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AUDIT FINDS NEW ORLEANS POLICE FAILED TO FOLLOW POLICIES TO MONITOR OVERTIME AND PAID DETAILS

The New Orleans Office of Inspector General (OIG) today released a report titled “New Orleans Police Department Payroll Performance Audit.” OIG auditors tested the effectiveness of payroll, overtime, and paid detail processes related to daily working limits and controls unique to the NOPD during the period of December 30, 2012 through April 6, 2013.

In a random selection of ninety officers out of the more than 1,200 officers employed by NOPD at the time, the following findings were noted:

- seventeen officers worked more than the 16 hours and 35 minutes a day allowed by NOPD procedures;
- fourteen officers worked more than the 32 hours of overtime allowed in a week;
- paid details were not properly documented or approved according to NOPD policy;
- three officers worked a total of four paid details during assigned NOPD shifts; and
- twelve officers worked 50 paid details without a break between their regular shift and their paid detail.

“NOPD supervisors must effectively monitor officers’ time to be sure officers get the proper rest required to avoid fatigue related accidents and poor work performance,” stated Inspector General Ed Quatrevaux. “If paid details are not properly approved and scheduled, NOPD is understaffed while officers work details on city time. Policies in place to prevent and detect overwork of officers and abuse of paid details must be enforced.”

The report noted that recommended corrective actions to the audit’s findings are contingent upon successful implementation of the ADP electronic payroll system, and the transition of paid detail coordination to the Office of Police Secondary Employment (OPSE).

The findings of the audit are attached to this news release. Other reports issued by the Office of Inspector General can be viewed and downloaded from the website at <http://www.nolaogig.org>.

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