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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**  
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Good evening. My name is Mina Malik and I am the Executive Director of the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB). I would like to thank both The Central Family Life Center and Councilmember Debi Rose and her staff for assisting us in being here tonight.

I will first provide you with a highlight from our monthly statistical report, and then will discuss other matters pertaining to the operations of our agency. For a full review of the Agency's monthly statistics, please visit our website.

Year-to-date civilian complaints against the police have decreased by 22%. From January through June 2015, the CCRB received 2,092 complaints, as compared to 2,698 for the same time period in 2014. Last month, complaints decreased by 21% as compared to June 2014. By category of allegation, force complaints have decreased by 27%, offensive language complaints by 33%, and abuse of authority complaints by 23%.

During the first half of 2014, the CCRB received an average of 450 complaints. That number decreased to 346 complaints per month in the second half of 2014. In the first six months of 2015, there were two distinct patterns. From January through March 2015, the Agency received fewer than 300 complaints per month with an average of 291 monthly complaints. From April through June 2015, the Agency received over 400 complaints per month with an average of 406 monthly complaints.

In the first six months of 2015, our docket and case processing times have improved drastically. In December of last year, we implemented a strategy which was designed to further reduce both the number of old cases in our open docket and the average time to complete an investigation. We are achieving the targets we set forth.

The number of cases in the open docket of the Investigations Division continues to be lower than at any point in the last decade. A year ago, in June 2014, the open docket

of the Investigations Division was 1,838 cases; the open docket in June 2015 was 666 cases. This is a 64% reduction.

In June, we focused particularly on cases 9 months or older in order to minimize the number of cases approaching the statute of limitations. At the end of June, there were only two cases that were older than 18 months, one of which was on hold pursuant to a request by the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office and the other which is still on hold pursuant to a request by the Bronx District Attorney's Office. In addition, there were six cases that were 15 to 18 months old, and 20 cases that were 9 to 14 months old. The Executive Staff and I have made these cases a high priority. Only 4% of all cases currently being investigated are 9 months or older, as compared to 15% in May. In June 2015, 90% of cases in the open docket of the Investigation Division are four months or younger, which was 27 percentage points higher than in June 2014. They are certainly the best docket numbers since the creation of this office as an independent agency from the New York Police Department.

By the end of June, there were 426 cases pending Board and/or Executive Staff review, or 35% of the open docket. One-hundred-thirty-one (131) cases were in the Mediation Program. There were also ten cases on DA hold.

Our statistics show that we continue to reach some of the new benchmarks and goals that we have set for ourselves in terms of timeliness. We have reviewed the productivity of the Investigations Division from January to June, and continue to find that investigators under the new smaller team structure were able to close cases in substantially less time that it took investigators to close cases under the former, larger team structure. Investigators under the new pod structure submitted cases for review in an average of 135 days while they did so under the old structure in 273 days. Those numbers include cases filed prior to and in 2015. Most notably, in 2015, we have closed 397 cases filed after the implementation of the new structure in an average of 80 days. This is a 71% reduction compared to the average time it took to conduct an investigation a year ago.

There are also other statistics showing that the new pod structure is far more effective than the former, larger team structure. The number of days it takes to interview a complainant has decreased from 31 days in the first half of 2014 to 18 days year-to-date in 2015. The number of days it takes to interview an officer has decreased from over 200 days in 2014 to 51 days year-to-date in 2015.

I would also like to highlight statistics related to the disposition of cases:

- (1) The case resolution rate is 47% year-to-date.
- (2) Year-to-date, the Board has substantiated 21% of all full investigations, which is higher than the percentage from the same period last year when the Board substantiated only 15% of the cases it fully investigated.
- (3) The Board substantiated 6% of all fully investigated force allegations; 17% of all fully investigated abuse of authority allegations; 9% of all fully investigated

discourtesy allegations; and 3% of all offensive language allegations that were fully investigated. Notably, the Board substantiated 32% of all frisk allegations that were fully investigated.

- (4) Year-to-date, the percentage of cases referred to the Administrative Prosecution Unit is 27% of all substantiated cases, down from 61% during the same period in 2014.
- (5) Year-to-date 2015, the CCRB has resolved 171 cases through the Mediation Program, up from 164 cases in the same period of 2014.
- (6) The CCRB's Administrative Prosecution Unit (APU) conducted 14 trials in June, which the second largest number of trials conducted by the Unit in a single month since the Unit's inception.
- (7) From January through June 2015, the discipline rate was 91% for cases in which police misconduct was substantiated by the Board and sent to the Police Department Advocate's Office with penalty recommendations. From January through June 2015, the discipline rate for cases handled by the Administrative Prosecution Unit was 58%.