

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council**

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SUBJECT: Office of Police Oversight 2020-21 Inaugural Biennial Report

The purpose of this Informal Report is to update the City Council about the activities and progress of the Office of Police Oversight Monitor (OPOM). Since March 2020, the OPOM has made a concentrated effort to identify ways to help advance the growth of transparency, accountability, and community collaboration between FWPD and the City of Fort Worth. OPOM is fully committed to being accountable, objective, fair and diligent to the Fort Worth community; this is a long-term commitment requiring patience, collaboration, and mutual trust of all stakeholders. One of the office's key responsibilities is to report back to the community it was tasked to serve. Providing a detailed report on an annual basis is an effective way for the OPOM to communicate their progress in providing civilian oversight.

The 2020-21 Inaugural Biennial Report is the first comprehensive report that summarizes OPOM's activities and relevant data from March 2020 to December 2021. The Report was disseminated in May 2022.

Report Highlights

- History and process of how civilian oversight was created in Fort Worth.
- Overview of OPOM's budget.
- OPOM's organizational structure
- OPOM's complaint and commendation process and case statistics.
- How OPOM engaged the community.
- Partnerships with community stakeholders to promote collaboration and accountability.
- Formal policy and procedure recommendations made to the FWPD.
- OPOM accomplishments.
- Insights gleaned from the 2020 community and police perception surveys.

Distribution Methods

The 2020-21 Inaugural Biennial Report was shared with City leaders, the OPOM's distribution list, including all previous working group members, CFW City News, CFW and OPOM Facebook and Twitter, Community Engagement Weekly Bulletin, NextDoor and media outlets. The report was also featured during interviews with various print and television media outlets including WFAA 8, CBS 11, and KERA.

The report can be found online at www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/opom. Printed copies are also available by contacting the office at policeoversight@fortworthtexas.gov or 817-392-6535. OPOM is also in the process of ensuring the Report is available in Spanish.

Additional questions should be directed to Director Kim Neal, policeoversight@fortworthtexas.gov or 817-392-6535.

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