

OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Violent Crimes / Safe Streets Taskforce 2024 Annual Report

OPD FBI Violent Crimes Taskforce

The OPD FBI Violent Crimes Taskforce which falls under The FBI's Safe Streets initiative, is a collaborative effort to address violence crimes within our community. The task force pursues violent gangs through sustained, proactive, coordinated and intelligence led investigations to obtain prosecutions that will further public safety while reducing harm and law enforcement's footprint.

Staffing

- 1. Number of full and part time OPD officers assigned to FBI Task Force: Two full-time officers and one full-time sergeant.
- 2. Number of hours worked as FBI Task Force Officer: Regular 40 hours per week. However, the task force officers would assist other OPD operations based on OPD needs and priorities and whether there are active investigations.
- 3. Funding source for FBI Task Force Officer salary: OPD Budget.

Other Resources Provided

- 1. Communication equipment: None.
- 2. Surveillance equipment: None.
- 3. Clerical/administrative staff hours: None.
- 4. Funding sources for all the above: OPD Budget.

Cases

- Number of cases FBI Task Force Officer was assigned to: Thirty homicide cases were re-examined by the FBI Task Force
 - a. Sixteen of these cases were at the request of the family, five cases were adopted from a homicide investigator that departed during the year, and the rest of the cases were assigned the Task Force officers due to assisting with callouts or self-initiated. Of all these cases, seven of them were solved by the Task Force.
 - b. There are also eleven additional ongoing violent crime cases in which the FBI Evidence Response Team (ERT) has processed evidence in these cases. The ERT consistent of FBI agents and analysts that are specialists in processing and collection of evidence from locations such as residences and vehicles. The task force officers assist with the coordination and utilization of the ERT.

- c. OPD / FBI identified an additional case connected to a serial killer in Alaska. An individual convicted of multiple homicides in Oakland was classified as a serial killer by the task force.
- d. OPD Task force officers are also assisting with an ongoing project to identify "Doe" remains from cold cases, two cases are pending lab result confirmation as to their identities.
- 2. Number of "duty to warn" cases: N/A
- **3. General types of cases:** Homicides cases involving suspects identified in violent gangs / groups, and cold case homicides
- 4. Number of times the FBI asked OPD to perform/OPD declined to perform: None.
 - a. Reason for OPD declination (e.g. insufficient resources, local/state law): N/A

Operations

- 1. Number of times OPD officers were involved in undercover investigations: Six.
- 2. Number of instances where OPD Task Force officer managed informants: None.
- 3. Number of informant-involved cases in which the OPD FBI Task Force Officer actively participated: Three.
- 4. Number of requests from outside agencies (e.g. ICE) for records or data of OPD: None.
 - a. Number of such requests that were denied: N/A
 - b. Reason for denial: N/A
- 5. Whether FBI Task Force Officer was involved in any cases where USPER (U.S. person status) information was collected: No.

Training and Compliance

- 1. Description of training given to FBI Task Force Officer by OPD to ensure compliance with Oakland and California law: The OPD officers assigned to the FBI Task Force follow all OPD policies and are required to attend and comply with all trainings requirements for OPD officers. They are all currently up to date with their required annual / policy trainings. The officers have also reviewed all provisions of the FBI Task Force MOU.
- 2. Date of last training update: December 2024
- 3. Frequency with which FBI Task Force Officer briefs OPD supervisor on cases: Weekly

Actual and Potential Violations of Local/State Law

- 1. **Number of actual violations:** There were zero reportable potential or actual violations of law or policy during the reporting period. A police sergeant regularly reviews investigative steps taken or planned by task force officers to ensure it complies with OPD policy and city ordinances.
- 2. Number of potential violations: Same answer as above.
- **3. Actions taken to address actual or potential violations:** The officers follow OPD policies. OPD leadership consults with the Office of the City Attorney to ensure that all policies conform to State and Federal laws.

4. Recommendations by OPD to address prevention of future violations: OPD will continue to consult with the Office of the City Attorney to ensure that personnel continue to follow federal, state, and local laws and policies. OPD will also consult with the Privacy Advisory Commission about any proposed changes.

<u>Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) and Northern California Regional Intelligence Center (NCRIC)</u>

- 1. Whether OPD Task Force Officer submits SARs to NCRIC: No.
- 2. Whether OPD officer receives SAR information: No.

Command Structure for OPD Task Force Officer

- 1. Reports to whom at FBI? Supervisory Special Agent Teak Wilson
- 2. Reports to whom at OPD? Lieutenant Gloria Beltran

Respectfully submitted,

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