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Melissa/Greg,

On 04/26/2023, SATF considered the attached information and determined to open a preliminary audit and investigation into the issue raised. You have been assigned to conduct the preliminary work.

The complaint referred by the Lorain County Prosecutor's Office alleges the Lorain Police Chief is paid hourly, but is not working on Fridays and is not taking leave for these days off. He has done this for 86 days total, most of which have been Fridays. The City is having to pay the Senior Captain on duty Chief's pay each of the 86 days the Chief has been absent. We also received a subsequent complaint from the City Auditor, alleging excessive overtime payments to employees in the Utilities department, part-time employees in the Law department being paid as full-time, and also noting the same concerns above regarding the Police Chief and the additional pay to Captains to cover the Chief's absences.

At the completion of the preliminary work, please work together to prepare a brief memo describing: 1) the allegations; 2) work performed; 3) and your recommendations for further audit/investigative work, if any, and designation for SATF to consider.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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