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Message from Illinois AIG Chapter Communications Committee

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Greeting Chapter Members,

Although the year is half over, there is still plenty of time for you to become more involved in the Illinois Chapter. All members are welcome to join any of our remaining Illinois Chapter board meetings, which will be held on August 5, October 7, and December 2, 2026. Simply email Board President Kathryn Richards (krichards@thecha.org) to be added to the Outlook calendar invite list.

Additionally, we are always looking for guest posts on topics relevant to the IG community as well as links to publications and announcements from our IG offices across the state for our member newsletters. If you'd like to contribute, please email Communications Committee members Nick Infusino (njinfusino@cpsoig.org), Melissa Villa (mvilla@igchicago.org), and Bradley Snyder (brssnyde@gmail.com).



2026 Quarter 2 Report: Compliance in Motion

The OIG impact is front and center this quarter! OIG investigations led to criminal charges in two cases.

First, the indictment in *U.S. v. Ryan Ross and Vanessa Rhodes*, charges the two with honest services fraud in which Ross assigned \$4.8 million in unit turn work to Rhodes' companies in exchange for \$421,000 in kickbacks.

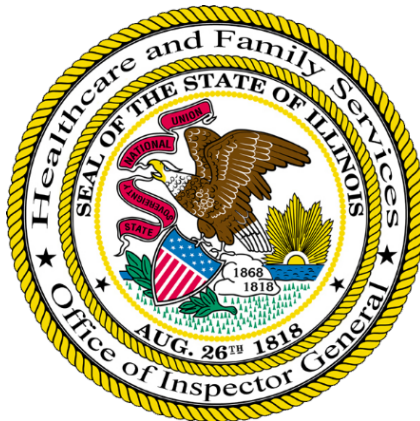
The second case involved former HCV participant April Briscoe, who was charged with theft, forgery, and state benefits fraud after receiving \$144,000 in voucher assistance while hiding that she owned a home in Blue Island and had income from employment, an undisclosed business, and Social Security benefits.

The quarter also saw one conviction. Former voucher holder Kathrina Fox pleaded guilty to defrauding CHA of more than \$171,888 in housing benefits and provided an \$85,000 restitution payment at the time of her plea.

OIG staff issued two advisories and four management memos providing compliance support on income reporting, sex offender restrictions, and GPS tracking of CHA fleet vehicles. The Audit team launched five audits covering major CHA operations including payroll, pension administration, tenant accounts receivable, and HCV port-in/port-out processes.

OIG investigators closed eight cases this quarter.

Access the full report by clicking [here](#).



Healthcare and Family Services OIG's Efforts to Protect the Medicaid Program Continue to Produce Results

On June 23, the U.S. Department of Justice and the Illinois Attorney General's Office announced outcomes from the 2026 Health Care Fraud Takedown. Many Illinois charges stemmed from HFS OIG investigations and referrals to the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. This coordinated federal-state action—part of a nationwide crackdown involving 455 defendants and more than \$6.5 billion in alleged false claims—highlights the essential role of Inspectors General in safeguarding public funds. HFS OIG investigations identified forged personal care service time sheets, fraudulent transportation claims, and falsified mileage reimbursements among other fraud schemes. The breadth of conduct demonstrates how program misuse threatens public resources and essential services, underscoring the importance of strong oversight, collaboration, and data-driven investigative practices across government. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Additional details are available in the Attorney General's press release [here](#).



City of Chicago Office of Inspector General Releases Second Quarter 2026 Report

This quarterly report provides an overview of the operations of the City of Chicago Office of Inspector General (OIG) from April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

OIG published four Audits, one follow-up Audit, five Recommendations to Reopen CPD Disciplinary Investigations, and the Public Safety Section Annual Report.

At the close of the quarter, OIG had 243 active misconduct investigations involving City Employees, Elected Officials, Contractors, or others connected to City business.

The Public Safety section reviewed 319 closed disciplinary investigations conducted by CPD's Bureau of Internal Affairs and COPA, and opened 50 cases for in depth review.

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Audit of the Department of Streets and Sanitation's Rat Abatement Program

The City of Chicago Office of Inspector General (OIG) released its audit of the Department of Streets and Sanitation's (DSS) Rat Abatement Program, led by DSS's Bureau of Rodent Control (BORC). The objective of the audit was to evaluate whether BORC's approach to addressing the harms of rat infestation aligns with the widely accepted principles of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), which BORC has embraced as guiding its work. IPM emphasizes long-term prevention by addressing the root causes of infestation and using pesticides as a last resort, thereby reducing risks to health and the environment.

OIG found that DSS's rodent control program is complaint-based, not integrated with other City services, and unlikely to achieve long-term control of the rat population. Further, BORC's primary method of abatement involves the use of rodenticide known to contribute to environmental harms. OIG concluded that there is opportunity for DSS to proactively monitor for rat activity and the root causes of infestation. In that effort, DSS could incorporate information from other City agencies that provide services that could address root causes. With such efforts, and further intentional alignment with IPM, BORC could target interventions based on impacts to quality of life, economic activity, or public health.

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Follow-up to OIG's Evaluation of Chicago Police Department 911 Response Time Data Collection and Reporting

The Public Safety section of the City of Chicago Office of Inspector General (OIG) completed a follow-up to its September 2023 evaluation of Chicago Police Department's (CPD) 911 Response Time Data Collection and Reporting. In its 2023 report, OIG examined how often dispatched CPD members appropriately recorded timestamps when responding to 911 calls for service and factors contributing to missing response time data. Based on CPD's response, OIG concludes that CPD has fully implemented one, substantially implemented two, and not implemented two of the corrective actions related to the evaluation findings.

In April 2026, OIG inquired about the status of corrective actions taken by CPD in response to the recommendations above. Based on CPD's response, OIG concludes that CPD has implemented corrective actions to varying degrees.

[Read more here](#)

The City's Support of the New Arrivals Mission: An explainer

The City of Chicago Office of Inspector General (OIG) published an explainer report on the City's provision of services to over 46,000 migrants and asylum seekers between August 31, 2022, and December 31, 2024, referred to by the City as "new

arrivals.” The objectives of this project were to evaluate the accuracy of the City’s reporting on expenditures on services for new arrivals, the sources of those funds, and how the City spent those funds. Additionally, this project analyzed whether the City followed its procurement and payment procedures during the new arrivals mission.

OIG reviewed the City’s reported expenditure of a combined \$639,654,965 in City and grant funds on the mission, mainly on staffing, facilities, and food. OIG found that the City’s reporting was accurate and transparent, with only \$50,916 in transactions that should have been included in the reported total but were omitted.

OIG also found that the City followed its existing procurement and invoicing procedures in providing services related to new arrivals. Procurements were made through a combination of competitive bidding, requests for proposals, joint procurements, reference contracts, and independent contracting authority.

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Did you know that so far in 2026 there have been over 42,000 911 Calls for Chicago Police Department Service with Rapid Dispatch priority? Which type of call had the most calls with Rapid Dispatch priority?

In 2026, through May, there have been a total of 377,098 911 calls dispatched for CPD service. Of these, 42,891 had Rapid Dispatch Priority. Rapid dispatch is for situations where timely public safety action has the potential to affect the outcome of an incident or is deemed necessary by CPD guidelines.

Learn more about 911 Calls for CPD Service data by visiting the [911 Calls for CPD Service Dashboard](#).

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