



December 11, 2014

TO: Rod R. Knecht
Chief of Police

FROM: Inspector Kevin Brezinski
Professional Standards Branch

RE: MONTHLY REPORT – November 2014

This report has been prepared for the December 18, 2014, Edmonton Police Commission meeting.

During the month of November 2014, Professional Standards Branch opened 85 new files:

- 8 Public complaints as defined by Part 5 of the *Police Act*;
- 3 Internal complaints as defined by Part 5 of the *Police Act*;
- 17 EPS Matters; and
- 57 Citizen Contacts.

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

Concluded 54 files:

- 0 Public *Statutory* complaints;
- 0 Internal *Statutory* complaint;
- 9 Public complaints as defined by Part 5 of the *Police Act*, including 0 complaints regarding policies or services provided by the EPS;
- 6 Internal complaints as defined by Part 5 of the *Police Act*;
- 5 EPS Matter; and
- 34 Citizen Contacts.

The Edmonton Police Service received 33,995 calls in Communications Section, dispatched 12,996 of those calls and recorded opening 14 compliments.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "K. Brezinski", written over a horizontal line.

Inspector Kevin Brezinski
Professional Standards Branch

cc: Shami Sandhu, Chair
Edmonton Police Commission



NOVEMBER 2014 REPORT TO THE EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION



The following report is submitted for:

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PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BRANCH
December 18, 2014, *OPEN MEETING*

Approved by:

Rod R. Knecht
Chief of Police

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Kevin Brezinski
Inspector



**Professional Standards Branch
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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

November Update

1. RECEIVED FILES

The following figure shows the number and type of files received during the month of November. 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 November, PSB received 74 informal files and 11 formal complaints.

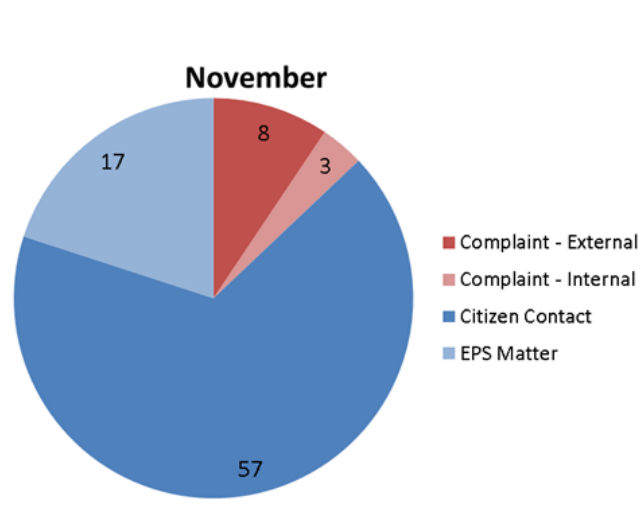


Figure 1-1. Type of Files Received During November

The following figure shows the yearly percentage increase or decrease in formal complaints and total files compared to 2013 values. The increase in total complaints represents an increase of 11 complaints (8 public complaints and 3 internal complaints), and the increase in total files represents an increase of 13 files.

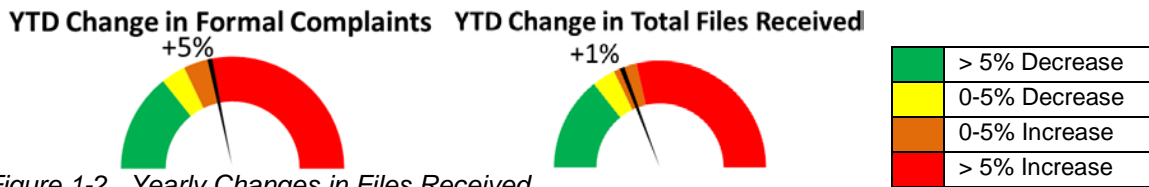


Figure 1-2. Yearly Changes in Files Received

2. CURRENT WORKLOAD

The following figure displays the status of all open PSB files. As of November 30, 2014, PSB had 551 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.

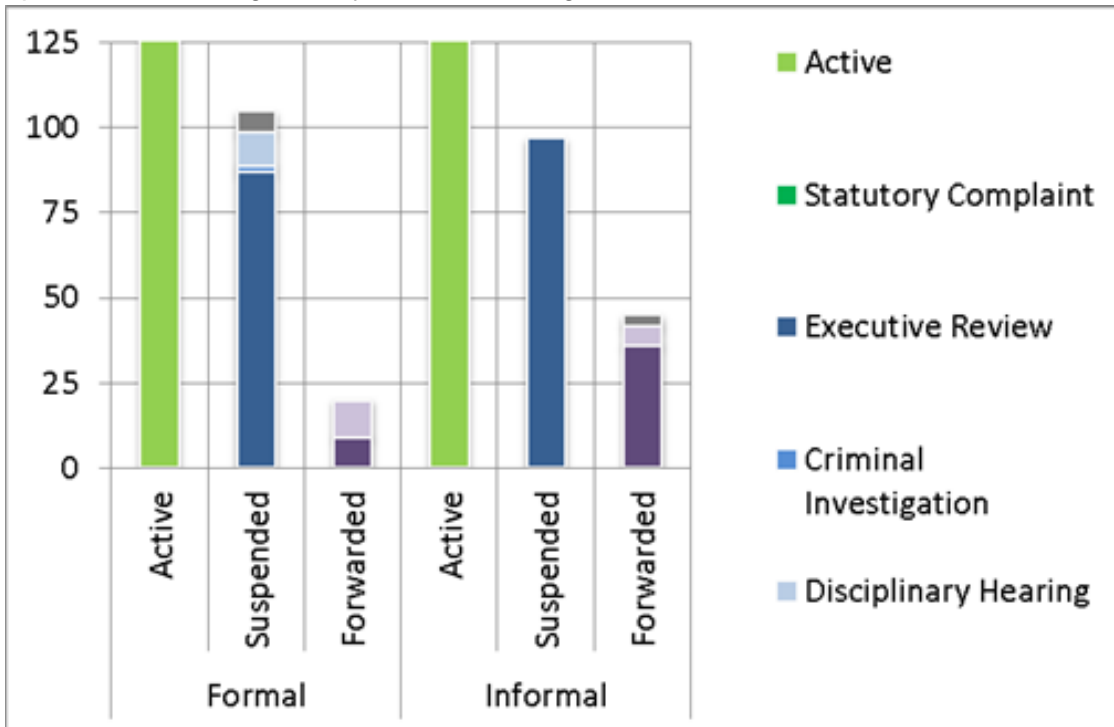


Figure 2-1. Status of All Open Investigations and Reasons for Suspension or Forward

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.

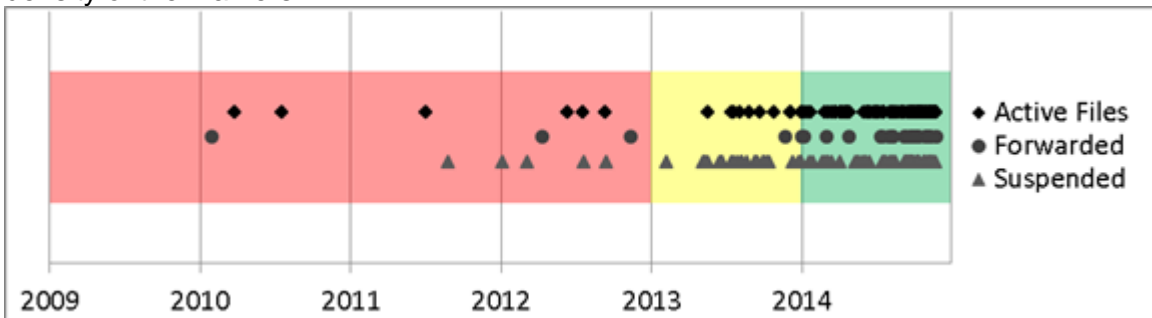


Figure 2-2. Age and Status of All Open Investigations

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);
- Investigative Review (review by the investigative manager);
- Executive Review (review by the Inspector, Chief, and final concluding processes).

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).

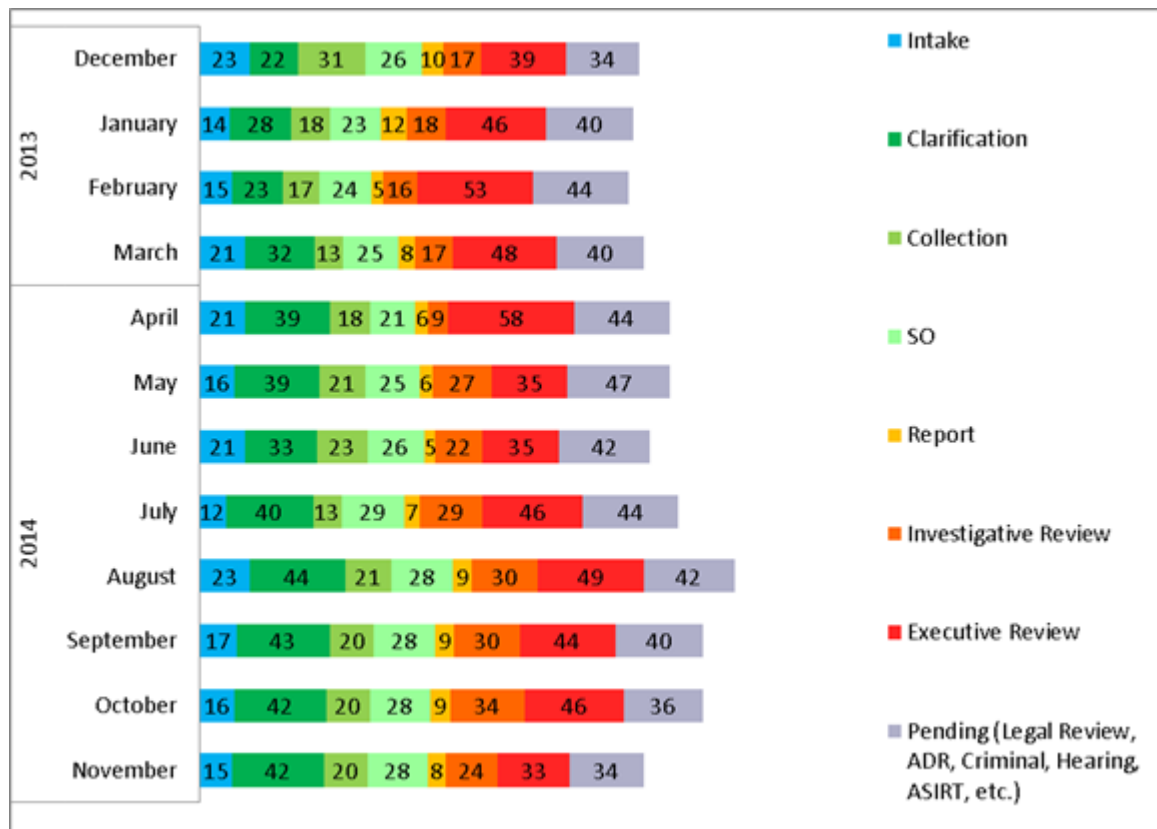


Figure 2-3. Monthly Comparison of Complaint Stages

3. CONCLUDED FILES

The following figure shows the disposition of all files concluded during the month of November, including 15 formal complaints, 34 Citizen Contacts and 5 EPS Matters.

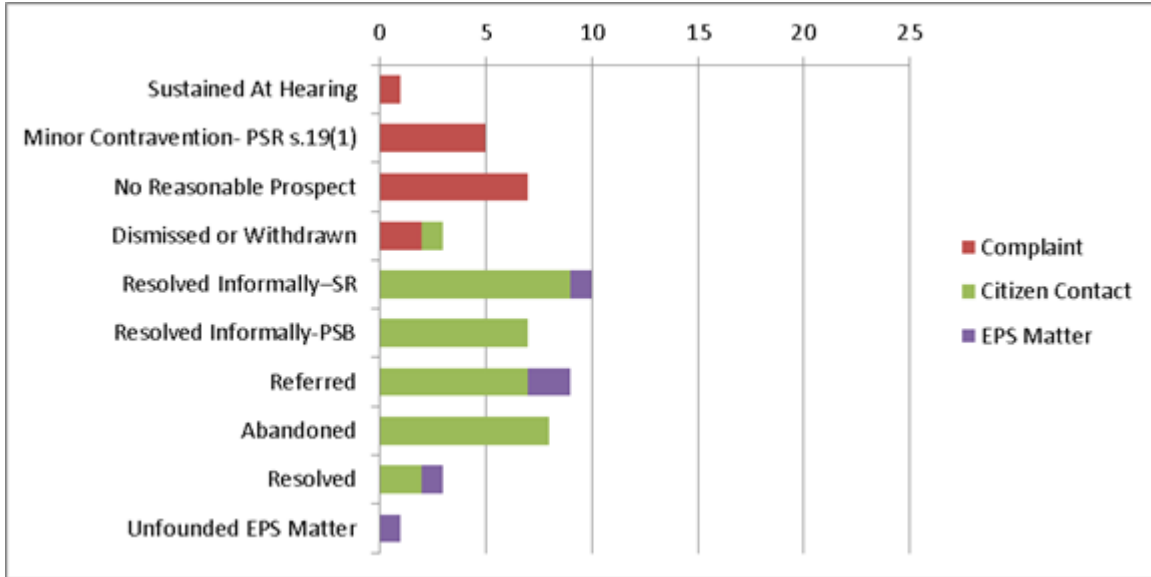


Figure 3-1. Dispositions of Concluded Files

	2012		2013		2014	
	November	YTD	November	YTD	November	YTD
Received						
Complaint	22	203	19	204	11	214
Citizen Contact	56	702	52	678	57	685
EPS Matter	15	106	7	95	17	91
Total	93	1011	78	977	85	990
Concluded						
Complaint	12	154	20	251	15	168
Citizen Contact	13	548	46	698	34	607
EPS Matter	9	89	8	115	5	75
Total	34	791	74	1064	54	850

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

DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN AGAINST MEMBERS

1. File Number: IA2006-0649
Date of Complaint: July 09, 2010
Subject Officer: Constable A.B.
 - Unlawful or Unnecessary Exercise of Authority x 1
 - Discreditable Conduct x 1Presenting Officer: B. Hill
Presiding Officer: Chief Supt (Rtd.) F. Kamins

On November 12, 2014, the charges against Cst. A.B. were found unproven.

PENDING DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS

1. File Number: IA2012-0742
Date of Complaint: September 10, 2012
Subject Officer: Constable A.B.
 - Discreditable Conduct x 1
 - Insubordination x 1Presenting Officer: T. Magee, Edmonton Police Service
Presiding Officer: Supt. T. Grue, Edmonton Police Service

Open Disciplinary Hearing was scheduled for December 04, 2014.

2. File Number: IA2012-0581
Date of Complaint: July 24, 2012
Subject Officer: Constable A.B.
 - Unlawful or Unnecessary Exercise of Authority x 1Subject Officer: Constable C.D.
 - Unlawful or Unnecessary Exercise of Authority x 1Presenting Officer: D. Cranna, Field Law LLP
Presiding Officer: Supt. M. Logar, Edmonton Police Service

Open Hearing is scheduled for December 17 and 18, 2014.

3. File Number: IA2012-0537
Date of Complaint: July 11, 2012
Subject Officer: Constable A.B.
 - Discreditable Conduct x 1Presenting Officer: M. Sallaberry, Edmonton Police Service
Presiding Officer: Supt. M. Logar, Edmonton Police Service

Open Hearing is scheduled for December 18, 2014.

4. File Number: IA2009-0377a
Date of Complaint: October 23, 2013
Subject Officer: Constable A.B.
 - Unlawful or Unnecessary Exercise of Authority x 1
 - Insubordination x 1Presenting Officer: K. Andersen, Edmonton Police Service
Presiding Officer: Supt. M. Logar, Edmonton Police Service

Open Hearing is scheduled for January 05 and 06, 2015.

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

Open Disciplinary Hearing is scheduled for February 10, 2015.

6. File Number: IA2013-0092
Date of Complaint: February 05, 2013
Subject Officer: Constable A.B.
 - Deceit x 3Presenting Officer: M. Sallaberry, Edmonton Police Service
Presiding Officer: Supt. T. Grue, Edmonton Police Service

Open Disciplinary Hearing is scheduled for February 13, 2015.

7. File Number: PSB2013-0913
Date of Complaint: November 05, 2013
Subject Officer: Constable A.B.
 - Neglect of Duty x 1Presenting Officer: M. Sallaberry, Edmonton Police Service
Presiding Officer: Supt. T. Grue, Edmonton Police Service

Not Yet Scheduled.

8. File Number: IA2012-0307
Date of Complaint: January 11, 2012
Subject Officer: Constable A.B.
 - Discreditable Conduct x 1
 - Deceit x 2Presenting Officer: T. Magee, Edmonton Police Service
Presiding Officer: Supt. M. Logar, Edmonton Police Service

Not Yet Scheduled.

9. File Number: PSB2013-0636
Date of Complaint: August 09, 2013
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
- Not Yet Scheduled.

DELAYED OFFICER NOTIFICATIONS

Professional Standards Branch is currently delaying the notification to Subject Officers in three (3) PSB Investigations.

1. File Number: PSB2014-0110

2. File Number: PSB2013-0842

3. File Number: PSB2014-0183

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

There were no Complaints of Service under Section 44 of the *Police Act* that were resolved or concluded during the month of November 2014.

COMPLIMENTS

During the month of November, fourteen (14) letters of appreciation were entered by the Edmonton Police Service. Professional Standards Branch would like to present two (2) of these letters.

1.

Hi [REDACTED],

First I want to thank you for supporting me in the ride along, much appreciated. Please also thank [REDACTED] on my behalf for her part in making the ride along an interesting experience. I believe [REDACTED] went out of her way to help me experience what an Edmonton Police Officer deals with on a regular basis. I was impressed with her professionalism but also with her caring attitude which was displayed on several occasions through the evening.

[REDACTED] engaged in conversation about police work so that I not only "saw" police work but also gained an understanding of what it is like to be a police officer.

The ride along confirmed for me that being a police officer requires a special person and a special talent.

As always I have great respect for the Edmonton Police Service,

2.

Dear Chief Knecht:

Every day your service does extraordinary work in the community. Sometimes it makes its way into the paper, sometimes word gets around a community league. But I am sure that much of the compassionate work your members do for our community goes uncelebrated.

I recently became aware of one example of extraordinary compassion after meeting [REDACTED] at Poundmaker Lodge. He opened up to me about his very positive experience with two of your members in particular: Cst. [REDACTED] and Cst. [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] told me he was at Poundmaker to heal from a substance misuse addiction, and that he was doing well. He shared with me that this was made possible from the intervention of Constables [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], who found [REDACTED] attempting to hang himself. He told me about the pain in his life, and the damage the addiction had done to him and those around him, but in his recovery he was unconditionally grateful for the aid he received from our two EPS members.

I was struck by the earnestness of [REDACTED] desire to see his two saviors recognized by their city. I wasn't sure the best way to do this other than to write to you to thank you for their service, and to ask you to thank them on my behalf for their work. They saved the

life of a grateful man, And for this service to him and for the service they give every day to our city, they have my gratitude as well.

This is a great example of the kind of story that is perhaps not often enough heard about the work your members do every day to serve some of our most vulnerable citizens.

Please do share this letter with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for me.

Yours truly,

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