



Independent Police Review Authority

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Central Purpose

- Conduct fair, thorough, and timely investigations into allegations of excessive force, domestic violence, coercion through violence, or bias-based verbal abuse made against Chicago Police Department members
- Ensure that CPD department members who have committed proven misconduct are disciplined and those who have been wrongly accused are cleared
- Increase transparency in the disciplinary process by addressing community groups and by filing quarterly reports with the Mayor's Office, the City Council Committee on Police and Fire, the Office of the City Clerk, and the Legislative Reference Bureau
- Make recommendations to the Superintendent, the Chicago Police Board and the Chairman of the City Council Committee on Police and Fire concerning revisions in policy and operating procedures to increase the efficiency of the CPD
- Build trust in the Independent Police Review Authority, the disciplinary process, and ultimately the accountability of the CPD

Key Facts

Created by ordinance in 2007 as an independent department of the City of Chicago, the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA) intakes all allegations of misconduct made against CPD members, whether made by the public or by another CPD member. While IPRA registers all complaints, not all complaints are investigated by IPRA. The department investigates those allegations of misconduct that concern the use of excessive force, domestic violence, coercion through a threat of violence, and biased-based verbal abuse. IPRA also investigates all cases in which a CPD member discharges his or her firearm or Taser stun gun in a manner that potentially could strike an individual, as well as all deaths of persons or extraordinary occurrences in police custody even if no allegations of misconduct is made.



All other complaints are forwarded to CPD for investigation. Cases involving allegations of drug use, thefts and procedural violations, for example, are investigated by the Internal Affairs Division of CPD.

Critical Programs/Services to Assist Residents

Community Meetings

The Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA) conducts quarterly meetings in various parts of the City to provide an opportunity to interact with members of the community and inform residents of IPRA's role and function in the police oversight process. At these meetings IPRA explains its investigative process, answers questions from participants, and responds to concerns from members of the public.

Stakeholders Panel

The Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA) conducts semi-annual meetings held at IPRA Headquarters that provide an opportunity for the community and police organizations, who can affect or be affected by the police oversight process, to present issues of concern directly to IPRA personnel. These "town-hall" style panels provide an opportunity for a candid dialogue designed to educate IPRA

investigators about community and police issues and to inform community and police leaders about IPRA's policies and procedures and addresses any questions and concerns.

Public Reporting

IPRA provides transparency to the disciplinary process by making public reports on that process and continuing to use its website as a repository for information. The website contains Quarterly Reports, Annual Reports, and a monthly abstract of all investigations for which IPRA has recommended a sustained finding against accused CPD members. The website also provides statistical and demographic data for every officer-involved shooting since 2008. IPRA's website allows citizens to directly initiate a complaint with IPRA against a CPD member or to compliment the actions of a CPD member.

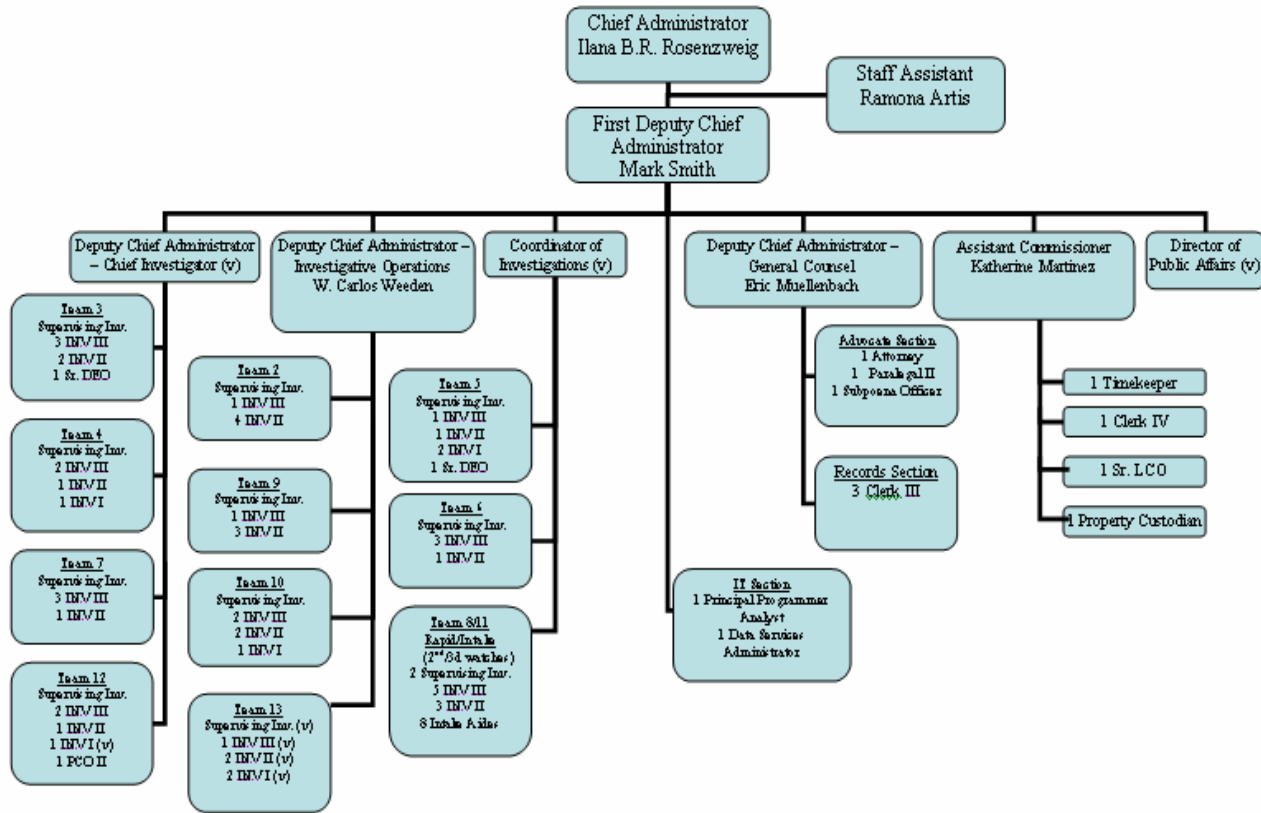
Employees

Full Time Positions	Amount
	97

2011 Budget

Fund	Amount
	\$7,498,962

Organizational Chart



Facility Locations

Location	Address	Suite	Zip	City	Hours
IPRA	10 West 35 th Street	1200	60616	Chicago	24 hours

Unions Representing Department Employees

Unions
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