



## CPOC March 2025 Complaint Referral Report

In March 2025, 19 complaints of police misconduct were received by CPOC and referred to the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) Internal Affairs Division (IAD).

Summaries of the 19 complaints from March 2025 are below. All demographic data is reported by complainants. These complaints only represent complaints submitted directly to CPOC and do not include complaints filed directly with PPD.

These summaries are allegations made by complainants, they do not represent any findings of fact or conclusions.

Date Received	Demographics	Division	Summary
3/04/2025	M – B/AA	North East	The complainant reported they were pulled over by police while driving, “ripped” from their vehicle, and then handcuffed and put in the back of the Police Cruiser. The officer kept turning on and off their Body-Worn-Camera. The complainant heard one officer say to another, “It was a live stop and they were hoping to find something.” The complainant feels their civil rights were violated and they were discriminated against due to their race.
3/04/2025	M – B/AA	North East	The complainant’s son has been bullied and harassed for many months at school. While on school property, the complainant reported that the Officers did not take a police report of an alleged incident. The complainant was told by their child’s friend that one of the students bullying them had a firearm. The complainant had a verbal argument with the school officials who were preventing them from entering the school building. The complainant reported an officer told them to “shut the fuck up.”
3/06/2025	F – W	North East	The complainant’s landlord is currently trying to evict their family. The complainant called the police 6-7 times when incidents happened, but no police responded for service. The complainant feels especially threatened since they know the landlord owns a firearm.
3/10/2025	F – B/AA	East	The complainant made a report with the Special Victims Unit. The complainant reported that their assigned detective failed to follow up on information properly and repeatedly lied about the status of the case. The District Attorney’s Office (DAO) never received the docket for the case. When the complainant confronted the detective, the detective said the case had been dropped. However, when the complainant spoke with the DAO, they reassured the complainant that their case had not been dropped. The complainant reported this created lots of unnecessary stress on top of the stress they were experiencing from the initial incident.
3/10/2025	Anonymous	South	The complainant went to the district for service and was denied service. An officer was rude and dismissive to the complainant.

3/11/2025	Anonymous	Unknown	The complainant was driving on the highway when an officer in an unmarked vehicle was driving to the police station. The officer cut off multiple cars, and trucks were beeping at the officer to stop cutting people off. The officer was speeding, weaving in and out of traffic, and making other drivers around them feel unsafe. No sirens or lights were being used, and it seemed this was only so the officer could get through traffic, not for an emergency.
3/13/2025	M – B/AA	North West	The complainant's former landlord is a PPD employee, but the complainant did not know if they are a civilian or sworn employee. The complainant requested that the landlord fix the bathroom in the property that they are renting. After months of asking, the complainant made the necessary repairs and decided to withhold a portion of their rent to cover the cost of the repairs. The complainant reported that the landlord then initiated an illegal eviction by turning the water in their apartment off and then throwing all their belongings into the garbage – including an urn containing the ashes of the complainant's child who had passed away. The complainant attempted to report the landlord to the police in the past, but it was not taken seriously.
3/16/2025	M – AI/AN, B/AA, W	Central	The complainant alleges they have tried to file multiple police reports and have been unsuccessful when a particular officer is present. The officer has been dismissive and disagreeable to the complainant. The complainant claims the officer is prejudiced against the complainant and has prevented them from filing a report. The complainant has been able to file police reports with other officers when this officer is not present. The complainant has tried to file a report at least five times.
3/17/2025	M – B/AA	South	<p>The complainant was pulled over while driving. When the officer approached the passenger-side window, the complainant asked why they were pulled over. The officer stated it was due to the window tint. The complainant reported that they did not see the red light on the officer's body-worn-camera, so they requested the officer turn it on. The officer requested the complainant's license and registration. The complainant stated, "I'm not giving you anything until you turn on your body cam". The complainant reported they had this same exchange back and forth 5 times.</p> <p>Another officer came to the driver's side window and requested the complainant's information. The officer then unlocked the driver's side door and roughly pulled the complainant out of the car. The complainant stated, "Why you grabbing me? Get off me, I don't consent to any searches or consent to get out my car." The officer unholstered their Taser and forced the complainant to get out of their vehicle. The complaint stated, "You doing all of this about some tint?" The complainant was then searched by the officer and put in the back of the police vehicle while the officers searched the vehicle. The complaint was eventually released and given a citation.</p>

3/17/2025	F – B/AA	North West	The complainant reported they attempted to parallel park and had to wait for another neighbor to move their vehicle up so they could fit in the spot. An officer in a vehicle came up and scolded them for blocking traffic. The complainant was able to park the vehicle, but the officer got out of their vehicle and asked for the complainant's information. The discussion escalated into an altercation. The officer threatened to break the complainant's vehicle windows. The complainant also attempted to get out of the parked vehicle and reported the officer pushed the door into their leg. A supervisor had eventually arrived at the scene, but the situation continued to become hostile, neither officer trying to deescalate.
3/18/2025	M – H/L	Unknown	The complainant reported that during a traffic stop, the officer took their driver's license for identification purposes. The officer failed to return it before ending the interaction. The complainant realized their license was missing and attempted to address this matter, but the officer denied having their ID. All passengers in the complainant's vehicle witnessing that the officer never returned the ID.
3/18/2025	Anonymous	Unknown	The complainant reported that an officer is out on Injured on Duty (IOD) status claiming to be injured but can travel weekly and go snowboarding.
3/18/2025	Not specified	Central	The complainant reported their commercial work vehicle had been moved overnight from the location they had parked it. They went to the district to file a police report. The officer the complainant spoke with was argumentative, rude, and combative. The officer refused to allow the complainant to file a police report. The officer also made no effort to check internal police records to see if the vehicle had been towed to the new location.
3/20/2025	F – W	Central	The complainant reported that they were pulled over while driving their moped, which is only 50cc and does not require a motorcycle license to operate. The complainant reported that they got into a dispute with the officer regarding what type of license is requested to operate the moped. The officer issued a citation, and the complainant feels like this was improper since they have the correct documentation to operate the moped.
3/21/2025	Not Specified	Central	The complainant reported a police vehicle driving erratically and running red lights with no sign of an emergency.

3/23/2025	M – B/AA	North East	The complainant owns a decking company and was working on a home repair project. Police arrived at the scene and questioned the complainant and wanted to identify them. The complainant pointed out their job and reason for being at the property, pointed to their business truck with the company logo on it. The complainant repeatedly told the officer there were people at the property they could speak with. The officer stated they were detaining the complainant to identify them. Eventually, a white person exited the property and asked if the police were there because of the alarm, then mentioned that they set it off. The complainant reported that police allowed the white person to go back into the property without asking their name or ID to verify who they were. The complainant believes the officer discriminated against them and their civil rights were violated.
3/25/2025	Not Specified	Phone	The complainant called Internal Affairs to request an update on a case they had previously submitted. The complainant reported that the officer investigating their case was unavailable and instead spoke with their supervisor. The complainant reported the supervisor they spoke with was rude and disrespectful.
3/27/2025	M – N/A	South West	The complainant reported they were driving when they got to an intersection with a broken traffic light. The complainant honked their horn to signal to the stopped vehicle in front of them to go. The vehicle in question turned out to be an unmarked police vehicle. Two uniformed Police officers got out of the unmarked car and began yelling at the complainant about the broken traffic light. The complainant reported that they yelled back to move because they had somewhere to be. The police then requested the complainant's license and registration. The officers stated they would be issuing a "failure to use a turn signal" citation. The complainant felt this was an improper stop, and the citation felt unwarranted.
3/28/2025	F – B/AA	Sout West	The complainant reported that they live below a police officer in an apartment unit and have had previous disputes with this officer. The complainant reported that they were showering in their home when they heard a loud pop. A bullet had come through their ceiling, a gun had been discharged from the apartment above. The complainant confronted the officer after the incident and was met with a nasty tone. Police responded to the scene, but the complainant felt that police did not provide service to make sure she was okay as the victim of this incident. Since the incident, the officer filed a complaint with building management against the complainant. The complainant feels like the officer is harassing her now.