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TO: City of Santa Monica
FROM: OIR Group
DATE: April 14, 2021
RE: Ninth Status Update for “May 31, 2020 After-Action Review”

Introduction

OIR Group was selected by City officials to conduct a comprehensive review of the City’s response to the multi-faceted events of May 31. We are a team of police practices experts whose members have worked in the field of civilian oversight of law enforcement for nearly twenty years.

Our specific mission in Santa Monica is to independently assess the Police Department’s response to the evolving conditions on May 31, a day on which peaceful protests were rendered more complex by a significant amount of criminal activity that included vandalism and looting of local businesses. Utilizing our access to internal Department records (including audio and video recordings of events from that day), our opportunities to interview Department members involved in the response, and our involvement in various forums for receiving public feedback, we look forward to providing the City with a report that details our findings and recommendations.

This ninth update describes the progress we have made since our last posting.

Project Status

We have completed our information gathering and are in the process of writing our report. That included a review of use of force reports and SMPD’s review of them. We also completed our sample review of calls for service on May 31 referenced in our last progress report.

The plan is to present the report to Council at the May 11 meeting. In addition, we continue to “fact check” our work by reviewing body worn camera video, radio communications and other

raw information. We have identified the key areas of focus and will also be presenting a detailed timeline of relevant events as part of our report.

We look forward to sharing our findings and the public discussion with Council. If anyone wishes to contact us as our assignment draws to a close, our contact email address is:
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