



NOPD DEPLOYMENT WEBCHAT CONNECTS OIG STAFF WITH CITIZENS

The May 28 release of the Inspector General’s report “[New Orleans Police Department Staffing and Deployment: Meeting the Demand of Citizen Calls for Service with Existing Resources](#)” stirred much community discussion. As the city pledged to raise the size of NOPD to 1,600 officers and the public complained about slow police response time, the IG studied manpower. The report found NOPD did not have enough officers on patrol to adequately answer citizen calls for service, but through policy changes, redeployment, and adjustment of ratio of supervisors to officers, can meet citizen demand without hiring hundreds more officers.

To answer citizen’s questions about our findings, in June, OIG team members who researched and prepared the report with technical assistance from a nationally known police staffing expert, hosted our first-ever web chat. You can watch the hour- long question and answer session [here](#).

To help communicate the findings and recommendations of the police staffing report, OIG produced a [video](#). Inspector General Ed Quatrevaux also fielded questions from the media in two live morning television and one afternoon radio interview on report release day.

[**Hear the WWL Radio Podcast**](#)

[**Read the WWL Radio News Article: NOPD has enough cops**](#)

[**Read the New Orleans Advocate article: staffing disputed**](#)

With the release of the NOPD staffing and deployment evaluation, our office introduced a new informational piece called "[OIG in Brief.](#)" Its purpose is to explain the reasons our office chose to explore the topic, and summarize the findings and recommendations of our report.