

**RESOLUTION NO. 201 -2016, ESTABLISHING A REPORTING  
REQUIREMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU**

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County Police Department is one of the best and most professional law enforcement agencies in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, accountability is one of the keys to maintaining excellence; accordingly, the Police Department's Internal Affairs Bureau ("IAB") is charged with investigating allegations of misconduct that are lodged against police officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the investigations and reports of IAB are not now subject to regular legislative oversight; and

**WHEREAS**, all functions of County government should be subject to some level of regular legislative oversight; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section C2-8 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER, the Suffolk County Legislature is responsible for overseeing all the departments and agencies of County government, including the Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department should provide a statistical overview of IAB activities to the County Legislature's Public Safety Committee on a regular basis; and

**WHEREAS**, such an overview would allow the County's policymakers to identify policing trends and patterns and devise corrective actions, when necessary; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that the Suffolk County Police Department shall report the following statistical information, in writing and on a quarterly basis, to each member of the County Legislature's Public Safety Committee:

- 1) The number of misconduct complaints received by the Police Department and the number of investigations opened by IAB in the preceding three (3) month period and the number of misconduct complaints that were addressed at the precinct level.
- 2) The origin of all complaints received by the Police Department and IAB including, but not limited to, departmental referrals, complaints received from civilians, complaints received through the service of legal process, complaints referred by elected officials or lodged by whistleblowers.
- 3) The nature of the complaints received including, but not limited to, complaints of excessive use of force, abusive or inappropriate behavior/language, improper use of a police vehicle, alcohol or substance abuse by an officer; the report shall provide the number of complaints that allege a criminal act by a police officer.

- 4) All relevant demographic information including, but not limited to, the zip code, age, gender and race of complainants; the number of complaints involving persons with mental illness; and the number of complaints arising out of domestic violence incidents.
- 5) The number of investigations that were closed or concluded by IAB in the preceding three (3) month period and the number of complaints found substantiated.
- 6) In substantiated cases, a statistical summary of the discipline imposed ranked by the severity of the penalty and the source of the discipline including, but not limited to, cases where discipline was imposed by the Police Commissioner or determined through arbitration.
- 7) The timeline for all cases pending in IAB, i.e. those cases open less than three months, those open for between four (4) and six (6) months, et al. The report must indicate the number of IAB cases that have been open for more than eighteen (18) months.

and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the Police Department will make its first report to the Public Safety Committee on July 31, 2016 (for the period April 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016) and make their quarterly reports thereafter; and be it further

**3rd RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: March 23, 2016

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: March 29, 2016