Good evening. My name is Mina Malik and I am the Executive Director of the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB). Please note that the next Board meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 11th, and will be held at the Staten Island Museum at Snug Harbor located at 1000 Richmond Terrace, Building A.

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

Figure 1: In March 2016, the CCRB initiated 455 new complaints (#)

In March 2016, the CCRB initiated 455 new complaints, which reflects an increase from 363 in February. With regard to complaints received by type of allegation, comparing March 2015 to March 2016, complaints with a discourtesy allegation have decreased by 1%, complaints with an offensive language allegation remain the same, complaints with an abuse of authority allegation have increased 51%, and complaints with a force allegation have increased 34%.
In March, the CCRB’s total open docket was 1,047 cases. By the end of March, 620 of these cases were in the Investigations Division representing 59% of the total – up from 531 in February 2016. Of the total docket, 284 cases were pending Board and/or Executive Staff review representing 27% - down from 331 cases pending review in February. The Mediation Program handled 130 cases representing 12% of the open docket – down from 137 cases in February. There were an additional 13 cases on DA hold in March. The March 2016 docket includes 13 reopened cases: 11 of these cases are active investigations, and 2 are pending board review.

The CCRB continues to close its cases more efficiently. Of the cases that remain in the CCRB active docket, 94% have been open for four months or less, and 99% have been open for seven months or less. These docket numbers continue to represent the best docket numbers in the Agency’s 23-year history.

Investigators closed 414 full investigations from January through March 2016, compared to 586 for the same period last year, which resulted in 29% fewer full investigations. This number is down from January through March 2015 because the number of closed full investigations were artificially increased when old cases were requested to be closed within the first 3 months of 2015. This is also shown as the number of closed full investigations from January through March 2014 was also 414 as it is YTD 2016. Year to date, the average days to close a full investigation has decreased 54% from 2014, before the reforms.

In March 2016, the CCRB fully investigated 23% of the cases it closed, and resolved (fully investigated, mediated or mediation attempted) 33% of the cases it closed. The truncation rate was 65% in March 2016. This is primarily driven by complainant/victim/witness uncooperative which the CCRB is focused on examining in order to decrease the number of truncations.

Now I would like to highlight other key statistics for the month of March:
1. The March case substantiation rate was 25%, marking the twelfth straight month that the CCRB has substantiated more than 20% of cases it fully investigates.

2. With regard to fully investigated allegations in March, the Board substantiated 7% of Force allegations, 22% of Abuse of Authority allegations, 4% of Discourtesy allegations, and no Offensive Language allegations.

**Figure 4: Substantiation Rates for Full Investigations without Video (March 2016) (% Substantiated shown)**

**Substantiation Rates for Full Investigations with Video (March 2016) (% Substantiated shown)**
3. Investigations with video evidence substantiated allegations in 48% of cases – compared to 16% of substantiated cases in which video was not available.

4. The discipline rate for non-APU cases was 90% in March 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 for non-APU cases for this time period was 5%.

5. In March, the PC finalized penalty decisions against 15 officers; 9 of these were guilty verdicts won by the APU. The APU has conducted trials against 47 officers year to date, and trials against 15 officers in March.

6. Finally, in March the CCRB created a mechanism to identify whether or not complaint incidents occurred in NYCHA locations. This is the first time the Agency has had this capability to do so. The Policy Unit is working on a forthcoming examination of this data with respect to complaint numbers. In March, the now fully staffed Outreach team conducted the highest number of outreach events in the history of the Agency, at 102 events. This included presenting at the 33rd Precinct in Manhattan to new recruits who recently graduated. The past month also saw the introduction of an interactive dashboard specifically for the APU to assist the Unit in keeping track of key statistics – similar to that in the Investigations Unit. Stay tuned for the forthcoming annual report, and second issue-based report of the year which will focus on the use of Tasers.