



Department Description

In November 2020, the citizens of Columbus voted to approve an amendment to the City Charter to establish a Civilian Police Review Board and a Department of the Inspector General to provide civilian oversight of the Columbus Division of Police.

The initiative was one of several recommendations presented to the Mayor by the Columbus Community Safety Advisory Commission, which was tasked with reviewing Columbus Division of Police recruitment, training, policies, and procedures through the lens of 21st century policing.

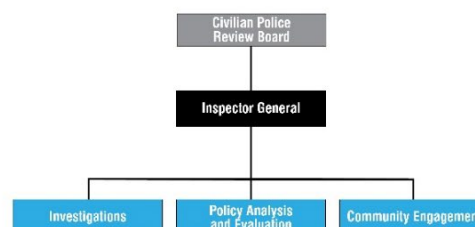
Department Mission

To enhance transparency and build trust through the objective and independent oversight of the Columbus Division of Police.

The Department of the Inspector General functions as a city-funded, operationally independent, professionally staffed, public-facing entity. This department has the authority to conduct administrative investigations as well as participate comprehensively in criminal investigations involving the Division of Police sworn personnel. Its duties and responsibilities encompass the development of administrative rules, and receiving, initiating, reviewing, and facilitating the investigation of complaints of misconduct and excessive use of force. Additionally, it can make recommendations on complaint resolutions and disciplinary actions. In specific situations, it also has the power to subpoena witnesses and evidence.

Budget Summary				
Fund	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2026 Proposed
General Fund	1,443,385	1,870,262	2,376,891	2,273,178
Department Total	\$ 1,443,385	\$ 1,870,262	\$ 2,376,891	\$ 2,273,178

Inspector General



2026 BUDGET NOTES

The 2026 budget for the Department of the Inspector General includes funding for 17 full-time employees. Non-personnel funding totaling \$69,422 is included in the supplies and services categories to support the operational needs of the department.

Financial Summary by Area of Expense					
Division	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Projected	2026 Proposed
Inspector General					
General Fund					
Personnel	\$ 1,344,507	\$ 1,718,577	\$ 2,181,288	\$ 2,069,728	\$ 2,203,756
Materials & Supplies	23,900	41,002	27,699	38,550	28,400
Services	74,978	110,682	167,904	113,528	41,022
General Fund Subtotal	1,443,385	1,870,262	2,376,891	2,221,806	2,273,178
Department Total	\$ 1,443,385	\$ 1,870,262	\$ 2,376,891	\$ 2,221,806	\$ 2,273,178

Department Personnel Summary								
Fund	2023 Actual		2024 Actual		2025 Budget		2026 Proposed	
	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT
General Fund								
Administration	13	0	16	0	18	0	17	0
Total	13	0	16	0	18	0	17	0

Operating Budget by Program				
Program	2025 Budget	2025 FTEs	2026 Proposed	2026 FTEs
Administration	\$ 2,366,337	18	\$ 2,150,770	16
Internal Services	6,054	0	6,740	0
Civilian Review Board	4,500	0	115,668	1
Department Total	\$ 2,376,891	18	\$ 2,273,178	17

2026 PROGRAM GUIDE

ADMINISTRATION

To uphold the duties and responsibilities granted to the department by the citizens of Columbus to effectuate thorough and objective oversight of the Division of Police operations.

INTERNAL SERVICES

To account for the internal service charges of the department that are necessary to maintain operations.

CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD

To receive, initiate, cause investigation of, and recommend resolution of complaints filed with it or undertaken by the Civilian Review Board alleging misconduct by sworn members of the Columbus Division of Police.

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