

Oversight Commission Responsibilities

1. The Oversight Commission shall review, at its discretion, or upon request from the Board of Supervisors or the Sheriff, policy recommendations to the Sheriff made by official entities sanctioned by the Board of Supervisors or the Sheriff or recommendations made in other reports that in the judgment of the Commission merit its analysis, and report to the Sheriff and the Board of Supervisors whether or not the recommendation should be implemented by the Board of Supervisors or Sheriff or if the recommendation is being implemented, the status of the implementation. The Oversight Commission reports shall contain an analysis supporting its recommendations and normally shall seek the input of the Sheriff before completing its reports.

2. Upon request of the Board of Supervisors or the Sheriff, the Commission may either serve as a monitor or to assess the implementation of settlement provisions in litigation. Where there is litigation against the County alleging that LASD is engaging in a pattern or practice that is improper, the Board of Supervisors or the Sheriff, when it deems appropriate, may refer litigation matters to the Commission to review and assess implementation and/or monitoring provisions and make recommendations to the Board or the Sheriff, or at the request of the Board of Supervisors play a direct role in monitoring implementation of any settlement by assessing community input as to implementation progress or, after consultation with the Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff, by serving as the monitoring entity.

3. Function as a liaison, or at the request of the groups or organizations involved, serve as a mediator to help resolve on-going disputes between the LASD and members of the community, or organizations within Los Angeles County.

4. Review, analyze, where appropriate solicit public input, and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff on LASD operational policies and procedures affecting the community or make recommendations to create additional operational policies and procedures affecting the community and request a response. Normally the Commission shall seek the input of the Sheriff before completing its recommendations.

5. Investigate, analyze, solicit input, and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff on systemic LASD-related issues or complaints affecting the community. Normally the Commission shall seek the input of the Sheriff before completing its recommendations.

6. Without interfering with the Sheriff's investigative functions, obtain community input and feedback on specific incidents involving use of force, detention conditions, or other civil rights concerns regarding the LASD and convey to the Sheriff and the Board of Supervisors community complaints, concerns, or positive feedback and where appropriate make recommendations.

7. Work with and assist the OIG in soliciting community input and feedback on issues under investigation by the OIG.

8. Function as a bridge between the Sheriff's Department and the community by providing the community an additional means of giving input to the LASD, obtaining answers from the LASD to community concerns about LASD operations, practices, and activities, bring an additional perspective to LASD decision-making to ensure an on-going balance between the sometimes competing factors of ensuring public safety and constitutional, civil, and human rights, and communicate community concerns to the LASD that otherwise might not be as clear or might go unnoticed.