

Greetings,

The below contains the findings of the IRP for the 1Q26 session reviewing four 1Q25 cases. Please note that now that the IRP has caught up with the backlog during transition, this set contains only the cases from one quarter.

██████████ - "Improper Search/Seizure"

- **Background**-Two juveniles detained for truancy and possible "be on the lookout" suspects of an armed robbery. When in custody, juveniles posted a social media video from the back of the patrol car, prompting an internal review.
- **Findings** - The IRP reviewed the case files and inquired primarily why the individuals still had their cell phones at time of arrest and around what instigated the investigation since there was no formal complaint. 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.

██████████ - "Neglect CEW Deployment"

- **Background** - An MTPD officer accidentally discharged a Conducted Energy Weapon (stun gun) during training.
- **Findings** - The IRP reviewed the case files and inquired around the training and setting for the operation of CEWs. The Panel agreed with OPRI disposition given the officer admitted being distracted prior to discharge.
- **Recommendations** - The IRP is recommending that the OPRI investigation report reflect the protocols for CEW testing—specifically regarding timing, location, and method— and whether they were reviewed and discussed with the officer(s). Otherwise, 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.

██████████ - Conflict of Interest Involving-Off Duty Conduct

- **Background** - A domestic dispute that was self-reported by an MTPD officer after another local police department responded to the incident.
- **Findings** - The IRP reviewed the case files including the initial police report and witness statements. The Panel inquired around protocol, red flag monitoring and typical disciplinary action in handling these types of cases. 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.

██████████ Conflict of Interest Off-Duty/Criminal Violation/Bringing Discredit to the Department

- **Background** - Local police arrested an MTPD officer after a domestic dispute, prompting an internal investigation.
- **Findings** - The IRP reviewed the case files including police reports and witness statements. The Panel inquired around diversion programs offered and typical disciplinary actions in such cases. The Panel agreed with the OPRI disposition given the fact pattern evidenced in the case files.
- **Recommendations**-The IRP is recommending that in cases involving domestic-related incidents, OPRI documentation should reflect whether referral to EAP or other supportive resources was offered or considered. The intent is to provide a consistent approach or opportunity for early intervention where appropriate and provide a basis for efficacy of diversion programs. Otherwise, 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,

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Chairperson, Metro Transit Police Department Investigation Review Panel