



## CPOC August 2025 Complaint Referral Report

In August 2025, 27 complaints of police misconduct were received by CPOC and referred to the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) Internal Affairs Division (IAD).

Summaries of the 27 complaints from August 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
8/1/2025	F – B/AA	South West	The complainant was pulled over and the officers did not explain why they were being pulled over. The officers reached into the car window, unlocked the car, opened the door, and pulled the complainant out of the car. As they were pulled out of the car, they hit their head against the frame of the car. The officers searched the car for no reason and patted them down for no reason. The complainant was put in handcuffs in the back of the police vehicle and stated to the officer several times the handcuffs were too tight, mentioned they were in pain. They were eventually released without being arrested or charged.
8/1/2025	M – Prefer not to answer	East	The complainant is dealing with a landlord tenant issue which escalated to threats of violence, including someone brandishing a gun. The complainant immediately called 911. The complainant stated that the officer failed to take action or provide service and was also rude and dismissive.
8/5/2025	F – B/AA	North East	The complainant's sibling who is a minor was kidnapped by a known estranged family member. The complainant called police to file an abduction report but was denied by police.
8/6/2025	F – Not listed	North West	The complainants called for service to help with their partner's injury. Police were rude and dismissive when responding and escalated the situation. Firemen and Fire EMT were much more helpful dealing with the situation.
8/11/2025	F – B/AA	South	Police responded to a shooting, the complainant believes officer did not properly secure the crime scene, which could result in the destruction of evidence. The complainant stated police falsely arrested their spouse and were not listening to the information that they were providing to police. Overall, the complainant was upset that their family called PPD for assistance and protection from harm, but instead they were subjected to false allegations of criminal behavior and physical as well as verbal abuse from the responding officers.

8/11/2025	Anonymous	unknown	Complainant was walking down the street when an officer began to cat-call them. They also used racial slurs and may have been intoxicated. The officer followed them down the street making the complainant very uncomfortable, their younger sibling was also present.
8/12/2025	F – B/AA	Central	Complainant stated they went to the corner store with their family member and noticed an officer in a vehicle near the store. The officer who was parked in front of the store was not there when they left the corner store. When they arrived home, they sat in the vehicle listening to the radio with the car off. The officer the complainant noticed at the corner store pulled up on their block and sat in their vehicle. Complainant believes that the officer was engaging in harassment because they followed the complainant home when the officer first saw the complainant at the corner store but did not initiate the stop there. The officer instead followed them home and continued the stop while they were sitting in the car with the engine not running.
8/16/2025	M – B/AA	East	The complainant was stopped by police on foot while walking on the street. The officers checked the complainant's ID and confirmed their license to carry. The complainant felt that the officers lacked a justification to stop them.
8/17/2025	F – W	East	The complainant called police to assist with the 302 of their partner that was experiencing a mental health crisis. Officers tased the individual using excessive force, even when they were already under control and were not resisting or fighting back. The complainant also later discovered the police report included false information.
8/18/2025	F – B/AA	Central	The complainant witnessed an officer sexually assaulting a victim. There is another officer present who also fails to act, and the complainant believes the second officer was aiding and/or protecting the officer who was assaulting this civilian.
8/18/2025	M – B/AA	North West	The complainant was walking down the street, an officer in plain clothes, driving an unmarked car, pointed a taser out of the vehicle window in their direction. The officer threatened to deploy the taser at the complainant. The complainant stated that the officer attempted to insinuate that the complainant had a gun and that would be the justification for this action. The complainant states that the officer then approached and began searching their person without providing any explanation or notice of intent to conduct a search. The complainant further claims that the officer later admitted to bystanders that the search was unlawful, stating that they were wrong and that the complainant did not have a gun. The complainant reports that during the search, the officer touched the complainant in a way that felt inappropriate, leaving them feeling violated.
8/21/2025	F – B/AA	South West	The complainant reported an officer being very rude at the scene of an incident and forcibly grabbed their child off their feet and threw them in a police vehicle.

8/21/2025	M – B/AA	North East	The complainant reported being stopped by police while driving. The complainant was improperly arrested but later released when the charges were dropped due to lack of evidence. The complainant was also given citations for things the complainant believes were false and improper.
8/23/2025	F – W	South	The complainant reported being attacked by a police officer that they have a PFA against. They called 911 for service and it took over 3 hours for police to respond to the call.
8/23/2025	Anonymous	East	A group of individuals who claimed to be police officers and federal agents came into the bar intoxicated. They were obnoxiously yelling gay jokes, then called two men gay slurs.
8/24/2025	M – B/AA	Central	<p>The complainant was pulled over, one of the officers walked up to the driver-side window and immediately reached through the open window and pulled out the complainant's firearm. The complainant reported that the officers did not ask anything before disarming the complainant. The complainant said that the officer put the firearm on the hood of the car, scratching the car paint.</p> <p>The complainant reported that they called 911 and asked for a white shirt. A supervisor arrived at the location (after the officers left the scene). According to the complainant, the supervisor told the complainant that if they wanted to file a complaint against the officers, the supervisor would tell the officers to issue several tickets to the complainant.</p>
8/25/2025	F – B/AA	North West	The Complainant reported there was extremely loud music being played after 11pm at a block party on their street. The complainant called PPD to request service to ask for the noise to be turned down. The complainant felt that the dispatcher they spoke with was dismissive. Also, the complainant was disturbed by the dispatcher's tone of voice, as they felt the dispatcher was minimizing their concern.
8/25/2025	F – B/AA	North East	The complainant reported that they were staying in a hotel for three weeks with another individual. Police were called to the scene by hotel management to inform the complainant they would need to vacate the property. The complainant recalls the officer being rude, hostile, and aggressive. At one point the complainant attempted to get a hotel cart to move their items, but the officer prevented them from doing so by grabbing the cart and telling her that she couldn't use the cart. The complaint felt the officer had a nasty attitude.
8/25/2025	M – W	North East	The complainant reported there is frequent drug use, possible drug manufacturing and sales, as well as possible human trafficking being done at a property on their block. They reported contacting PPD multiple times, but no one has taken their call seriously and there has been a failure to provide service.
8/26/2025	F – B/AA	North West	The complaint alleges there was an altercation between their child and another older child at daycare. Police were called to the scene to take a report. The complainant stated the officer failed to remain impartial with the investigation. The complaint felt the officer had a rude tone and refused to provide their name when requested.

8/26/2025	M – B/AA	South West	The complaint reported their homes was shot up by a group of unknow males. The complaint shot back in response to their home being shot up. The complaint reported police arrived and investigated the scene but did not arrest any of the men who shot their home. Their home was searched improperly without a warrant, and they attest property went missing, including a firearm and money. The complainant was later arrested and released on bail. The complainant feels police did not properly investigate the situation and blamed the victim for this incident.
8/26/2025	M – W	North East	The complainant reported that an officer vandalized their vehicle, went into the vehicle and stole property in the vehicle, all of which was caught on a security camera.
8/26/2025	F – B/AA	North West	Complainant reported lack of service for officers failing to take police action on her block when she files police reports against drug traffickers on her block. Complainant alleges the district comes out and dismisses their reports. Complainant alleges traffickers sell drugs next door to the home and Officers come out and they give a police report. Complainant states that once officers leave, music blasts again and drugs sales begin again. Complainant alleges that traffickers park on sidewalk and hand drugs over openly.
8/27/2025	Other/Not Listed	North East	Complainant reported their child called 911, identified themselves as a teenager in crisis and stated they needed help. Despite this, the dispatcher repeatedly asked, “What do you need?” The complainant’s child reiterated that they needed help. Instead of offering assistance, the dispatcher disconnected the call. The complainant reported that the call was only 40 seconds and reported that the dispatcher did not attempt to get the child’s location, a phone number, or other necessary information. No emergency personnel were dispatched to their location, leaving their child confused, scared, and without support in a very vulnerable moment.
8/27/2025	F – B/AA	North East	Complainant reported they were attending a party when a fight broke out. As they attempted to leave, someone threw a bottle which struck the side of the complainant’s face which resulted in a number of injuries. They went to the ER, received medical treatment, and reported this incident to the police later that day. The complainant stated that police responded, provided her with a report number, and provided her with the information for the Detective’s Division.

			<p>The complainant reported they called several times before their case was assigned to a detective. The complainant was eventually interviewed by the assigned detective. The complainant stated that based on her conversations with the detective she did not feel like they were properly handling her case. She stated that when they spoke, the detective attempted to rush her off the phone and questioned the credibility of her family member (the witness). The complainant verbalized that she did not feel like she was receiving the proper service the detective then became unprofessional, raised their voice, and was rude. The complainant later called back for an update on their case and another officer provided stating the last note on the case file was the witness family member would not cooperate. Which the complainant reported was not true.</p>
8/29/2025	F – Not listed	North East	<p>The complainant reported they have gone to the district twice to file police reports regarding a neighbor dispute, but police have not filed accurate reports and have been unhelpful.</p>
8/30/2025	F – B/AA	Central	<p>The complainant reported that police came to their house in search of their ex. The complainant reported that this individual never lived in their house, but police still searched the premises. The complainant stated that when they asked to see the warrant, police said that they did not have it and would have to print it out. The officers also said unprofessional and rude things to the complainant.</p>