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# **2018 Annual Report – Fraud and Waste Hotline**

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# **2018 Annual Report –** Fraud & Waste Hotline

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# **Key Statistics**

Complaint Sources

250 189

Online form

Hotline

145

Letter/Email

4

Referrals

Other

643 Complaints 1,000 Allegations

Complaint Dispositions



Complaint Outcomes

15% Substantiated Discipline imposed in **10** complaints

26% Substantiated Complaints were Anonymous

Dollar Impact \$14.8m, Actual Loss for 5 years



\$3.2m Potential Loss for 5 years \$1m Recovery for 5 years



# By the Numbers

### Volume of Complaints

- 643 Complaints = 1,000 Allegations
- 100% Complaints Reviewed
- 89% AG Preliminary Investigative Work

#### Substantiated

- 15% Substantiated as at December 31, 2018
- % will increase as 2018 complaints conclude in 2019
- 26% of substantiated complaints were anonymous

### By the Numbers continued...

#### Losses and Recoveries Last 5 Years

- \$14.8 million actual losses
- \$3.2 million potential losses
- Over \$1 million in recoveries

#### Losses 2018

- \$635,000 actual losses (amount is expected to increase as outstanding complaints are closed in 2018)
- Over \$450,000 in recoveries

# **Beyond the Numbers**

#### Discipline

- 6 employment relationships terminated
- 4 employees disciplined
- 25 cases of other management actions

#### Information Gathering

- Data trends
- Inform audit projects / Referrals for future audits
- Proactive monitoring

#### Other Benefits

- Deterrence and detection of wrongdoing increased
- Internal controls strengthened
- Operational efficiencies

# Accomplishments in 2018

- A major investigation that resulted in a report being issued to Audit Committee was entitled "Raising the Alarm: Fraud Investigation of a Vendor Providing Life Safety Inspection Services"
  - 17 recommendations for management action
- 2. Implementation of a new complaint management system to modernize the tracking and documentation of complaints

# **Challenges**

- Disclosure of Wrongdoing and Reprisal Protection Policy assigns sole responsibility of reprisal investigations to the Auditor General
- Difficult to predict the number and complexity of fraud allegations and reprisal complaints each year
- The Forensic Unit team is small for the City's size and complexity

#### Thank You

# **QUESTIONS?**

