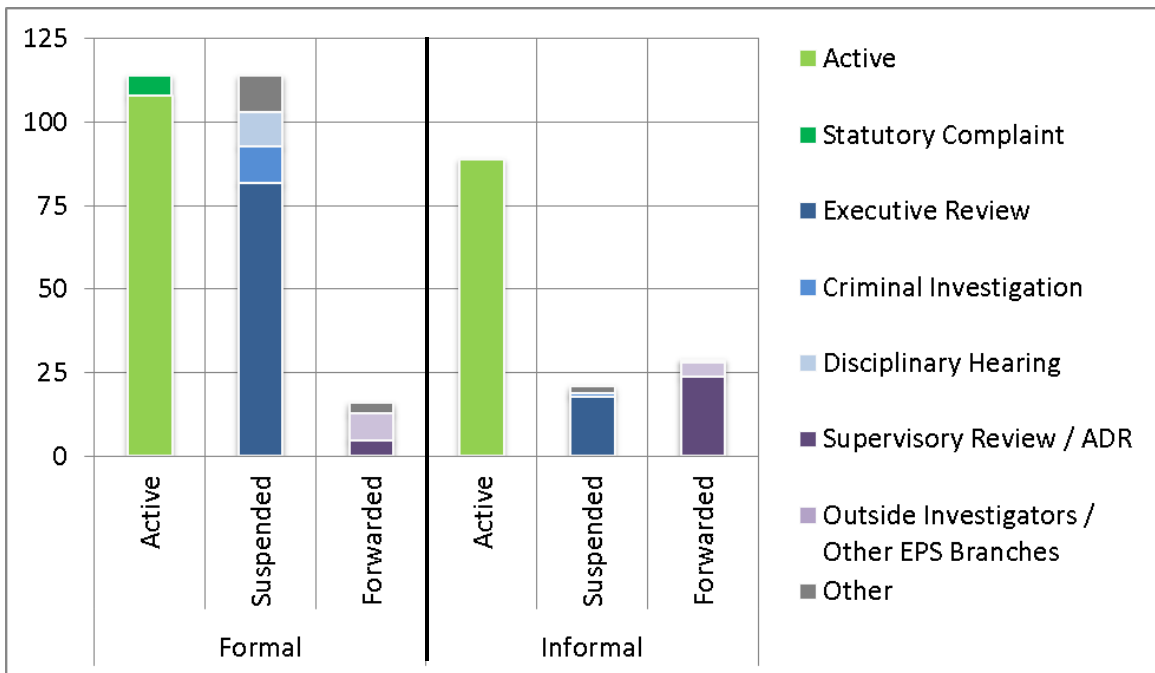


Figure 2-1. Status of All Open Investigations and Reasons for Suspension or Forward

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 Executive Review. Investigations may also be pending other processes (e.g., dispute resolution, legal review, hearing, etc.) or may be undetermined (e.g., for complaints that are not proceeding to formal investigation).

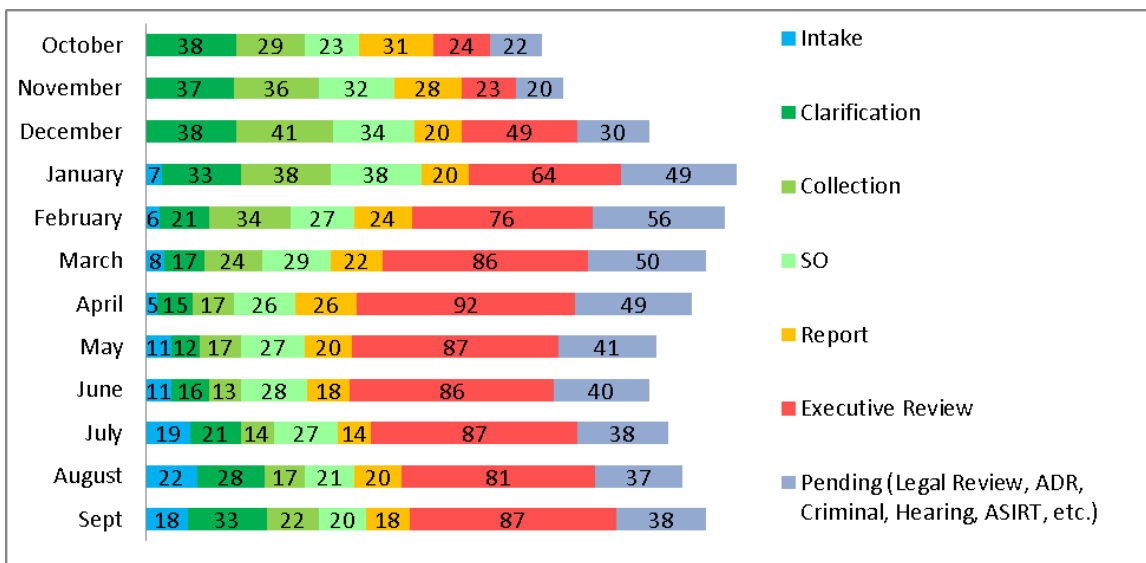


Figure 2-3. Monthly Comparison of Complaint Stages

The following figure breaks down the 87 files marked above as being in the Executive Review stage. As seen below, 8 of the files are less than 6 months old, 44 files are currently being reviewed by an investigative manager and 34 are being reviewed by the Inspector. The remaining 9 files (“Other” category) may already be concluded or are awaiting review outside of PSB (e.g., by the Commission or the Chief).

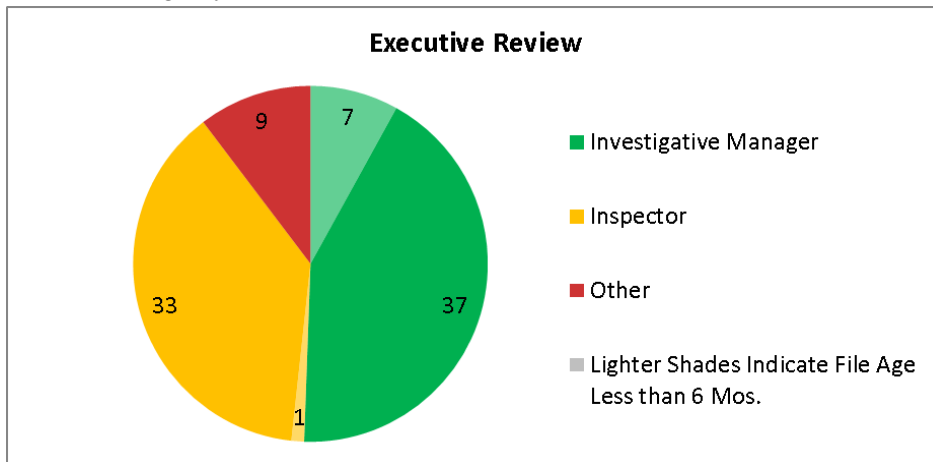


Figure 2-4. Assignment of Files in Executive Review Stage

3. CONCLUDED FILES

The following figure shows the disposition of all files concluded during the month of September, including 1 Statutory Complaint, 9 formal complaints, 39 Citizen Contacts and 7 EPS Matters.

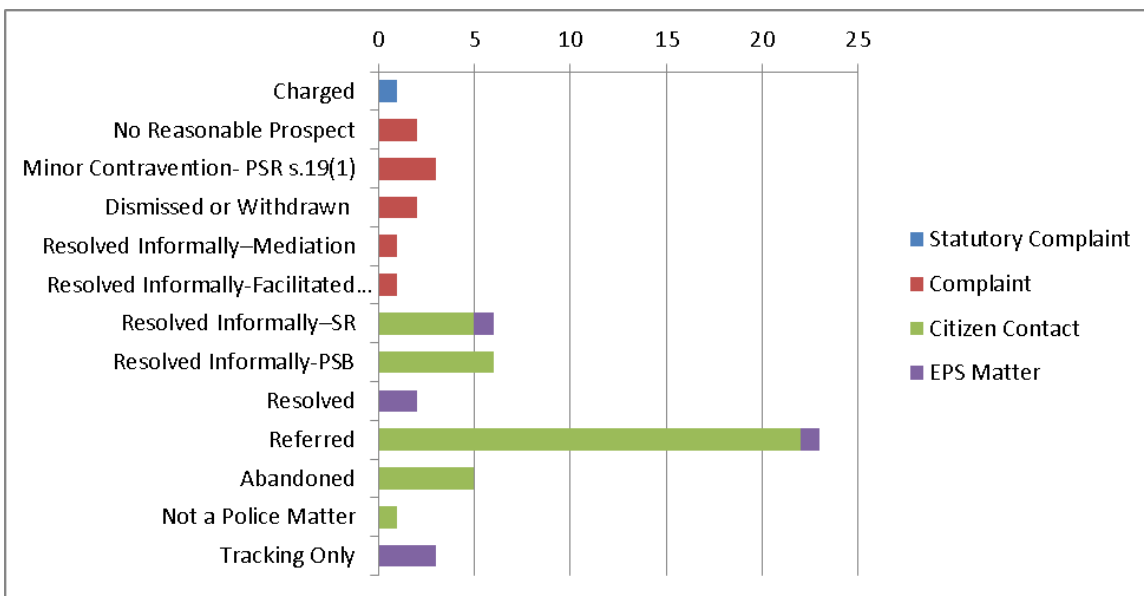


Figure 3-1. Dispositions of Concluded Files

	2011		2012		2013	
	September	YTD	September	YTD	September	YTD
Received						
Complaint	13	164	13	157	18	167
Citizen Contact	54	524	67	565	62	563
EPS Matter	8	68	10	89	5	73
Total	75	756	90	811	85	803
Concluded						
Complaint	17	173	15	126	9	190
Citizen Contact	67	518	48	436	39	589
EPS Matter	10	77	8	71	7	101
Total	94	768	71	633	55	880

Figure 3-2. Three-Year File Comparison for the Months of September

DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN AGAINST MEMBERS

1. File Number: IA2011-0012
Date of Complaint: January 19, 2011
Subject Officer: Reg. No. 2427 Cst. L. Komar
• Unlawful or Unnecessary Exercise of Authority x 1
Presenting Officer: B. Hill
Presiding Officer: Supt. M. Logar, Edmonton Police Service

On September 30, 2013, Supt Logar found the count of Unlawful or Unnecessary Exercise of Authority against the officer unproven.

2. I.A. File Number: IA2007-1031
Date of Complaint: February 22, 2008
Subject Officer: Reg. No. 2322 Cst. S. Najmeddine
• Unlawful or Unnecessary Exercise of Authority x 2
Presenting Officer: M. Sallaberry, Edmonton Police Service
Presiding Officer: Supt. T. Grue, Edmonton Police Service

On October 02, 2013, Supt Grue found both counts of Unlawful or Unnecessary Exercise of Authority unproven.

PENDING DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS

1. I.A. File Number: IA2012-0029
Date of Complaint: January 17, 2012
Subject Officer:
Constable A.B.
 - Discreditable Conduct x 1
 - Neglect of Duty x 1
 - Deceit x 1Presenting Officer: Simon Johnson, Bennett Jones LLP
Presiding Officer: Supt M. Logar, Edmonton Police Service

Open Disciplinary Hearing is scheduled for October 21, 2013

2. File Number: IA2011-0800
Date of Complaint: October 16, 2011
Subject Officer: Constable A.B.
 - Discreditable Conduct x 2Presenting Officer: B. Hill
Presiding Officer: Supt. M. Logar, Edmonton Police Service

Open Disciplinary Hearing is scheduled for October 28, 2013.

3. File Number: IA2012-0613
Date of Complaint: July 31, 2012
Subject Officer: Constable A.B.
 - Deceit x 2Presenting Officer: D. Cranna, Field Law LLP
Presiding Officer: Chief Supt (Rtd.) F. Kamins

Open Disciplinary Hearing is scheduled for November 05 and 06, 2013.

4. 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 1Presenting Officer: M. Sallaberry, Edmonton Police Service
Presiding Officer: Supt. T. Grue, Edmonton Police Service

Open Disciplinary Hearing is scheduled for November 12, 2013.

5. File Number: IA2011-0823 & IA2012-0472
Date of Complaint: October 22, 2011
Subject Officer: Constable A.B.
- Corrupt Practice x 1
 - Discreditable Conduct x 1
 - Insubordination x 1
 - Deceit x 1
- Presenting Officer: D. Cranna, Field Law
Presiding Officer: Supt. T. Grue, Edmonton Police Service

Open Disciplinary Hearing is scheduled for November 26, 2013

6. I.A. File Number: IA2010-0707
Date of Complaint: August 24, 2010
Subject Officer: Constable A.B.
Constable B.C.
- Unlawful or Unnecessary Exercise of Authority x 1
 - Insubordination x 1
 - Unlawful or Unnecessary Exercise of Authority x 1
 - Deceit x 1
- Presenting Officer: M. Sallaberry, Edmonton Police Service
Presiding Officer: Supt. T. Grue, Edmonton Police Service

Open Disciplinary Hearing is scheduled for January 22, 2014.

7. I.A. File Number: IA2011-0094
Date of Complaint: February 01, 2011
Subject Officer: Constable A.B.
- Deceit x 1
- Presenting Officer: D. Morrow, Bennett Jones LLP
Presiding Officer: Supt. T. Grue, Edmonton Police Service

Not Scheduled Yet.

DELAYED OFFICER NOTIFICATIONS

Professional Standards Branch is currently delaying the notification of the subject officer in one investigation.

1. I.A. File Number: PSB2013-0252

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

There were two (2) Complaints of Service under Section 44 of the *Police Act* that resolved or concluded during September 2013.

1. Resolved by PSB
File No: IA2010-0509a
Date of Complaint: September 19, 2012
Investigator: Detective Brian Sinclair

2. Resolved by PSB
File No: PSB2013-0364
Date of Complaint: May 13, 2013
Investigator: Intake Section

COMPLIMENTS

During the month of September, thirty (30) letters of appreciation were entered by the Edmonton Police Service. Professional Standards Branch would like to present two (2) of these letters.

1.

On the 7th of September, our house was the site of a home invasion. My wife was alone in our home and in the master bedroom when the perpetrators entered the bedroom door which exits to our deck area. Our home alarm sounded and she was able to call 911 and was patched to an officer. The officer on duty on the line was extremely professional in handling the incident. Staying on the line, calming and reassuring my wife that officers were on the way. He then got her to unlock herself from the bedroom and make her way to the front door to greet the responding officers on arrival.

The three officers, a supervisor, two males and one female, were extremely professional in dealing with her during the dramatic incident. The dog unit did a search of the area.

Please extend our thanks to these fine officers who so proudly wear the uniform of the Edmonton Police service, they are all outstanding professionals and decent human beings who truly care about those they serve.

Thank you all at the Edmonton Police Service for you service to Edmonton.

2.

As a resident in Beverly, I would sincerely like to thank the EPS for the current John/Prostitution Sting being conducted in my neighborhood. For years I have watched this activity and even reported johns myself via the report a john hotline never knowing what happened.

Tonight being September 11, 2013, I shut my front light off, grabbed a coffee and watched your team work. I was surprised as to how many individuals were stopped and cuffed and I would assume charged in the short time I watched them work. I felt I needed to thank them and wanted to get coffee for all of the vehicles and officers involved but obviously due to being undercover would not have been appreciated.

So please from a very happy citizen in Beverly please pass on a big thank you for their work and to please continue this. It is making my neighborhood a cleaner, safer, and happier place to live.

The EPS can park their vehicles in front of my home anytime!!!

AWARDS and RECOGNITION

Throughout the year, Divisional Commanders have opportunities to reward EPS members, both sworn and non-sworn, for significant performance, including acts of heroism, the conduct of significant investigations, the use of sound officer safety techniques, quality customer service and generally work that is particularly well done.

Rewards and recognition are intended to reinforce appropriate behaviour, acknowledge employee commitment and stimulate creative thinking and virtuous actions by all members of EPS.

Professional Standards Branch would like to highlight the recognitions bestowed upon a member of the EPS over the last few months.

1. Reg. No. 1626, Staff Sergeant Trent Forsberg and Reg. No. 2437, Detective Marci Koshowski

The Superintendent in charge of Downtown Division is pleased to award a Favorable Notice to Reg. No. 1626 Staff Sergeant Trent Forsberg and Reg. No. 2437 Detective Marci Koshowski of Downtown Division.

In early 2012 Det. Koshowski embarked on her first investigative assignment as a newly-promoted detective. The investigation required the application of theft, fraud, forensic accounting knowledge, and ongoing liaison with a specialized Crown, the writing of multiple Production Orders, Search Warrants, and dozens of interviews over a 17 month period. In addition to that, an International Arrest warrant was being sought and approved of by Interpol. In May 2013 the suspect was arrested by the London Met Apprehension Unit in London England.

The suspect was charged with 208 incidents of theft from his employer, with a combined value of more than \$750,000 over a four year period.

2. Reg. No. 2848, Constable Phil Hawkins

The Superintendent of Human Resources Division is pleased to award a Favorable Notice to Reg. No. 2848, Constable Phil Hawkins.

Throughout the month of March 2013, members of Firearms Training Unit were able to deliver 8 sets of Level III ballistic armor to each of the EPS patrol divisions. These ballistic vests are capable of protecting officers from rifle fire; something current soft body armor is not capable of doing.

This initiative began in 2011 by a Southeast Division patrol officer, Phil Hawkins. Cst. Hawkins submitted a briefing note through the chain of command to A/Deputy Chief Neil Dubord outlining the dangers of not having this equipment available to patrol members. Through his efforts a \$50,000 sum of money was set aside to purchase and deploy level III armor to the divisions.

Due to the initiative of Cst. Hawkins, EPS Patrol Members have access to this vital protective equipment. It is commendable that Cst. Hawkins pursued this endeavor in addition to his regular duties for the safety of his fellow EPS members.

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