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**From:** David Orban <dorbar...>  
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**Subject:** Re: TPD Accident Report and Complaint of Barbara Orban

Dear Mr. Buckhorn,

I appreciate your considering this. If you review Sgt. Bennet's September correspondence, it concludes by informing Barbara that she cannot access, even under subpoena, the experienced officer's opinion. The accident report is fraught with obvious errors that are easily affirmed as errors. In reading their policies, the officer did not follow their written policies, although he may be following unwritten ones. Also, Internal Affairs did not follow their policies in responding to complaints regarding officers, which is inconsistent with Florida statutes. The Internal Affairs correspondence merely recounts information from the new officer who is completing his first accident report and who Barbara contends did not investigate the situation or accurately record information. The injury on the citation and the conditions on the crash report are either intentionally or unintentionally false.

Barbara's discussions with the Florida Attorney General's office and FDLE indicate the City Council could choose to address her concerns from a police department policy and practice perspective. For example, are they following their policies and state law in tracking, investigating and responding to complaints? Why would they preclude access to an experienced police officer's assessment? When information on accident reports is challenged with objective information, do they have a process to assure the most accurate information is reported?

Barbara is a university professor and has drafted a case study on the Tampa Police Department regarding their citation and management practices. From this, the citation and revenue trends add credibility to her contentions. Barbara will continue pursuing this and has identified a few other avenues. I appreciate any effort on your behalf regarding this matter. This is has been a most unusual experience with the police department.

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**From:** Bob Buckhorn <Bob.Buckhorn@ci.tampa.fl.us>  
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