

**Notes from Community Meeting of the Office of Inspector General
Monday October 28, 2024**

Recording available at: <https://youtu.be/BPrKJyPf62M>

In-person attendees 8

Zoom meeting attendees 17

General Issues

Concern raised about assault weapons and whether Sheriff is complying with AB481 in sharing info with the public regarding type of weapons, how many, policies on when to use, etc. (Speaker cited Carmel St. incident and show of assault weapons).

Question on the limits of AB 481.

What happens to a deputy when they violate the body-worn camera policy?

Request for clearer policies and clear / transparent information on what happens when policies not followed.

Question on policy / procedures on overdose deaths (not in-custody) and concern expressed on how long it takes for family to receive information of investigation.

Request made for a white-collar crimes division as part of Sheriff operations.

Jail-related issues

Concern expressed regarding inmate access to tablets, whether use is actually confidential, and the lack of use by people in segregation.

Appreciate the de-escalation training. What specialized training is offered to assist in de-escalation and/or dealing with people who have mental health issues, especially in the jail?

Question raised on how corrections staff or medical staff are carrying out court ordered medical health care (for example, required medications).

Question raised on how medical provider is coordinating and communicating with jail staff regarding care of inmates.

Question on jail facility maintenance by General Services Department. How is maintenance funded and how does GSD decide what are priority projects.

Question on guidelines on when to use chemical agents or tasers in the jail. Request to remove the use of these items in the jail instead of providing more training.

Question on if OIG found any discrepancies on how grievances by inmates are being handled.

Request for follow-up on inmate welfare fund – where does it show up in the budget as revenues, how does it get spent. Why are inmates still being charged for phone calls.

Question as to why the generator has not yet been installed at the jail.

Concern raised about contaminated well at Rountree facility and need for bottled water for inmates.

OIG operations and/or report-related issues

Will there be a formal response by the Sheriff's office to the recommendations made by the Office of Inspector General (OIG)?

Question about how is OIG checking the accuracy of information from the Sheriff's Office when assessing the quality of investigations?

Question as to whether OIG is confident they can pursue independent investigations. Concern expressed that they have to ask permission to do so.

Request for OIG to investigate more cases and do a more robust review.

Question on how the Sheriff will be held accountable for implementing changes recommended by OIG.

Other

Request to have an email sign-up list so community can be notified of reports, meetings, etc. without depending on press releases.