



Office of the City Manager

INFORMATION CALENDAR
May 23, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Jennifer Louis, Interim Chief of Police
Subject: Audit Recommendation Status - Berkeley Police: Improvements Needed to Manage Overtime and Security Work for Outside Entities

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City Auditor's report included 12 recommendations. Five of the recommendations have been implemented, one has been partly implemented and six of the recommendations have been started. The next status update report will be in six months.

Included in the update is progress on two significant recommendations. We have recently implemented an electronic staffing software solution that will improve ability to monitor overtime and resources. The Department worked with the City Attorney's Office to develop Policy 1043 which describes the procedures and contractual agreement requirements for working with outside entities. That policy is attached to this item. Information about the process as well as the application itself are also available on the Police Department website at;

<https://berkeleyca.gov/safety-health/police/community-liaisons>

BACKGROUND

On March 3, 2022, the City Auditor's Office issued its audit, *Berkeley Police: Improvements Needed to Manage Overtime and Security Work for Outside Entities*¹. This audit report included 12 recommendations. The purpose of this report is to update the City Council on the Police Department's progress on implementing the City Auditor's recommendations. This is the second status report for this audit, the first being in November 2022.

¹ City Auditor's Office Overtime Audit (3/3/2022)

<https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-04/Berkeley%20Police%20-%20Improvements%20Needed%20to%20Manage%20Overtime%20and%20Security%20Work%20for%20Outside%20Entities.pdf>

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff time in addition to the contract costs. The contract for CareWare, approved in 2022 is \$191,740 (5-year contract). This software is now being utilized throughout the whole Police Department.

CONTACT PERSON

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Police Overtime Recommendation Table
2. Policy 1043 - Extra Duty Employment

Audit Title: Berkeley Police: Improvements Needed to Manage Overtime and Security Work for Outside Entities						
Finding	Recommendation		Department	Expected or Actual Implementation Date	Status of Audit Recommendations, Corrective Plan, and Progress Summary	Last Period: Status
Overtime is used to maintain minimum patrol staffing set by BPD.	1.1	Collect and monitor data on how often compensatory time leads to additional backfill overtime and develop a plan to monitor it.	Police	9/1/2023	<u>Started:</u> The CareWare electronic staffing software solution has recently been implemented to monitor staffing, overtime and time off, plus shift trades/swaps. Now that the software is being utilized, BPD will be better able to work towards understanding the expense and impacts of compensatory time.	Not Started
Overtime is used to maintain minimum patrol staffing set by BPD.	1.2	Fill vacancies deemed necessary and/or reallocate staff pending the reimagining process and a determination of appropriate staffing levels.	Police	Ongoing	<u>Started:</u> The City of Berkeley released an RFP for a "Berkeley Police Department Workload Organizational Study". A vendor for the organizational workload study has been selected and BPD is entering into the contracting process.	Not Started
Minimum staffing levels in BPD's Patrol Unit could cause unnecessary overtime if not regularly updated.	2.1	Establish a procedure to regularly assess minimum staffing and overall staffing needs of the department. This process should document and incorporate criteria to assess staffing levels, such as calls for service, other workload, community input, and other relevant factors. As BPD prepares for the rollout of a new software system, BPD should consider how to best align the program's capabilities with this assessment process.	Police	9/1/2023 - 3/1/2024	<u>Started:</u> Annually, BPD will monitor and reassess workloads as they consider how to best allocate resources. These internal tools were used with the March 2023 timesheet to help identify a new beat structure to ensure adequate coverage plus rebalancing minimum staffing levels.	Not Started

<p>Minimum staffing levels in BPD's Patrol Unit could cause unnecessary overtime if not regularly updated.</p>	<p>2.2</p>	<p>Document and define the Patrol Unit's minimum staffing levels in a publicly assessable format.</p>	<p>Police</p>	<p>9/2/2022</p>	<p><u>Implemented:</u> This information has been placed on the BPD webpage. The button "current officer shift assignments" links to a timesheet with officer assignments. Information can be viewed at https://berkeleyca.gov/safety-health/police/community-liaisons. The public-facing CoB website additionally includes the following language: "Note: The timesheet and minimum staffing levels are a starting point for each shift assessed every six months and commanders have a number of options to consider regularly. There are often daily assessments, as well. Overtime to backfill officers is typically triggered when a patrol team's staffing drops below 9 or 10, depending on which Patrol team, or as other needs may dictate (crimes, emergencies, protests, etc.). These numbers are always subject to change."</p>	<p>Implemented</p>
<p>Minimum staffing levels in BPD's Patrol Unit could cause unnecessary overtime if not regularly updated.</p>	<p>2.3</p>	<p>Document the results of staffing assessments along with the assessment criteria. Incorporate results into staffing projections for budgetary decision making, including establishing a sufficient and appropriate overtime budget.</p>	<p>Police</p>	<p>9/1/2023 - 3/1/2024</p>	<p><u>Started:</u> A vendor for the organizational workload study has been selected and BPD is entering into the contracting process.</p>	<p>Not Started</p>

<p>Officers work excessive overtime, increasing health and safety risks.</p>	<p>3.1</p>	<p>Update the department overtime policy to address the fact that there currently is no limit to the number of consecutive days worked and determine the appropriate limit for overtime that is enforceable with the goal of avoiding officer fatigue. The department may examine other jurisdictions' overtime limits as possible criteria.</p>	<p>Police</p>	<p>3/1/2024</p>	<p><u>Started:</u> BPD has started looking into what other agencies do regarding limiting the number of consecutive days worked. The current policy addresses the maximum number of work hours per week but does not address consecutive days worked. The recent implementation of the electronic staffing software solution and tracking abilities may also help guide any needed changes.</p>	<p>Not Started</p>
<p>Officers work excessive overtime, increasing health and safety risks.</p>	<p>3.2</p>	<p>Work to implement a staffing software solution that integrates overtime management and scheduling software. Develop management reports that provide timely, accurate, and complete information on overtime usage. Develop a process for filling overtime shifts on a voluntary and mandatory basis, including supervisor approval. Build in warnings for when an individual is approaching overtime limits and an approval process for allowing individuals to exceed limits when deemed necessary according to the policy.</p>	<p>Police</p>	<p>3/8/2023</p>	<p><u>Implemented:</u> The CareWare electronic staffing software solution has recently been implemented to monitor staffing, overtime and time off, as well as shift trades/swaps. This includes a warning notice within the system that someone could be working more than the allowed number of hours. This warning requires acknowledgement by the user allowing the hours.</p>	<p>Started</p>

<p>BPD has no contracts for overtime security with outside entities.</p>	<p>4.1</p>	<p>Update A.R. 2.10 and other department policies to explicitly include guidance around department agreements for work for outside entities, which is paid for by reimbursements to the City from the outside entities. Internal procedures should include appropriate criteria to identify and document the benefit to the City gained by work for outside entity agreements, and to allocate resources in a way that does not negatively impact City operations. Additionally, BPD should document their criteria for when officers are not available or eligible for work for outside entities.</p>	<p>Police</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p><u>Implemented:</u> BPD finalized Policy 1043 and will begin using the newly created contracts with outside entities.</p>	<p>Started</p>
<p>BPD has no contracts for overtime security with outside entities.</p>	<p>4.2</p>	<p>In consultation with the City Attorney, create contracts with outside entities in compliance with City policies and applicable laws.</p>	<p>Police</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p><u>Partly Implemented:</u> Service agreements for work with outside entities are drafted and available on the Police Department's website. BPD's sergeant in special events will be doing outreach to all of the regular consumers/requesters as a next step.</p>	<p>Started</p>

BPD has no contracts for overtime security with outside entities.	4.3	Develop an application for BPD's services that is publicly available and accessible online to any interested party. Set pay uniformly according to rank and hourly rate and include a reasonable fee that covers the expenses of administering work for outside entities including workers compensation, fuel, use of equipment, and any other actual or potential costs to the City.	Police	3/30/2023	<u>Implemented:</u> The application and service agreement have been added to the BPD website on the Community Liaisons page under 'Related Documents'. BPD will be working with their web management team to add it to the main City of Berkeley website in the 'Special Events' section. A 10% fee was added on top of employee fees to offset costs associated with coordinating special events, including planning and staff time. 10% is a standard administrative fee at the state level and is standard administrative fee for grant funding they receive. BPD wants to be consistent with department administrative fees throughout BPD. The police department will adjust the administrative fee in the future as needs dictate.	Started
BPD has no contracts for overtime security with outside entities.	4.4	BPD should reconcile invoices with the amounts received for work with outside entities at regular intervals. BPD should also implement procedures to check invoices for errors prior to billing outside entities.	Police	3/7/2023	<u>Implemented:</u> BPD's Admin & Fiscal Services Unit developed a written procedure for the 'Outside Entity Billing Process'. This will ensure consistency and accountability in billing and tracking.	Started
BPD has no contracts for overtime security with outside entities.	4.5	Explore ways to clearly account for different funds to track revenues and expenses.	Police	Ongoing	<u>Started:</u> BPD is in the beginning stages of developing potential solutions to account for different funds. It may require collaboration with Finance, Budget, Payroll Audit, the ERMA Team, and other stakeholders.	Started

Extra Duty Employment

1043.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy covers extra duty employment, which consists of officers working special details wherein the City of Berkeley has a contractual agreement to provide services for a fee to private third parties.

1043.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Extra Duty Employment- Extra Duty Employment occurs when a member of this Department performs police services at the request of a private third party and receives overtime compensation or wages paid directly into their routine pay, the cost of which the City will recover pursuant to a Service Agreement between the private third party and the City. Approval shall be obtained from the Chief of Police prior to any overtime being posted for Extra Duty Employment.

1043.2 OBTAINING APPROVAL FOR EXTRA DUTY EMPLOYMENT

All requests for Extra Duty Employment will be offered only after a third party has signed a Service Agreement and completed an Application for Extra Duty Services prior to the officers being assigned.

The City is under no obligation to provide or approve Extra Duty Employment and all requests must consider the following criteria:

- The overall staffing needs of the Department, including Investigations and specialized patrols such as the Bike Force Team
- The impact of the request on officer wellness and fatigue mitigation
- The degree to which the extra duty employment supports overall public safety and builds connections with the community.
- The potential the extra duty employment has to cast discredit upon or create embarrassment for the Department or City Government.

In instances where the Department chooses not to staff an Extra Duty Employment opportunity, the private third party will not incur any charges.

The completion of a Service Agreement and Application for Extra Duty Services is required for all events in which the Berkeley Police Department will seek reimbursement. All police grant work is excluded from this policy. Mutual Aid response from the Berkeley Police Department may include incidents wherein reimbursement is expected, however it is explicitly excluded from the provisions of the Extra Duty Employment, and is covered under General Order M-02, and Policy 327 (upon its publication).

Any private third party seeking Extra Duty Employment shall complete the following:

- The private third party must complete the **Service Agreement** in order to request Extra Duty Employment. This form is available on the Police Department's website, and is attached to this policy.
- The **Service Agreement** may be entered into for a one-time event, for repeating events, or to cover continuous service. **Service Agreements** for Extra Duty Employment will span no longer than the duration of one calendar year, automatically resetting every January 1st for events that seek continuous services. In circumstances like the Berkeley Unified School District which may have different events spanning the year, the **Service Agreement** for Extra Duty Employment should identify what activities or events (i.e. sporting events, dances, graduation) are anticipated. Extra Duty Employment outside of these events will require an additional application. This allows for adjusted staffing consistent with the needs of each respective event.

Extra Duty Employment

- City Manager approval must be obtained for all **Service Agreements**.
- The private third party must complete an **Application for Extra Duty Employment**. This form is available on the Police Department's website, and is attached to this policy.
- The private third party must submit the **Application for Extra Duty Employment** and any additional supporting documents to the Special Events Sergeant.
- Chief of Police approval must be obtained for all **Applications for Extra Duty Employment**
- The Special Events Sergeant will be the contact person between the Department and the private third party on the status of their respective application.
- The Special Events Sergeant will be responsible for posting the overtime.
- The Special Event Sergeant shall maintain records of all submitted Extra Duty Employment requests and shall be responsible for annual renewal of Service Agreements.

1043.3 EXTRA DUTY EMPLOYMENT- SWORN PERSONNEL

Sworn personnel are subject to the following provisions regarding Extra Duty Employment while working in a law enforcement function representing the Berkeley Police Department:

- Officers will treat Extra Duty Employment overtime like regular patrol duty, and shall be dressed in full Police Uniform, and adhere to all policies and procedures of the Berkeley Police Department. Officers are permitted to use marked police vehicles as appropriate while working in this capacity.
- All officer conduct will be highly professional, and all law enforcement actions taken will be those authorized by the employee's status as a California police officer.
- In all Extra Duty Employment instances, the police personnel shall at all times be subject to the exclusive direction, supervision, and control of the Police Department.
- Equipment, including vehicles, may be assigned by the Police Department based on the nature and duration of the work to be performed.

[See attachment: BPD Service Agreement-final.pdf](#)

[See attachment: Application for Extra Duty Services.pdf](#)

Attachments

BPD Service Agreement-final.pdf

CITY OF BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT SERVICE AGREEMENT

This agreement for services (“Agreement”) is by and between the City of Berkeley, a chartered California municipal corporation (“City”) and _____ (“Organization”). The City and the Organization may be referred to herein individually as a “Party”, or collectively as the “Parties”.

The Parties agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. DATES: Unless this paragraph is subsequently modified by a written amendment to this Agreement, the term of this Agreement shall begin on _____ and terminate on _____.
2. SERVICES; CONDITIONS; CITY EMPLOYEES: In exchange for the compensation from the Organization, as described in this Agreement, the City’s Police Department Peace Officer Personnel (“Personnel”) shall provide security services, crowd control, and/or traffic control (collectively, “Services”) as may be separately requested by the Organization and agreed upon by the City. In performing such Services, the Personnel shall be utilized only in their capacity as Peace Officers, as defined by California Government Code Section 50920 and Penal Code Sections 830 and 830.1.

The Personnel shall, at all times, be subject to the exclusive direction, supervision, and control of the City. The Personnel shall remain employees of the City when performing Services under this Agreement, and shall not be deemed employees of the Organization.

Services shall be provided only upon written request by the Organization via the completion of an Application for Extra Duty Services, attached hereto as Exhibit A. Any request shall include the date and time-period for which Services are required, the number of Personnel anticipated, and a description of the Services. The City may reject any request for any reason in its sole discretion.

The City’s ability to perform such Services is subject to the availability of its Personnel, as such availability may be determined by the City in its sole discretion. It is understood and agreed that the City assumes no liability for its rejection of any request for Services or its inability to provide Personnel for Services on any particular date and/or time.

3. BILLING: The Organization will be billed by the City for Services rendered by the Personnel at the overtime rate of the individual Personnel who provide the Services plus indirect costs of 10% of the hourly rate. The specific hourly rate for the individual Personnel shall be determined by the City and shall include a three-hour minimum charge per individual Personnel. Billing for Services shall begin from the time the officer leaves the police station to travel to the off-site work area and will continue until the officer has returned from the off-site work area to the police station.
4. INDEMNITY/HOLD HARMLESS: To the maximum extent permitted by law, and excluding the gross negligence or willful misconduct by the Personnel while providing the Services, the Organization shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless, the City (including any City employee, officer, or agent), from any claim, injury, loss, or damage,

- 10. AMENDMENTS: The City or Organization may, from time to time, request changes in the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Such changes, which are mutually agreed upon in writing by the City and Organization shall be incorporated in amendments to this Agreement.
- 11. COUNTERPARTS: This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but both of which shall constitute one and the same instrument; and, the Parties agree that signatures on this Agreement, including those transmitted by facsimile or scanned email attachment, shall be sufficient to bind the Parties.
- 12. OTHER AGREEMENTS: This Agreement shall not supersede, amend, or otherwise alter any other contract, memorandum of understanding, or any other written agreement between the Parties.
- 13. UNDERSTANDING/AUTHORITY TO SIGN: The Parties hereby certify that they have read the above terms and conditions, and agree to conform to them and all laws and regulations pertaining to the use of City Personnel for the purposes as set forth in this Agreement. The signatories below warrant and represent they have the authority to bind the Party to the terms of this Agreement.

CITY OF BERKELEY

Dated: _____

Office of the City Manager
City of Berkeley
2180 Milvia Street, 5th Floor
Berkeley, CA 94704

ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

Dated: _____

By: _____
(Signature of Person authorized to bind the Organization)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: () _____

Fax: () _____

Application for Extra Duty Services.pdf



BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT
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 EMAIL: police@cityofberkeley.info

APPLICATION FOR EXTRA DUTY SERVICES

Applicant Information	
Name:	Address:
Phone:	Alternate Phone:
Email:	
Reason for Request and Officer Responsibilities	
One Time Event <input type="checkbox"/>	Annual Employer <input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for the Request:	
List Responsibilities that Officer(s) will provide:	
Number of Officer(s) Requested:	
Event Information	
Date(s) of Event:	
Event Address:	
Company or Event Name:	
Company Address:	
Company Phone:	Email:

<p>Insurance: A completed general liability endorsement for \$1,000,000 naming the prospective employee(s) as the insured for the period of Extra Duty Employment is required. Insurance Agency Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ Policy Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ A copy of the Insurance Policy Attached, If not explain: _____</p> <p>Billing: The Organization will be billed by the City for Services rendered by the Personnel at the overtime rate of the individual Personnel who provide the Services plus indirect costs of 10% of the hourly rate. The specific hourly rate for the individual Personnel shall be determined by the City and shall include a three-hour minimum charge per individual Personnel. Billing for Services shall begin from the time the officer leaves the police station to travel to the off-site work area and will continue until the officer has returned from the off-site work area to the police station. The applicant’s submission is an acknowledgement that any Police Services offered are subject to the City of Berkeley Police Department Service Agreement, and that Police Officers will adhere to all Berkeley Police Department policies, procedures, and all local, state, and federal laws. The applicant further acknowledges and agrees that in all instances, the police personnel shall at all times be subject to the exclusive direction, supervision, and control of the Police Department.</p>

Applicant Signature Applicant has declared that the information provided in this application is true and correct.	
Signature:	Date:
BPD USE Received By:	Date Received:

