

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



November 18, 2010

In 2007, the Phoenix Police Department asked the Attorney General's Office to look into certain employees working off-duty jobs. This referral was the result of an internal off-duty work inspection and a citizen's complaint to our Professional Standards Bureau. The Department asked for the Attorney General's involvement due to the complexities involved in this investigation.

Today, the Department received word from the Attorney General's Office a Grand Jury had indicted three (3) current Department employees, and one (1) former employee on theft-related charges. In addition, approximately 25 other Department employees were also investigated.

The Department will take immediate action beginning with:

- Indicted employees will be placed on administrative leave pending investigative information from the Attorney General's investigation
- Professional Standards Bureau will collaborate with the Attorney General's Office in the coming days to determine the conduct of each involved employee
- Off-duty work for the involved employees will be suspended until a full review of this case is completed
- o Each employee is presumed innocent until otherwise determined
- I am requesting the City Auditor's assistance in reviewing the off-duty work policy

I assure you, the Department takes all allegations of misconduct seriously, regardless of the complainant or accused. When an incident such as this occurs, it can create suspicions about the men and women who protect and serve our community. Therefore, each of us must be vigilant of the oath of office we have sworn to uphold.