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**Police release audits on workers' comp, patrol division stations**

The Internal Audit Unit released three audits this week focusing on workers' compensation and patrol station operations.

The Board of Police Commissioners' Audit Committee reviewed the audits' findings Jan. 15. The full audits are available on KCPD's web site.

An audit of KCPD's workers' compensation data found patrols officers are those most commonly injured, and they are most often injured during arrest. Hands were the body parts most often injured during arrest, but knee injuries comprised the greatest number of workers' compensation claims overall. Auditors found although there had been an overall expense decline from 2008 to 2011, costs went up by more than half a million dollars in 2012, even though there were the exactly the same number of incidents as in 2011.

The South Patrol Division audit found some bonding receipt procedures did not adhere to policy. It was determined this was because budget cuts forced the elimination of detention officer positions at the stations, and the officers who were forced to take over their duties did not have adequate training in bonding and booking arrestees. The audit recommended better training for sergeants and officers. The audit also found the majority of public complaints against South Patrol officers fell into the categories of improper member conduct and improper procedure.

The Metro Patrol Division audit found similar issues in bonding procedures. Patterns of complaints against officers were slightly different, however. The majority fell into the categories of excessive use of force and improper procedure.

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