EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT TO THE BOARD
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
April 10, 2013

The CCRB received 601 complaints in March. This is 101 more complaint filings than in the same period 2012, when the CCRB received 500 complaints. It is a 20% increase in complaint activity for this period.

The Board closed 817 cases in March. There were 243 full investigations and 32 cases were substantiated, a substantiation rate of 13%. The truncation rate was 70%, which was 3 points higher than in 2012 when March’s truncation rate was 67%, but 5 points lower than in 2011 when the rate was 75%.

The agency’s docket at the end of March stood at 3,442 cases, which is a 23% increase over the open docket in March 2012 when it was 2,797. Eighty-four percent of our open investigations were filed within the last year, and 40% were filed in the last four months. Of the open cases, 1,131 are awaiting board review, or 33% of the docket; 1,959 are being investigated; and 352 cases are in the mediation program.

By date of incident, 64 cases in the CCRB’s open docket are 18 months and older as opposed to 11 in March of 2012. This is 2% of the open docket. Three cases are on DA hold; 4 cases were filed months after the date of incident. In two cases the delay has no apparent justification, and fifty-five cases are pending board review.

In February, the police department closed 28 substantiated cases involving 33 officers. The department did not impose discipline against 13 officers. This is a disciplinary action rate of 61%, and the department declined to prosecute rate was 30%. In cases in which the department pursued charges and specifications, the conviction rate was 83%. This includes officers who pled guilty to charges and officers who were found guilty after disciplinary trials. The trial conviction rate was 67%.