

# **Citizen Complaint Authority:**

## Public Safety & Governance Committee Update

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# Overview

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- Mission
- Board & Personnel Changes
- Investigation Completion and Backlog Status
- Complaint and Allegations Trends
- Complaint Prevention: Recommendations & Traffic Study
- Community Engagement
- Questions

## Mission

The Citizen Complaint Authority's (CCA) mission is to investigate serious interventions by police officers, including, but not limited to discharging of firearms, deaths in custody, and major uses of force, and to review and resolve all citizen complaints in a fair and efficient manner.

CCA also examines patterns in order to identify opportunities for the Cincinnati Police Department and community to prevent complaints. Such examinations include identifications of at-risk officers, citizens, and circumstances. In doing so, CCA examines both circumstances that lead to complaints and opportunities to alter those circumstances.

# Board Member & Personnel Changes

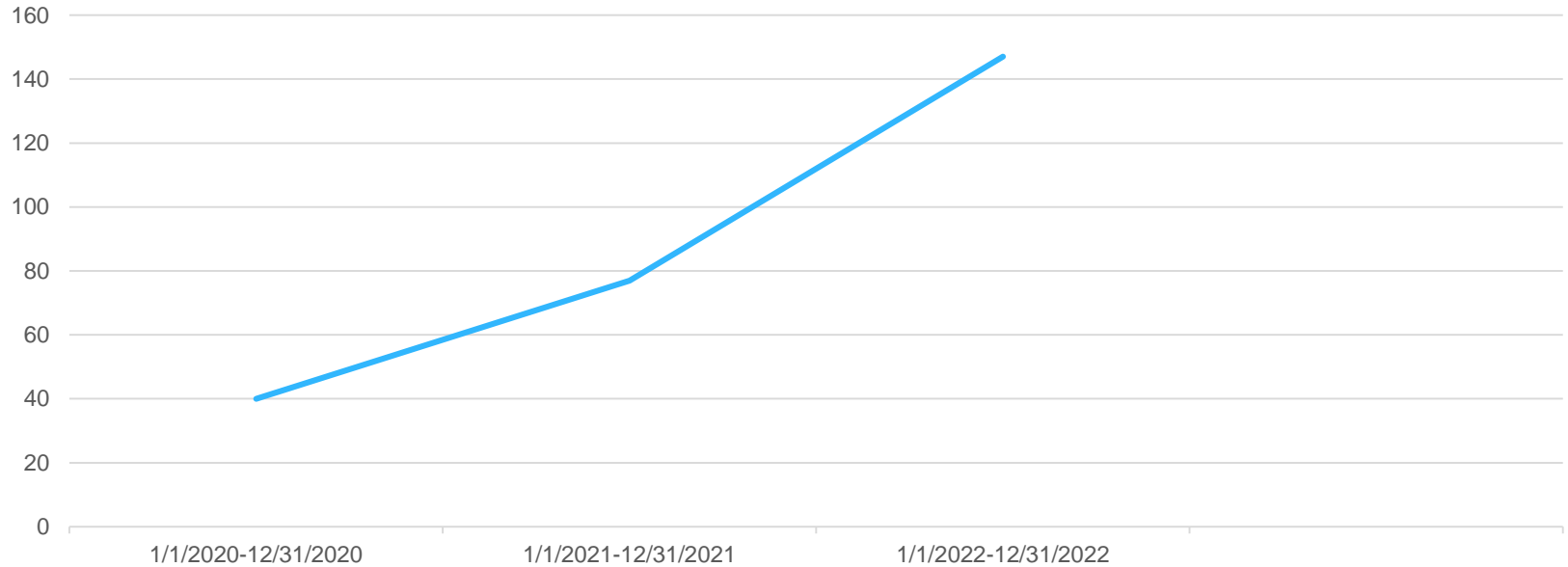
- New CCA Board Chair, - Dr. Wanda Spivey
- New Board Member - Ashley Harp
- Investigator Turnover – 1 Investigator Departed in Jan 2023 (Hiring Ongoing)

# Investigation Completion Update

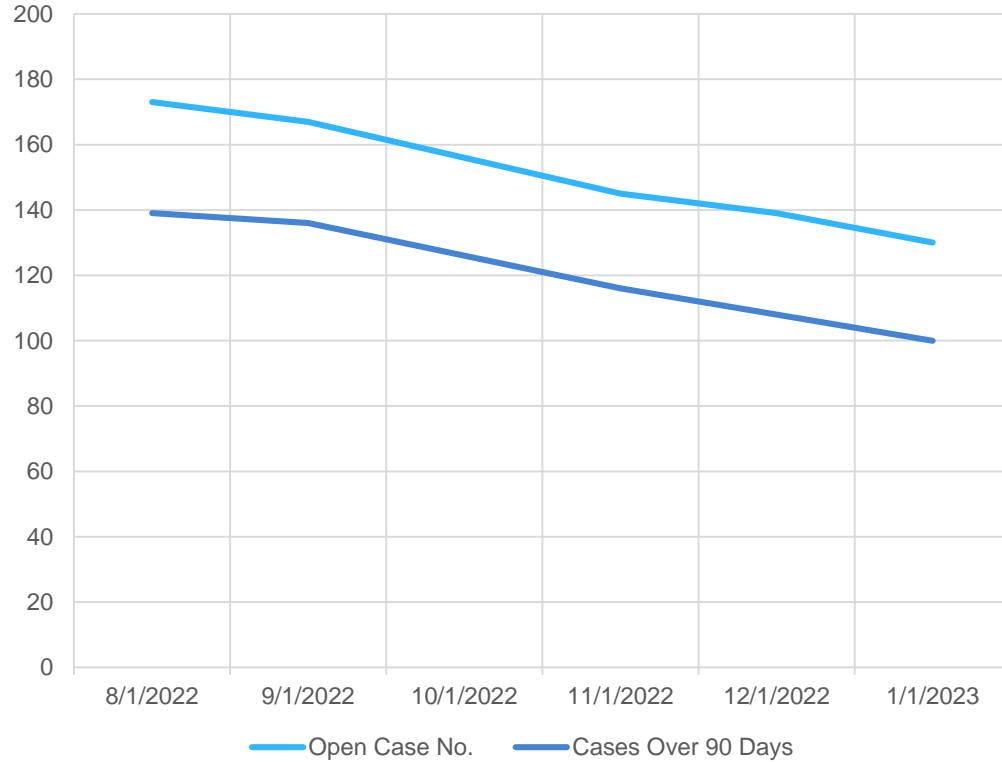
- Case completion in 2022 increased over 90% from 2021.
- Case completion (as measured by cases presented to CCA Board per month) increased by 133.33% from June 2022 to December 2022. Completion rate more than doubled.
- Expect to see elimination of backlog in 2023, assuming all else equal (new case growth is consistent with historic growth, case completion rates remain near 20 cases per month).

# Investigations Completion Update

Total Investigations Completed Annually

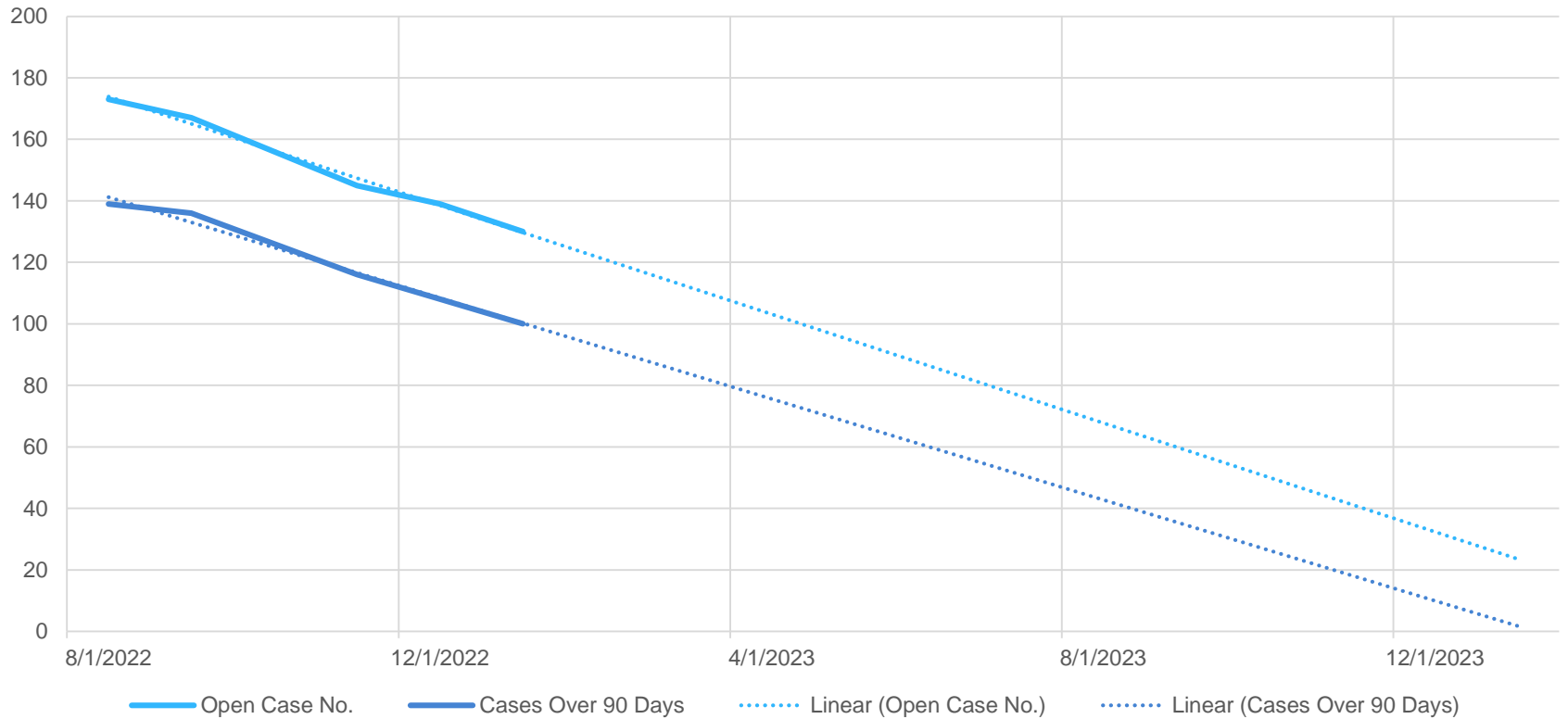


## CCA's Open Investigations



**Investigations  
Completion  
Update**

## CCA's Projected Open Investigations





# Complaint Growth

- **284 complaints received** in CY 2022. Compare to 253 complaints received CY 2021. **12.25% increase.**
- **128 serious complaints received** (CCA investigations opened) in CY 2022. Compare to 87 serious complaints received and investigations opened during CY 2021. **47% increase.**

# Allegations Corresponding to Investigations Opened in 2022

## Top 5 Allegations Made

- Improper Search
- Improper Procedure
- Discourtesy
- Excessive Force
- Improper Stop

# Complaint Prevention: Recommendations to CPD & City

- **19 Total Recommendations Made**
- **Topics**
  - *Disability & Accessibility Policy*
  - *Creation of Mediation Program with Restorative Justice Features for Resolution of Citizen Complaints*
  - *Clarify Limits on TASER Withdrawal and Pointing*

# Complaint Prevention: Recommendations to CPD & City

- **Topics (continued)**
  - *Anti-Retaliation Policy and Interference with Admin Investigation*
  - *Charging of Suspects in Mental Health Crisis*
  - *Arrest Policy for Pedestrian Offenses*
  - *Disciplinary & Corrective Action*

## Complaint Prevention: Traffic Stop Patterns Review

- **CCA Board passed Motion in Sept 2022 requesting Director conduct analysis of traffic stops and submission of findings and recommendations pursuant to CCA's obligation under Article 28 to examine patterns and “repeat complaint circumstances.”**
- **Historically “traffic stop” has been “circumstance” most strongly correlated with serious complaints filed by citizens against CPD.**

## Complaint Prevention: Traffic Stop Patterns Review

- **Study will examine:**
  1. **“stops made by CPD for traffic offenses, including CPD’s policies and patterns of practice”**
  2. **“any complaints pertaining to those stops”**
  3. **“data and information pertaining to law enforcement agencies around the country that have implemented policies limiting or regulating traffic stops”**

## Complaint Prevention: Traffic Stop Patterns Review

- **Study will examine (continued):**
  4. **“costs and benefits of such stops”**
  5. **“demographic data, including data pertaining to race”**
  6. **“best-practices for ensuring bias-free policing”**

# Community Engagement

- **1<sup>st</sup> Community Board Meeting in Sept 2022 (Madisonville Recreation Center)**
- **CCA Ambassador's Program**
  - **School Outreach & Presentations (CPS & University)**
  - **Clergy Presentations**
  - **Community Council Presentations**



## Discussion

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