



CPOC May 2025 Complaint Referral Report

In May 2025, 33 complaints of police misconduct were received by CPOC and referred to the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) Internal Affairs Division (IAD).

Summaries of the 33 complaints from May 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
5/02/2025	F – B/AA	North East	The complainant was attempting to leave their house when a neighbor’s dog came into their yard and became aggressive. The complainant attempted to call for the dog’s owner, but the owner was not around. When the dog became more aggressive, the complainant used their firearm in self-defense. The complainant called the police to make a report. The complainant was told by the detective that everything was okay and that they would not have charges pressed against them, but later the complainant’s license to carry was revoked. Additionally, an officer laughed at the complainant during their interview and told them that they were “afraid of a little dog.”
5/04/2025	M – B/AA	North East	The complainant alleged they are being over-ticketed for alleged parking violations. They are being harassed by several officers from the district, because officers knock on their door to issue tickets in late evening hours, creating a disturbance which wakes up their children. The complainant has received multiple citations for parking their vehicle in front of their home in a shared driveway.
5/05/2025	Unspecified	South West	The complainant reported being improperly arrested by police. The officer showed the complainant a warrant for their arrest, but the complainant reported they didn’t have a warrant because they had an upcoming court date and had already been to court twice.
5/05/2025	F – A	South	The complainant alleged that they were improperly arrested by police and held for over 30 hours without food or water. The complainant reported they were also handcuffed too tightly while in custody, causing intense pain.
5/05/2025	F – N/A	South West	The complainant reported calling the district to inquire if they could file a police report about an incident that happened at a Philadelphia Hospital. The officer was rude and dismissive and did not help the complainant to file a police report.

5/06/2025	F – B/AA, AI/AN	Central	The complainant reported they were at the district and were physically thrown out of the lobby by a group of 3 – 5 PPD officers. The complainant was forcibly grabbed by two officers during this altercation.
5/06/2025	F – B/AA	North East	The complainant reported being harassed by juveniles and called the district to attempt to file a police report or speak with the community relations officer. The complainant had two phone calls with different officers who were rude and dismissive, and one used profane language.
5/06/2025	F – B/AA	South West	The complainant attempted to report illegal dumping happening in an abandoned lot near their house. One of the individuals doing the short dumping claimed to be a police officer. The complainant called 911 and the district to report this issue. After 13.5 hours, no police had responded to their house regarding these calls for service.
5/06/2025	F -B/AA	Central	The complainant was at a hotel in distress, after a dispute with their landlord. The situation escalated and the police were called to the hotel. One of the officers had the complainant's ID and kept telling the complainant that they needed to leave the premises. The complainant stated that they could not leave until they got all their items back including their ID and keys. The officer then approached the complainant like the officer was going to arrest them, pulled their arms behind their back, and pushed onto their backside. The complainant felt the officer was excessively and inappropriately creating a situation that was upsetting and triggering. The complainant has a significant history of trauma and the interaction caused them to panic and go into defense mode, resulting in them striking the officer.
5/09/2025	Not specified	Central	The complainant reported a police vehicle parked in the bike lane. The vehicle did not have any emergency lights turned on and no PPD officer was seen nearby.
5/12/2025	F – W	Central	The complainant reported that they were catcalled by a uniformed police officer. They requested the officer's badge number after this interaction and the officer did not provide it.
5/13/2025	Anonymous	South West	The complainant reported getting into an altercation with three individuals. A police officer was present and did not intervene or attempt to deescalate the situation.
05/13/2025	M – B/AA	Central	The complainant was driving when a police vehicle cut off the driver in front of them, causing an accident. The complainant did not like the way that the officer treated or spoke to them or to the other driver. The officer did not ask if they were ok, and did not apologize. The officer made it seem like the accident was the fault of the two drivers and the officer had nothing to do with it.
5/14/2025	F – H/L	Central	The complainant believes that an officer is friends with a person who committed theft from their place of worship. They believe the officer is not doing a proper investigation, as it would implicate their friend.

5/14/2025	M – B/AA	East	The complainant was wrongfully accused of having a firearm in their possession by police. The complainant was chased by police for 4 blocks, and then eventually stopped due to being physically tired from running. A PPD officer handcuffed and then dragged them by the collar of their shirt for several feet. The officers threatened the complainant with a firearm and forcibly slammed them to the ground.
05/15/2025	F – W	East	The complainant filed a police report and was told SVU would be in contact with them regarding the incident. The complainant had to reach out themselves and experienced “a lot of run around” be speak with a detective assigned to their case. The complainant reported the detective was rude and dismissive and did not do a thorough investigation.
05/15/2025	M – W	North East	The complainant was in the hospital and was attempting to leave. Two PPD officers helped security in “holding them hostage” by not allowing them to leave. They were forcefully pushed back onto the hospital bed to be strapped down.
5/15/2025	M – W	North East	The complainant, who speaks Spanish, went to the district to file a police report. During this interaction, Spanish interpretation was not provided for the complainant. Additionally, police did not assist the complainant with filing a police report.
05/15/2025	Anonymous	North East	The complainant reported an officer that comes home 1-2 times during their shift and even double-parks blocking traffic.
05/19/2025	M – B/AA	East	Complainant reported an officer who illegally seized them, used excessive force, was verbally abusive, committed perjury, failed to activate their BWC in a timely manner, and generally exhibited unprofessional conduct.
05/20/2025	M – W	North West	The complainant obtained a “no parking” street permit and requested an officer on the corner to help with the removal of the parked cars. The officer was unhelpful and told them to call someone else. When the complainant spoke with the district they told them that the officer on the corner was sent there to assist.
5/20/2025	F – N/A	South West	The complainant went to speak with a detective regarding their case. The officer they regularly talk with was not available and they met with two other officers. The two officers were rude, unprofessional, dismissive and failed to file a police report regarding a recent incident related to their case.
5/21/2025	F – W	East	The complainant reported being unlawfully detained and handcuffed by two officers. The handcuffs caused further pain to an existing injury the complainant had. The complainant believes the officers had no probable cause to detain them. The complainant was eventually released.
5/21/2025	F – B/AA	North West	The police have come to the complainant’s home 3 times looking for their grandchild, who does not live there. The complainant does not know where their grandchild is and feels police are not doing their due diligence.
5/22/2025	Anonymous	North West	The complainant’s vehicles were hit while parked. The officer who responded failed to create an accurate police report about the incident, which has caused issues with insurance.

5/26/2025	M – B/AA	Central	The complainant, who works as a rideshare driver, was improperly stopped by police while working. The officer searched and seized the car without probable cause. The police officer who detained the complainant was unprofessional, did not provide a chance for the complainant to speak or ask questions about what was happening, and did not explain why they were being detained.
5/27/2025	F – B/AA	Airport	The complainants were involved in a previous altercation at the airport, while working. The complainants were terminated from their jobs, but were hired by another company at the airport and the criminal charges were dropped. The complainants have been attempting to get their access clearance reinstated to report back to work. However, the officer who needs to reinstate it refuses to do so. The complainants feel like this is retaliation.
5/28/2025	M – B/AA	Central	The complainant was attempting to assist an unhoused person. While doing so, there was a misunderstanding where police mistakenly thought the complainant was in need of assistance. The complainant was taken into custody and transported to a hospital when they were not in need of assistance, medical, or otherwise.
5/28/2025	M – W. H/L		The complainant's sibling was a resident in a local nursing home, where they were assaulted and injured by a staff member. The Detective assigned to investigate failed to interview pertinent witnesses, did not produce impartial case findings, and quickly completed an inaccurate investigation.
5/29/2025	F – W	South	The complainant was in a car accident with another driver, and the other individual was at fault. The police report was missing information, and the insurance did not match the vehicle. The errors have caused lots of issues with the complainant's insurance company filing a claim. The complainant has not received help from police when trying to resolve the matter.
5/29/2025	Anonymous	North East	The complainant called 911 to report a domestic dispute between two family members. Things escalated 40 minutes later and became physical, and police had still not responded. Another family member called 911 once the physical altercation began, the police finally arrived. The complainant feels police did not investigate properly, as the aggressor of the physical altercation is currently on bail for similar allegations.
5/29/2025	M – W, H/L	East	The complainant was parked, waiting for their spouse at the train station. Two officers on foot confronted the complainant, asking what was in their fanny-pack. The complainant told the officers that they had a firearm and license to carry. The situation immediately escalated. The complainant was aggressively removed from their vehicle and arrested. The officers didn't let the complainant talk, they pushed and shoved them without provocation. The complainant felt that they had to be quiet because the officers were beginning to use excessive force as the complainant pleaded with them to look at their license to carry. After being taken to the station, the complainant was released because the police "had their name wrong," even though the officers had their ID from the beginning.

5/30/2025	F – B/AA	East	An officer used profane language towards the complainant, who is a civilian employee with the police department, during roll call. A supervisor did not address this issue in the moment.
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