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**BETTER POLICE PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND DATA MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDED FOR CITY
TO ALLOCATE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES TO NOPD**

The New Orleans Office of Inspector General (OIG) today released a report titled "New Orleans Police Department Funding" to provide policy-makers and the public with a complete picture of NOPD spending and performance.

The OIG review of NOPD revenue sources and calculation of total dollars spent on the NOPD from 2008 - 2013 includes two findings and recommendations:

- The City's budget books and its ResultsNOLA reports of "key performance indicators" did not provide the Council or the public with details about performance that could lead to informed decision-making about budgeting. The City should adopt a more complete police performance measurement model and evidence-based policy, which will provide decision-makers with information they need to allocate appropriate resources to the NOPD.
- NOPD data were unreliable and could not be used to evaluate performance. The OIG recommends that the NOPD institute better controls on data collection and management.

"The City and NOPD need to show evidence that NOPD spending results in good public safety outcomes," stated Inspector General Ed Quatrevaux. "Our review showed the City did not connect the cost of policing to quality of services."

The NOPD is the largest department in the City and accounts for approximately 25 percent of city general fund spending. During the six years analyzed, NOPD actual general fund expenditures ranged from \$130,066,818 to \$149,717,402. OIG evaluators determined general fund revenues covered the majority of NOPD costs, but the total amount spent on policing in New Orleans in the years 2008-2012 was 25-30 percent higher when other city and outside expenses were included.

The NOPD Funding Report attached to this news release is part of a wider OIG analysis of New Orleans justice system funding. Other reports issued by the Office of Inspector General are available on the website www.nolaoig.org.