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OIG COMMENDS CITY, NOPD FOR MAJOR DROP IN NOPD OVERTIME COSTS

The New Orleans Office of Inspector General (OIG) is pleased to see the positive impact of actions taken by the City and New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) to improve the NOPD's timekeeping and overtime practices and procedures.

The NOPD's overtime costs have dropped by more than 45% between the first half of 2025 and the first half of 2026.

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 the NOPD's overtime costs have dropped, as seen below.

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

Inspector General Ed Michel stated:

"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."

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