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IGO Releases 2nd Quarter 2013 Report

The City of Chicago Office of Inspector General (IGO) has transmitted its second quarter report for 2013 to the City Council and City officials. The report provides a summary of IGO activity from April 1 through June 30, 2013 and is available on the IGO website.

City law mandates that the Quarterly Report include certain statistics about the number, type, and duration of IGO investigations. However, to promote further transparency into IGO operations, the Inspector General ensures that the Quarterly Report includes summaries of concluded investigations resulting in disciplinary findings and recommendations.

This quarter's report includes summaries of three IGO audits, one advisory, three financial recoveries, and four administrative investigations it transmitted to the City during the prior three month period.

Highlights from the report include:

- An IGO investigation found that while at work, a Motor Truck Driver with the Department of Streets and Sanitation (DSS) collected signatures from three coworkers for nominating petitions for the 2011 Chicago mayoral campaign in violation of state law and the City's Personnel Rules. The investigation also established that the employee knowingly submitted a forged signature to the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners and falsely certified that all the signatures were genuine despite knowing at least one was not, a violation of the Illinois Election Code.
- The IGO established that a Chicago Fire Department (CFD) Firefighter negligently operated a CFD sport utility vehicle (SUV), causing it to be irreparably damaged. The Firefighter (1) parked the SUV off-road in a grassy area near a Chicago Park District lagoon, (2) left the vehicle running, (3) exited the vehicle—leaving it unoccupied—to talk on his cell phone; and then (4) continued to talk on his cell phone while 30 feet from the vehicle. Ultimately, when the unoccupied SUV began moving toward the lagoon, the Firefighter was unable to prevent it from going into and becoming partially submerged in the lagoon.
- The IGO sent the Fire Commissioner an advisory regarding unlicensed fire sprinkler contractors performing inspections witnessed by CFD personnel. The advisory reported

that the CFD Fire Prevention Bureau does not ensure all City-mandated tests of fire pumps are performed by licensed contractors.

The full Report can be found online at the IGO website: www.chicagoinspectorgeneral.org. Follow the IGO on Twitter [@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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