

MONTHLY REPORT

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

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ADMINISTRATION DIVISION



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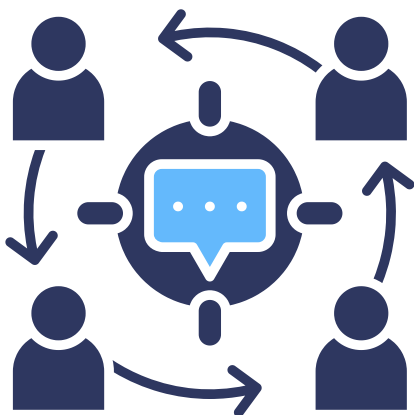
The Office Manager is responsible for the following:

- 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



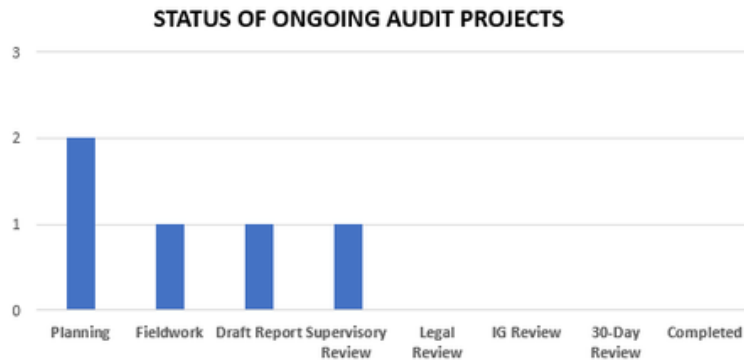
COMMUNICATIONS

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

Project Phase Descriptions:

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 ² Completion Date
New Orleans Recreation Department Maintenance Audit	Draft Report	Ongoing
Summary of Objectives: The objective of the audit is to determine whether NORD maintained their facilities in accordance with policy and best practices.		
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.		
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.		
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.		
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.		

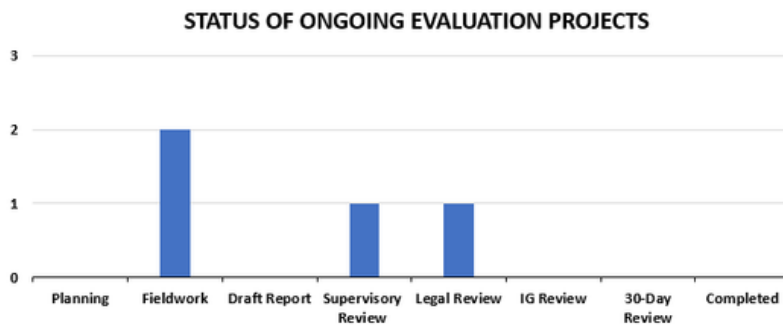
Footnotes:

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

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MEASURING PROGRESS

INSPECTIONS AND EVALUATIONS DIVISION

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Project Name	Project Phase ₁	Anticipated Completion Date ₂
NORD Booster Clubs and Athletic Teams Resources	Legal 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 policies, 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 and former NOPD officer Jeffrey Vappie, whose trials are scheduled for March 15, 2027. OIG investigators also continue to assist in the criminal prosecution of former City contractors Randy Farrell, whose trial is scheduled for Oct. 19, 2026, and Jon Andersen, whose trial date has not been set.

OVERTIME AND PAYROLL CASES:

The OIG continues to investigate and has referred several payroll fraud and overtime cases to the U.S. Department of Justice and the State Attorney General for review and possible prosecution. OIG investigators continue to work with our state and federal partners to address potential payroll fraud. Any substantiated allegations of fraud identified during ongoing and future investigations will also be referred to state and/or federal prosecutors for further action.

Earlier this year, the OIG released two public letters providing specific recommendations for stronger oversight of the NOPD's overtime and timekeeping. Since the letters' release, the City and NOPD have taken significant steps to improve monitoring and management of timekeeping and overtime, and NOPD overtime costs have dropped by more than 45% between the first half of 2025 and the first half of 2026.

NOPD Overtime Costs as reported in the City's BRASS System

	2025	2026	Difference
Q1	\$ 12,082,572.67	\$ 6,573,243.02	\$ 5,509,329.65
Q2	\$ 5,911,319.03	\$ 3,087,479.13	\$ 2,823,839.90
Total	\$ 17,993,891.70	\$ 9,660,722.15	\$ 8,333,169.55

Source: City of New Orleans Chief Administrative Office

BY THE NUMBERS

The Investigation Division initiated 10 complaints, opened two investigations, and made six requests for information,

2026 BUDGET

Total 2026 Appropriation \$ 4,398,625

Expenditures	Spent YTD
Personnel	\$ 1,938,074
Operating	\$ 173,974
Total	\$ 2,112,048
Remaining Balance	\$ 2,286,577

SOCIAL MEDIA



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For the OIG's Summary Report of Investigation and NOPD Overtime and Timekeeping letter, visit NolaOIG.gov

neworleansoig The New Orleans OIG today released a Summary Report of Investigation that uncovers potential payroll fraud and timekeeping violations involving an officer with the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD).

What you need to know:

- The Summary provides important background and context from the OIG's investigation, along with our findings and conclusions.
- Per the OIG's ordinances, a full report has been shared with the proper prosecutorial agencies for any action deemed appropriate by those agencies.
- This case is one of multiple OIG investigations into potential payroll fraud and timekeeping violations.

In April, the OIG released a public letter highlighting recurring issues in the NOPD's timekeeping and overtime practices and providing recommendations for improvement.

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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

New Orleans Office of Inspector General
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NOPD cuts overtime costs 45% after enacting new oversight measures, Inspector General says
https://www.nola.com/.../article_65cb79a2-8447-4c14-87e8...

"The OIG applauds the NOPD and City administrators for improving the Department's timekeeping and overtime practices to ensure that resources dedicated to public safety are used as efficiently and effectively as possible," IG Ed Michel said in a Thursday statement. See [less](#)