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Inspector General Releases First Quarter 2011 Report

On Thursday, April 14, the City of Chicago Office of Inspector General (IGO) submitted its first quarter 2011 report to City officials and residents.

“This is the fifth narrative quarterly report I’ve sent to the City, and I believe it should encourage all Chicagoans to know we continue to root out waste, fraud, abuse, and inefficiency in City government,” said Inspector General Joseph Ferguson. “As we seek to bring a stronger culture of transparency to City government, it is only appropriate that we be as open as we can concerning our work. This report aims to do just that.”

The report includes specific policy recommendations the IGO has proposed to the City, as well as the City’s response to those recommendations. For example:

- An IGO investigation found that the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) has for years operated a practice called “courtesy parking” by which CDA employees, their friends and family, and others received free parking at O’Hare Airport unrelated to any official City business. The IGO recommended that the CDA end the practice.
- An IGO investigation found that the CDA also had a custom of assigning on-duty Aviation Security Officers (ASOs) to work funeral details for current ASOs and their family members, while driving City vehicles but lacked any formalized written policy governing such assignments. The IGO recommended that the CDA end the practice.
- The IGO has summarized the Board of Ethics response to the IGO’s recommendation that the City institute a gift ban for its employees.
- The report includes a synopsis of the new Open Chicago initiative, which prompted the City to publish its Collective Bargaining Agreements and Single Audit Reports on Federal Grants, and a list of the property the City leases.

In addition to case summaries and statistics, the report notes a case involving Office of Emergency Management & Communications (OEMC) employees who were discovered stealing from the City. The outcome raised concerns with the IGO, prompting the Inspector General to write a letter to the Mayor.

The full report can be found [online](http://www.chicagoinspectorgeneral.org) at the IGO website: www.chicagoinspectorgeneral.org. Follow the IGO on Twitter at [ChicagoIGO](https://twitter.com/ChicagoIGO) for the latest information on how the IGO continues to fight waste, fraud, abuse, and inefficiency in Chicago government.

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