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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 Community Mediation Services for assisting us in being here tonight.

I will first provide you with highlights 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 21%.** From January through July 2015, the CCRB received 2,456 complaints, as compared to 3,126 complaints for the same time period in 2014. By category of allegation, discourtesy complaints have decreased by 30%, force complaints by 27%, offensive language complaints by 24%, and abuse of authority complaints by 20%.

During the first seven months of 2014, the CCRB received an average of 447 complaints per month. That number decreased to 346 complaints per month in the second half of 2014. In the first seven months of 2015, there have been two distinct patterns. From January through March 2015, the Agency has received an average of 291 monthly complaints. From April through July 2015, the Agency received an average of 396 monthly complaints.

**In July, our docket and case processing times continued to improve 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 continue to achieve 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 July 2014, the open docket of the Investigations Division was 1,833 cases; the open docket in June 2015 was 567 cases. This is a 69% reduction.

In July, 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 July, there were only two cases that were older than 18 months; both cases had been on DA hold. In addition, there were two cases that were 15 to 18 months old, and 5 cases that were 9 to 14 months old. Only 1.5% of all cases under investigation in July 2015 were 9 months or older, as compared to 15% in July of last year. In July 2015, 95% of the cases in the open docket of the Investigation Division were four months or younger, which was 32 percentage points higher than in July 2014.

These docket numbers are certainly the lowest and the best docket numbers since the creation of this office as an independent agency from the New York Police Department.

By the end of July, there were 451 cases pending Board and/or Executive Staff review, or 39% of the open docket. One-hundred-thirty-nine (139) cases were in the Mediation Program. There were also nine cases on DA hold.

**Our statistics show that month after month we continue to reach 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 through July, and we continue to find that investigators under the new smaller squad structure were able to close cases in substantially less time that it took investigators to close cases under the former, larger team structure.

Investigators closed 1,441 full investigations from January through July 2015, as compared to 1,182 last year -- 22% more full investigations. Of the total full investigations, 881 were filed prior to the implementation of the reforms and were closed at an average of 274 days, at the same average as before the reforms (January through July 2014). However, the 560 investigations filed after the implementation of the reforms have been closed in 83 days. This is a 70% reduction in the number of days to close full investigations compared to a year ago.

There are also other statistics showing that the new squad 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 13 days year-to-date in 2015. The number of days it takes to interview an officer has decreased from 211 days in the first half of 2014 to 54 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 50% year-to-date.
- (2) Year-to-date, the Board has substantiated 22% of all full investigations, which is higher than the percentage for the same period last year when the Board substantiated only 14% of the cases it fully investigated.
- (3) The Board substantiated 6% of all fully investigated force allegations; 18% of all fully investigated abuse of authority allegations; 9% of all fully investigated discourtesy allegations; and 3% of all fully investigated offensive language allegations. Notably, the Board substantiated 34% of all fully investigated frisk allegations.

- (4) Year-to-date, the percentage of cases referred to the Administrative Prosecution Unit is 25% of all substantiated cases, down from 62% during the same period in 2014.
- (5) Year-to-date 2015, the CCRB has resolved 218 cases through the Mediation Program, up from 198 cases for the same period of 2014.
- (6) The CCRB's Administrative Prosecution Unit (APU) conducted 13 trials in July 2015.
- (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. The Department decline-to-prosecute rate was 9% from January through June. From January through July 2015, the discipline rate for cases resolved by the Administrative Prosecution Unit was 55%.