



Independent Review of the Officer Involved Shooting of Anthony McClain

PRESENTATION TO THE COMMUNITY
POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

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Goals of Our Review

- **Transparency:** Provide an independent, third-party incident summary using all available evidence.
- **Accountability:** Was the investigation thorough & complete? Did the evidence support the findings?
- **Effective Policing going Forward:** Updates to policy and procedure going forward; offer areas for additional consideration

Methodology

- Received unfettered access to all evidence for review – no evidence that any materials were tampered with.
- Reviewed all available evidence: PPD's Criminal and Administrative Investigations (including all video evidence and interviews), the Los Angeles County District Attorney's decision letter, and depositions relating to civil litigation.
- Reviewed forensic evidence, including recovery of decedent's DNA from the firearm recovered at the scene and recovery of his cellular phone from inside the vehicle.
- Candid and transparent meetings with PPD personnel who conducted the investigations, including observation of the Use of Force Review Board.
- On-going observation of community concerns.

Key Findings: Department Accountability Mechanisms

- Evidence suggested that more supervision & management of crime scene was needed, but no evidence to suggest that a firearm was planted
- Considerations related to officer sequestration and immediacy of statements
- Shortcomings in witness canvassing and characterization of eyewitness statement
- Explicit consideration of policies relevant to the incidents such as evaluation of foot pursuit policy

Key Findings: Considerations Going Forward

- More clearly defining the role of the police union representative at officer-involved shooting scenes.
- Creation of a clear action plan with feedback mechanisms to ensure that all recommendations identified by the Board and, to the extent that they accept them, the OIR Group, are implemented in a timely manner.
- Investigation and evaluation of all potential policy violations such as body-worn camera activation that may arise in the future.
- Reconsideration of pretext stops, particularly for vehicle equipment violations.

The Department Since August 2020

- New accountability mechanisms established
 - Pasadena Community Police Oversight Commission
 - Independent Police Auditor
- New Department leadership
- Commitment to addressing our recommendations
- Spirit of change and reform evident in the work that has already occurred.

Questions
