



CPOC January 2026 Complaint Referral Report

In January 2026, 23 complaints of police misconduct were received by CPOC and referred to the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) Internal Affairs Division (IAD).

Summaries of the 23 complaints from January 2026 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
01/02/2026	F – Other/Not listed	North West	The complainant called police for service to report a theft. The officer used threatening language when interacting with the complainant and damaged their property.
01/02/2026	F – B/AA	East	The complainant was packing up their rental vehicle to move and was in the process of loading their pet into the vehicle. Officers in an unmarked vehicle drove up and yelled at the complainant to move. At the time the complainant thought they were civilians because they were not in uniform and did not identify themselves. The complainant asked for a minute and ran into their home to get their children to come into the vehicle. When they returned the officers had turned on the emergency lights on their unmarked police vehicle. The officer yelled at the complainant with threatening language, searched their vehicle without consent, and threatened to issue citations.
1/02/2026	Anonymous	Central	The complainant reported that an officer in dispatch is sharing accident information with a towing company and getting financial kickbacks.
01/03/2026	M – H/L	South West	The complainant was loading his groceries into his vehicle in the store parking lot. Police pulled over another vehicle in the parking lot, which was mostly empty. The traffic stop was conducted right next to the complainant’s vehicle, they reported the officer was “shoulder to shoulder” with them. The complainant felt uncomfortable and voiced his concerns to the officer. The officer responded by telling the complainant to “shut the fuck up”.

01/03/2026	F – H/L	East	The complainant runs a center for unhoused individuals. A person came to the center to receive care, but the wound needed more medical attention, so they called EMS. The wounded person said that they did not want to interact with police. The complainant attempted not to let police enter the premises as desired by the wounded person. An officer forcibly grabbed the complainant’s arm and pushed her out of the way. The wounded person asked not to be taken to the hospital. However, police put the wounded person onto a stretcher and forced them to leave in the ambulance. Officers at the scene were smirking, laughing and behaving unprofessionally during the interaction.
01/04/2026	TF – W	Central	Due to construction on the complainant’s block, neighbors have been parking their cars partially on the sidewalk to make more room for vehicles to get through without hitting their vehicles. The complainant’s car had been hit twice previously. The complainant believes a neighbor is using their connections with a police officer to have parking tickets issued.
01/05/2026	F – B/AA, W	South West	The complainant believes their son is being scammed out of money. The complainant filed a police report, however following that report, they reached out to the district three additional times and felt police did not provide service and were rude and dismissive of each interaction.
01/05/2026	F – B/AA	South West	The complainant is a property manager of a residential building. The complainant, as well as residents, have had consistent issues with police showing up when calls for service are made to the building.
01/07/2026	F – H/L	North West	The complainant was attacked and taken to the hospital due to severe injury. The complainant was visited at the hospital by police and told to file a report at the district where she lives. The complaint did so, but later discovered no actual report was filed.
01/08/2026	Anonymous	Outside Philly	The complainant reported that an officer also serves as the head security at their religious center. The officer uses police authority to their advantage and abuses that authority regularly.
01/12/2026	M – B/AA	Central	The complainant was seated on the passenger side of a pickup truck parked near a property where he was performing work. Officers approached him and asked whether he was driving the pickup truck. He stated that he was not the driver, after which officers asked who had been driving. As this exchange was occurring, the complainant was placed into custody without explanation. He was immediately taken to the ground and handcuffed. While handcuffed and on the ground, an officer slammed his head into the concrete twice, striking the side of his head and mouth, while another officer placed a knee on him. The complainant was then lifted from the ground and pushed into the side of the pickup truck, causing chest pain, and was then placed face first into a patrol vehicle. The complainant was transferred to the hospital to be treated for injuries.

			The truck had been confiscated the prior week as part of a burglary investigation and later returned after being cleared. A supervisor told the complainant that the truck was taken again during this incident then later returned once police confirmed it was not involved in the burglary investigation.
01/12/2026	M – Other/not listed	North East	The complainant’s step-niece, police academy, who he alleges used her relationship with police officers and her position as a police academy recruit to enter the complainant’s home without permission and without going through the appropriate processes.
01/13/2026	F – B/AA	South	Police executed a warrant at the complainant’s home, for the complainant’s son that does not live there. The complainant was just getting up when the police arrived and was not fully clothed, but police did not let her get dressed privately. The officers were rude and dismissive during the interaction. No paperwork was presented to the complainant before, during or after the encounter. The complainant went to the district to report what happened and get the names of the officers. Officers at the district did not help the complainant file a complaint and told the complainant to file online.
01/16/2026	M – B/AA	North West	The complainant called 911 to report an incident. The 911 operator was unprofessional and advised the complainant to call back when he was calm. The complainant attempted to call back several times without anyone answering. It went to voicemail and he tried once again to call 911 and finally was connected to a new dispatcher to report the incident.
01/19/2026	M – B/AA	South West	The complainant was driving their motorized bike and struck by a police vehicle causing him to fall. He was arrested for VUFA (Violations of the Uniform Firearms Act). While sitting in the police cruiser, an officer opened the door and punched the complainant in the face, claiming he had spit on officer. This officer later provided false testimony in court. During a second interaction several months later, the same officer approached the complainant in their parked vehicle and informed him he was parked illegally. The complainant requested a supervisor since the last interaction with this officer went poorly. The interaction escalated; the officer broke the car window and forcibly removed the complainant from the vehicle. The complainant was handcuffed, searched, and placed in multiple police vehicles. The complainant also reported he was taken out of a cruiser and held on the ground in approximately 20-degree weather for 5–10 minutes, with one officer’s knee on his arm and another officer pinning him with a foot.
01/19/2026	F – W	South	An officer operated their vehicle in an unsafe manner by cutting the complainant off, as the officer attempted to take the entry ramp to the highway. The complainant later observed the police vehicle weaving in and out of traffic erratically, driving unsafely without hazard lights activated.

01/20/2026	F – B/AA	South West	A person hit a pole outside the complainant’s property, causing damage. The complainant called police to file a police report. However, the report was inaccurate and didn’t mention the property damage.
01/21/2026	F – B/AA	South West	The complainant was pulled over due to window tint. The complainant cooperated and was honest with the officers and informed them that she had recently learned her driver’s license was suspended. The vehicle was properly registered and insured, and the complainant requested that their child’s father be allowed to retrieve the vehicle to avoid towing. This request was denied by the officers without explanation. After the vehicle was towed, the complainant and her child were left outside in below-freezing temperatures. No assistance or transportation were offered. At no point did either officer take steps to ensure the well-being or safety of the child despite the hazardous weather conditions.
01/22/2026	Not listed	North West	The complainant’s vehicle was stolen, and they contacted police three times to file a report. The initial report did not include property that was in the vehicle and stolen. They had to go to the district to update the report.
01/27/2026	M – B/AA	North West	The complainant was issued a citation for running a red light but denied doing so. The citation was later dismissed in court because the officer failed to complete required paperwork accurately and there were inconsistencies in the officer’s account. A few weeks following the court hearing, the complainant was stopped again for not using a turn signal, which the complainant again reported to be false. The complainant was ordered out of their vehicle, and then they were searched as well as their vehicle without consent.
01/28/2026	M – B/AA	South West	The complainant’s child was stopped by police and asked for ID. After being identified, police went through the child’s hoodie pockets and pants pockets without consent. The complainant’s child is on the Autism spectrum and felt that the officers did not treat their child properly. The child was arrested and kept in police custody overnight. After being released and having their property returned, the child discovered that items had gone missing while they were in police custody.
01/28/2026	Anonymous	North East	An officer is parking their vehicles on the pavement regularly disrupting the pathway. This causes safety issues for people walking with strollers, children, elderly and those with disabilities, forcing people to have to walk in the street. The complainant is concerned about this issue due to public safety.
01/29/2026	F – Not listed	East	The complainant was stopped, unlawfully detained, and excessive force was used. The officer informed the complainant they were going to do a “weapons check.” During this search, the officer touched the complainant’s private areas in a manner that was invasive and inappropriate. While detained the complainant’s handcuffs were too tight and caused visible redness, pain, and discomfort to their wrists.