

Hi Courtney,

Below are the findings from the 2Q25 cases. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Greetings,

The below contains the findings of the IRP for the 2Q26 session reviewing four 2Q25 cases.

[REDACTED] - Failure to Take Necessary Police Action While On-Duty & Rude and Discourteous Behavior

- **Background** - A citizen contacted a station manager and MTPD dispatchers after an incident at the Southern Ave Metro station alleging rude and discourteous behavior. Subsequent contact with the complainant by other officers, supervisors and OPRI were also alleged to be rude and discourteous.
- **Findings** - The IRP reviewed the case files and inquired primarily around the circumstances of the original complaint, obligations of supervisors receiving citizen complaints, and expectations of when body worn cameras are activated to record conversations. The Panel agreed with the OPRI disposition given the fact pattern evidenced in the case files.
- **Recommendations** - None. MTPD management was able to respond to the inquiries germane to the case to our satisfaction. The IRP felt that the investigation was properly conducted and had no objections to the adjudication.

[REDACTED] Negligent Use of Departmental Less Lethal Weapons and Equipment

- **Background** - An MTPD officer accidentally discharged a Conducted Energy Weapon (stun gun) during training.
- **Findings** - The IRP reviewed the case files and inquired about remedial action regarding accidental CEW discharges and discussed operation of equipment. The Panel agreed with OPRI disposition given the officer admitted to squeezing the trigger during testing.
- **Recommendations** - None. MTPD management was able to respond to the inquiries germane to the case to our satisfaction. The IRP felt that the investigation was properly conducted and had no objections to the adjudication.

[REDACTED] Improper Arrest/Racial Harassment/Unnecessary Force

- **Background** - OPRI received a complaint alleging an improper arrest, racial harassment and unnecessary force following a welfare check at the Franconia Springfield Metro station.
- **Findings** - The IRP reviewed the case files including officer testimony, interviews and events captured on body worn camera footage. The initial welfare check was performed after MTPD officers observed the complainant stumbling into the station. Upon making contact, the complainant was observed to be combative with an odor of alcohol and ordered to leave the station. After multiple refusals, the complainant was arrested for trespassing and drunk in public. The Panel agreed with the OPRI disposition given the fact pattern evidenced in the case files.
- **Recommendations** - None. MTPD management was able to respond to the inquiries germane to the case to our satisfaction. The IRP felt that the investigation was properly conducted and had no objections to the adjudication.

Mishandling Prisoners Property

- **Background** - OPRI received a complaint alleging not all items were returned to a prisoner following release.
- **Findings** - The IRP reviewed the case files including interviews and events captured by body worn camera footage. The item the complainant was alleging to have not been returned was not present at the time of the search. The Panel inquired around the protocol involving return of items during prisoner release.
- **Recommendations** - None. MTPD management was able to respond to the inquiries germane to the case to our satisfaction. The IRP felt that the investigation was properly conducted and had no objections to the adjudication.

We welcome any questions or clarifications needed around our findings and recommendations.

Sincerely,

Aron Troost

Chairperson, Metro Transit Police Department Investigation Review Panel