

# CPOC March 2026 Complaint Referral Report

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## Overview

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

## Disclaimer

Summaries of the 23 complaints from March 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 include allegations made by complainants; they do not represent any findings of fact or conclusions.

## Complaint Summaries

Date Received	Demographics	Division	Summary
03/02/2026	F – Prefer not to answer	North East	The complainant was in the passenger seat while their sibling was driving. Their car was in the right lane and a police car was in the left lane. Someone from the left lane was turning so there was a couple of cars in the lane, including the police car. As the complainant's vehicle moved forward, the police vehicle turned into their lane, without signaling, and almost hit the complainant's vehicle. At the next light, the police officer was making a left turn and still wasn't signaling.
03/04/2026	M – B/AA	South West	The complainant was hit by a car while on their bicycle. When the officer arrived at the scene, they asked the complainant if their e-bike was a dirt bike. The complainant felt the officer then treated them like they were at fault for the accident. An altercation began between the complainant and the driver, the officer escalated the verbal altercation, taking the driver's side. The officer antagonized and harassed the complainant, making dismissive and disrespectful comments. After providing their information the officer told the complainant to leave and said that he was going to receive no help and did not give him a police report number. As a result of the officer's behavior, the complainant was unable to get the

			necessary information to file an insurance claim. The complainant returned home and called 911 to request an officer to come out to file a police report. It took several attempts before an officer responded.
03/04/2026	M – B/AA	South West	The complainant went to the district to file a complaint regarding an incident with another officer from a year prior. The officer who the complainant spoke with was unprofessional, rude, and failed to provide the complainant with their badge number or help file the complaint. The complainant had to go to another district to finally file their complaint.
03/04/2026	F – B/AA	North West	The complainant reported that their neighbor has been harassing and threatening her family with violence. One incident escalated to police being called after damage was done to her home. The neighbor was taken into police custody but released later that day. The complainant’s other neighbors have also experienced conflict with this neighbor. Despite calling the police on multiple occasions, she expressed her frustration that all the officers do is speak to the neighbor, not pursue criminal charges against him.
03/04/2026	M – B/AA	North West	The complainant had a verbal dispute with his mother, which resulted in her calling police to request a “302” (mental health commitment) for the complainant. The complainant attempted to flee the home and went to the police district. The complainant told officers they did not wish to go in for an evaluation, because they already had. The complainant fled from police and was chased by another officer. The complainant had already sustained injuries from earlier that day, so they gave up running and told the office “I surrender”. The officer aggressively tackled the complainant to the ground and purposely pushed his face into the concrete.
03/09/2026	F – H/L	East	The complainant witnessed two officers arresting a man for drug-related offenses. In the process of arresting the subject, a physical altercation ensued, and the officers brought the subject to the ground while attempting to handcuff him. While the man was on the ground, the officers punched the man repeatedly, including his head. After the man was handcuffed and the physical altercation ended, one officer purposefully took their BWC off and threw it to the ground.
03/11/2026	F – W	Central	The complainant witnessed teens being arrested by City Hall. The complainant believed that initial arrest may have been warranted, however the situation escalated due to police

			antagonizing the teens. The complainant heard one officer yell "I will beat the shit out of you" at a young woman, which the complainant felt was not justifiable behavior.
03/12/2026	Anonymous	Central	The complainant observed an officer assigned to do crowd control, who was smoking a cigar on the grounds of City Hall, which the complainant believed was in violation of the PA Clean Indoor Air Act.
03/12/2026	M - B/AA	Central	The complainant was driving, approached an intersection and stopped because he felt that making the turn was unsafe due to road hazards from the previous snowstorm. A marked patrol vehicle was also stopped at the intersection and an officer yelled out to him using profanity and foul language. The complainant then exited his vehicle and began to record the incident. The primary officer was hostile and approached the complainant aggressively with their hand on their service weapon.
03/12/2026	M - B/AA	North West	The complainant reported their landlord arrived at their home intending to evict them without warning. An argument ensued and the landlord threatened the complainant with violence. The complainant called police to respond to the altercation. The officer agreed that the landlord's actions were illegal, but did nothing to stop or deescalate the situation.
03/17/2026	M - not listed	North East	The complainant believed a detective did not conduct a thorough investigation, which led to his arrest. The alleged incident happened at a residence that the complainant had not lived at for over two years. The complainant was arrested and put in a holding cell which was traumatizing as he suffers from PTSD.
03/18/2026	F - A	Central	The complainant allowed a man to temporarily stay in her home. The man became aggressive and made several threats, pushed her down the stairs and told her that he will "beat the shit out of her." The complainant stated that when she called 911, on one occasion, the police never arrived. On another occasion, officers said they couldn't help her, wouldn't look at her video evidence and referred her to the courts to obtain a PFA or to file for an eviction.
03/19/2026	F - B/AA	North West	The complainant's son was pulled over by an officer for tinted windows. This was the second time this officer had pulled over her son. The officer directed the son to get out of the vehicle and he initially refused to step out. A verbal argument ensued, and the officer pulled the son out of the

			car and placed him in the back of a police vehicle. The officer then improperly searched the vehicle. During this incident the officer was needlessly rough with the complainant's son while removing him from the vehicle and purposefully targeted her son.
03/19/2026	F - W	East	The complainant was being helped by an officer at the district. The complainant witnessed a commanding officer yell at the officer in an unprofessional manner, especially since a civilian was present.
03/23/2026	M - not listed	Central	The complainant called the district to follow up with information regarding a stolen vehicle report that they made. The officer they spoke with was rude and dismissive.
03/23/2026	Not listed	East	The complainant has been in a dispute with a neighbor. The neighbor has been harassing and threatening the complainant. The complainant has shared evidence, but officers have failed to investigate or take police action.
03/25/2026	Anonymous	Central	The complainant was pulled over by an officer. The officer was rude and unprofessional and did not provide their name and badge number when requested.
03/25/2026	F - B/AA	South West	The complainant was part of a wrongful eviction. The complainant believes an officer facilitated a lockout without a court order. This resulted in the complainant becoming unhoused.
03/26/2026	F - W	North East	Police entered the complainant's home and advised her that she was being hospitalized as the result of approved 302 (mental health commitment) paperwork filed by her family. The complainant confirmed that she was not in crisis or experiencing mental health issues at the time of the incident. The complainant asked to grab her purse, coat, and medicine, but was not allowed to collect her belongings by the officer. The officer forcibly dragged her up the stairs into the living room where they handcuffed her and then dragged her out to the police vehicle. The complainant was handcuffed too tightly which resulted in bruising to her wrist which she was treated for at the hospital. As a result of being dragged, the complainant's shoulder was injured as well.
03/26/2026	M - B/AA, H/L	Central	The complainant and his friend were stopped outside a restaurant, picking up food. Both the complainant and his friend were detained by police, asking if they were carrying a weapon. The complainant was handcuffed tightly, to the point that his wrists sustained a cut and red marks. After it was confirmed that the complainant was not the robbery

			suspect the officers were looking for, he was released. The complainant requested the names and badge numbers of the officers involved, and one of the officers verbally taunted the complainant.
03/26/2026	M – B/AA	North West	The complainant was pulled over for having illegal tints. Later, the complainant learned that his license to carry was revoked due to this police stop. After that, the complainant was pulled over by Abingdon PD and advised his driver’s license was suspended and he had a warrant for his arrest for failure to pay a traffic citation out of Philadelphia. The complainant believes that he was never properly issued the citation, nor the notice for his driver’s license being suspended, due to the officer not updating his address.
03/30/2026	F – B/AA	North West	The complainant has been dealing with a long-running pattern of discriminatory treatment, delayed response, lack of impartiality, and failure to provide service by officers at her district. The complainant states that this conduct has disproportionately affected her because she is disabled and has significant mobility and medical issues. This pattern has existed for years and involves police responding quickly to calls made against her by another resident on the block, while delaying or failing to respond to her own requests for police service.
03/30/2026	F – B/AA	Central	The complainant had video taken of her without her consent. She went to file a police report when she learned of this. The officers who she spoke with were dismissive at first, informing her she “didn’t have a case”. However, they then returned and let her know she did have a case and needed to reach out to SVU.

- Date received refers to the date the complainant filed their complaint with CPOC.
- Demographics refer to the gender, race and ethnicity of the individual filing the complaint.
- Division refers to the police division where the incident occurred.
- Summary is the summary of the complaint against police made by the complainant.