MONTHLY REPORT

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NEW ORLEANS
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

EDWARD MICHEL, CIG
INSPECTOR GENERAL

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

ADMINISTRATION

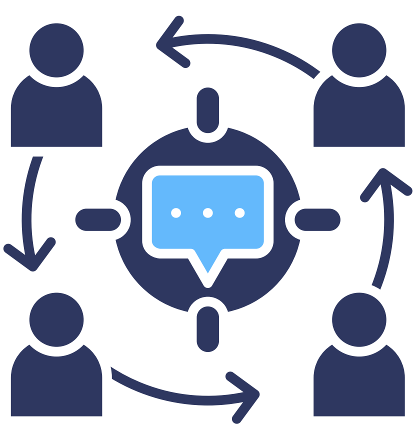
The Office Manager is responsible for the following:

- Human Resources
- Finance
- Procurement Process
- Operations

INFORMATION SECURITY

The OIG Information Security Specialist is responsible for maintaining the OIG's information technology (IT) integrity through:

- Technical Support
- Hardware and Software Updates
- Communication and Coordination
- Consultation for IT Purchases
- Digital Forensics
- Evaluation of Emerging Technology



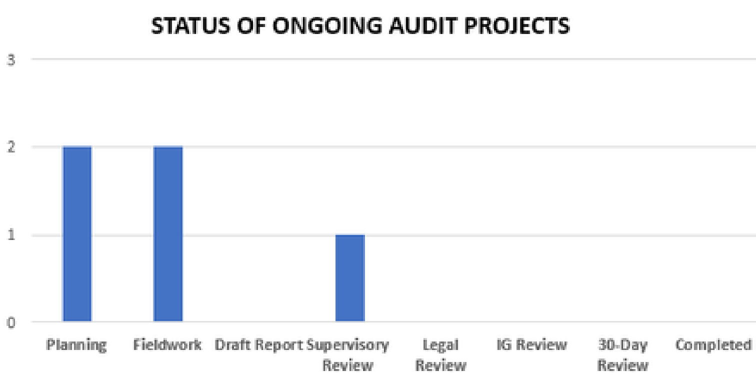
COMMUNICATIONS

The Public Information Officer is responsible for the following:

- Public and Media Relations
- Social Media
- Monthly and Annual Reports to the ERB
- Editing | Writing | Reviewing

AUDIT & REVIEW DIVISION

The **Audit and Review Division** conducts financial audits, attestations, compliance, and performance audits of City programs and operations. Auditors test for appropriate internal controls and compliance with laws, regulations, and other requirements.



The Audit and Review Division has the following projects in process:

- New Orleans Recreation Department Maintenance Audit
- Non-profit Property Tax Exemptions
- New Orleans Sewerage & Water Board Lead Follow-up
- New Orleans 311 Performance Audit
- Recycling Services

<u>Project Phase Descriptions:</u>

Planning - includes background research, data gathering, initial interviews, and/or internal controls assessment.

Fieldwork - includes data and statistical analyses, interviews, testing of procedures, onsite observations, and/or physical inspections.

Draft Report - includes data and statistical reviews, documenting fieldwork results, initial report writing, revisions, and internal Quality Assurance Review (QAR) prior to supervisory review.

Supervisory Review - includes the review by both Deputy Inspector General and First Assistant Inspector General to ensure sufficiency and appropriateness of evidence, adequate fieldwork procedures, and proper conclusions, content, presentation, and readability.

Legal Review - Report review by in-house General Counsel and/or outside Legal Counsel to ensure appropriate and proper legal citations and/or interpretations.

IG Review - Report review by the Inspector General based on corrections and recommended changes resulting from the Legal Review.

30-Day Comment Period - 30-day deadline for the department to review the draft report and submit management responses for inclusion in the final report.

MEASURING PROGRESS

AUDIT AND REVIEW DIVISION

The following information provides a summary of the Audit Division's project phase and a summary of the audit objectives.

Project Name	Project Phase [1]	Anticipated Completion Date [2]
New Orleans Recreation Department Maintenance Audit	Fieldwork	Ongoing

Summary of Objectives: The objective of the audit is to determine whether NORD maintained their facilities in accordance with policy and best practices.

Project Name	Project Phase	Anticipated Completion Date
Non-profit Property Tax Exemptions	Fieldwork	Ongoing

Summary of Objectives: The objective of the audit is to determine if the City is adequately verifying the eligibility of non-profits exempt from paying property taxes, as well as to determine if organizations are improperly included as exempt.

Project Name	Project Phase	Anticipated Completion Date
New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board Lead Follow-up	Supervisory Review	Ongoing

Summary of Objectives: To determine whether the City implemented the changes recommended in the OIG's 2017 report Lead Exposure and Infrastructure Reconstruction, and to update the recommendations based on new legal requirements, as needed.

Project Name	Project Phase	Anticipated Completion Date
New Orleans 311 Performance Audit	Planning	Ongoing

Summary of Objectives: To evaluate whether New Orleans 311 effectively receives, routes, communicates, and tracks service requests. Additionally, it will assess whether communication between 311 and city departments supports timely, accurate, and complete service delivery for residents.

Project Name	Project Phase	Anticipated Completion Date
Recycling Services	Planning	Ongoing

Summary of Objectives: To assess whether the City's recycling contracts are structured to protect the City's interests and to evaluate whether recycling contractors are fulfilling their contractual advertising and public-education obligations.

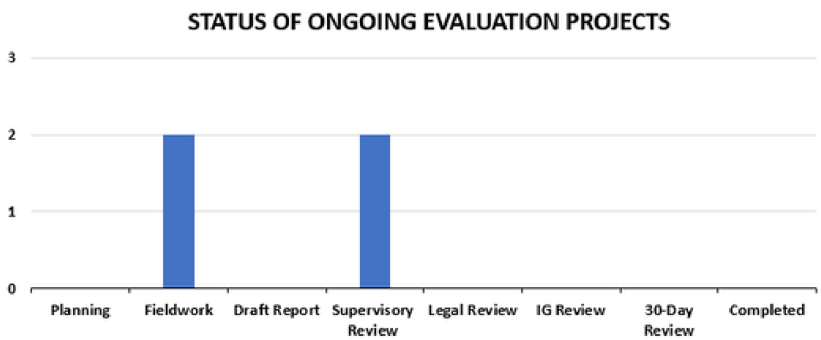
Footnotes:

1 - Project phase determination is based on the objective(s), scope, and methodology for each project. It is not determined by a standard set of hours and/or phase deadline.

2 - The completion date may be re-evaluated if necessary.

INSPECTIONS & EVALUATIONS DIVISION

The Inspections and Evaluations Division works to increase the efficiency, effectiveness, transparency, and accountability of City programs, agencies, and operations. Evaluators conduct independent, objective, empirically based and methodically sound inspections, evaluations, and performance reviews.



The following projects has the following projects in process:

- NORD Booster Clubs and Athletic Teams Resources
- Equipment Maintenance Division Fleet Management
- Illegal Dumping Policies and Enforcement
- SWBNO Employee Overtime

Project Phase Descriptions:

Planning - includes background research, data gathering, initial interviews, and/or internal controls assessment.

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MEASURING PROGRESS

INSPECTIONS AND EVALUATIONS DIVISION

The following information provides a summary of the Inspections and Evaluations Division's project phase and a summary of each project's objectives.

Project Name	Project Phase[1]	Anticipated Completion Date[2]
NORD Booster Clubs and Athletic Teams Resources	Supervisory Review	Ongoing

Summary of Objectives: To determine whether NORD has sufficient controls in place to ensure that teams comply with NORD policies and with the law as well as to assess whether NORD's youth athletics registration fee policies and procedures result in equitable and consistent opportunities for the City's youth.

Equipment Maintenance Division Fleet Management	Supervisory Review	Ongoing

Summary of Objectives: To determine if the EMD has policies and procedures to adequately maintain, inventory, and surplus City equipment in an efficient and effective manner.

Illegal Dumping Policies and Enforcement	Fieldwork	Ongoing

Summary of Objectives: To determine whether the Department of Sanitation and other pertinent agencies have policies, procedures and internal controls to respond to illegal dumping complaints and reduce the occurrence of future illegal dumping events.

SWBNO Employee Overtime	Fieldwork	Ongoing

Summary of Objectives: To identify trends in overtime usage; review polices, procedures, and internal controls to determine whether resources are used effectively; and determine whether the SWBNO's budget is sufficient to account for anticipated personnel needs.

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INVESTIGATION DIVISION

ONGOING PROSECUTIONS:

The Investigation Division continues to assist in the criminal prosecutions of former Mayor LaToya Cantrell, Jeffrey Vappie, whose trial is now scheduled for March 15, 2027. OIG investigators also continue to assist in the criminal prosecution of former local contractor Randy Farrell, whose trial remains scheduled for Oct. 19, 2026.

The Division also continues investigating allegations of overtime abuse and fraud within the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD). On July 1, 2026, the OIG released a Summary Report of Investigation regarding potential payroll fraud and timekeeping violations by an NOPD officer. The Summary Report provides background and context from the OIG's investigation, as well as the OIG's findings and conclusions.

Per the OIG's ordinance, a full report regarding the investigation has been distributed to the proper prosecutorial agencies for any actions deemed appropriate by those agencies. The report's preliminary findings show specific pathways for fraud, waste, and abuse. As the City contends with an ongoing fiscal crisis, the OIG believes that sharing this information may assist the NOPD and other City departments in identifying and preventing similar time-and-attendance misconduct.

This case is one of multiple OIG investigations into potential payroll fraud and timekeeping violations. Any substantiated allegations of fraud found during ongoing and future investigations will also be turned over to state and/or federal prosecutors for further action.

In addition, the OIG continues to assist in the criminal prosecution of contractor Jon Andersen. He was arrested April 9, 2026, following an OIG investigation into allegations that he forged a construction contract in the city's permit system and created a fake email address to make it appear as though the documents were sent by an inspector. Andersen was charged with a total of 14 counts (Forgery, Filing False Public Records, and Online Impersonation). As of early July 2026, a trial date had not been set for Andersen.

BY THE NUMBERS

The Investigation Division initiated 13 complaints and 12 requests for information.

2026 BUDGET

Total 2026 Appropriation $ 4,398,625

Expenditures	Spent YTD
Personnel	$ 1,687,548
Operating	$ 104,536
Total	$ 1,792,084
Remaining Balance	$ 2,606,541

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook and Instagram: @NewOrleansOIG

X: @NOLAOIG

LinkedIn: @OfficeofInspectorGeneralCityofNewOrleans

YouTube: @NOLAOIG1737

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The OIG recently released a letter regarding the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission's (NORD) background checks for volunteer youth athletics coaches.

That letter found that NORD was not following its own policies regarding background checks for volunteer youth sports coaches.

Our letter urges NORD to follow its own policies that require background checks for all volunteer coaches, ensure background checks include key information, maintain proper records of background checks, and adopt formal, written procedures for evaluating the results of background checks.

The purpose of the letter is to recommend that NORD fully implement its existing background-check policies and make every effort to obtain nationwide background checks that provide accurate dispositions for as many cases as possible.

The OIG encourages the public to read the full letter and press release here:

https://lnkd.in/gegqHiwh

OIG Public Letter: New Orleans Recreation Development Commission Youth Athletics Background Checks
nolaoig.gov

The OIG Uses Social Media to Highlight Our:

- Community outreach and educational events
- New reports and letters
- Employment opportunities
- Recent and historical reports
- Partnerships and collaborations
- Fraud hotline
- Employee milestones
- Media presence
- Fraud-prevention tips and other resources

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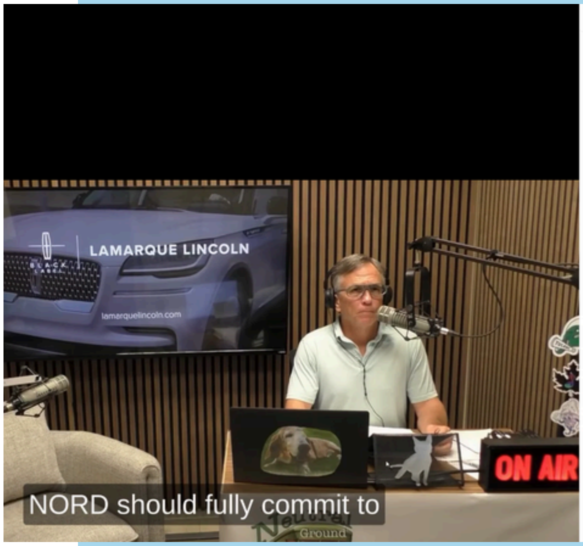
Today, the OIG released a public letter finding serious deficiencies in the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission (NORDC)'s policies and practices for vetting youth sports coaches. Find out more in the video below!



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Original audio

neworleansoig Thank you to Host Kaare Johnson for welcoming Inspector General Ed Michel to The Neutral Ground!

In this latest discussion, IG Michel dives into the OIG's recent letter addressing background checks for coaches for the New Orleans Recreation and Development Commission's youth athletics programs.

Our letter urges NORD to follow its own policies requiring background checks for all volunteer coaches, to ensure background checks include key information, to maintain proper records of background checks, and to adopt formal, written procedures for evaluating the results of background checks.

See the video clip to hear IG Michel discuss the OIG's recommendation that NORD fully implement its own policies requiring background checks for volunteer coaches.

To learn more, read the full OIG letter and press release here (link in bio).