

CPOC May 2026 Complaint Referral Report

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Overview

In April 2026, CPOC received 40 complaints of police misconduct and referred them to the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) Internal Affairs Division (IAD).

Disclaimer

Summaries of the 40 complaints from May 2026 are below. All demographic data is reported by complainants. These complaints represent only those submitted directly to CPOC and do not include those 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
05/01/2026	Prefer not to answer	North East	The complainant called the police to report being harassed, but the officer was dismissive of their concerns.
05/01/2026	Anonymous	Central	The complainant was grabbed by two officers, pushed against a car, and had their arms bent behind their back while their school backpack was still on. Excessive force was used unnecessarily.
05/01/2026	F – H/L	East	The complainant made a 911 call while feeling unsafe at a restaurant while caring for her minor child. The officer who responded relied primarily on the staff's version of events and did not conduct an impartial assessment before directing the complainant to leave.
05/01/2026	F – B/AA	East	The complainant's children were pulled over in front of her house. The complainant requested that her grandchild be removed from the car, but the officers denied the request. Officers were verbally abusive, becoming belligerent and racist to her and her children. Officers were unclear about the reason for the stop and refused to call a supervisor when the complainant requested it.

05/01/2026	F – W	South	The complainant's father was hit by a vehicle, which resulted in his death. Officers did not test the driver for drugs or alcohol following the incident. No direct contact was made with the family regarding the medical transportation of the complainant's father, and only a crash report was done, not a full police report.
05/04/2026	M – W	South West	The complainant's brother was struck and killed by a car. Police made no attempt to investigate the incident. The family only learned of the brother's death due to the landlord reaching out. The driver of the vehicle waited 12 hours to turn themselves in, and the complainant believes this was so the driver could "sober up." The complainant believes PPD delayed the investigation and failed to exercise due diligence in collecting evidence. The complainant believes the driver was not charged properly due to the poor investigation.
05/05/2026	Anonymous	East	The complainant had to call the police twice to get service for a fight happening outside their home. Police eventually responded after the second call, but they did not provide adequate service.
05/06/2026	M – B/AA	Central	The complainant's daughter was involved in a domestic dispute and sustained injuries. Police were called twice but never responded to the scene, and no wellness check was done after the fact.
05/06/2026	F – B/AA, AI/AN	North West	The complainant attempted to make corrections to a police report; however, the officer refused and was dismissive.
05/08/2026	Anonymous	South	The complainant called the police after learning of a potential disturbance near their home, where their car was parked. Dispatch refused to share the information they were requesting.
05/09/2026	M – prefer not to answer	North West	The complainant was pulled over by the police. The officer refused to provide their name and badge number when verbally requested. When the traffic stop was over, the officer threatened to personally get the complainant's permit to carry revoked by submitting a false report to the gun permit unit.
05/11/2026	Not answered	South West	The complainant has witnessed multiple incidents of an officer driving recklessly and speeding through their neighborhood. They feel this is unnecessary and dangerous.
05/11/2026	Not answered	South West	The complainant has experienced issues with police filing accurate reports and responding properly to their PFA. Police have failed to provide service on multiple occasions.

05/12/2026	F – W	South	The complainant reported there was an altercation involving a police officer and some younger teens who live on her block. The complaint stated that, while the teenagers were in the wrong for their behavior, the treatment they received at the hands of the police was abhorrent. The complainant also mentioned their daughter, who is a person of color, was accused of being “part of the problem” by the officer.
05/13/2026	Not answered	Central	Police filed a false statement on a police report made by the complainant.
05/14/2026	Anonymous	South West	The complainant was pulled over by the police without probable cause. They felt they were being targeted.
05/14/2026	M – W	North West	The complainant’s neighbor is an officer and the complainant has witnessed this officer illegally short-dumping.
05/14/2026	M – W	North East	The complainant reported that an officer had their PPD vehicle parked outside their home, outside the City of Philadelphia, during a shift, in violation of policy.
05/14/2026	F – B/AA	Central	The complainant was dealing with a landlord-tenant dispute. The officer arrived at the scene but did not listen to the complainant. Officers arrested the complainant for trespassing in her own home. She was later released, and the judge ordered her to clear her belongings within 5 hours. The officers only gave her an hour.
05/14/2026	F – W	Central	The complainant was a witness to a sexual harassment incident by an unknown male. The complainant called the police to report the incident. 15 minutes later, the police arrived but did not respond to the call and were unhelpful. The victim had called 911 again to report the incident, and it took a while for police to respond. The complainant had to give their statement to 6-7 officers, but it appeared none of them wrote it down. The complainant and victim were eventually taken to SVU to give a statement, but were held for almost 2 hours with very little information shared. The complainant was appalled to learn that the man had been released before she even gave a statement to SVU, because “an officer didn’t witness the incident, so they couldn’t hold him.”
05/14/2026	M – B/AA, H/L	South West	The complainant was illegally pulled over and detained by police. The complainant was forced out of his vehicle without reasonable suspicion or probable cause. The complainant’s vehicle was illegally searched without his consent.
05/14/2026	M – B/AA	North East	The complainant was a passenger in their brother’s car coming home from the store. As they pulled up to his house,

			the police stopped them. Police told them they were being stopped due to the window tint. The complainant asked if their BWC was on and if they could record, and the officer said yes. When they took their phone out to record, the officer pulled the door open, grabbed and twisted his arm and fingers, and started yelling at the complainant, and then squeezed his arm. The complainant was handcuffed. He told the officers that it was hurting his hands, but the officer did nothing about this. The complainant was taken to the station to be processed and held until a judge could see them. The complainant said that he had pain in his arm from the handcuffing, but officers told him to just wait, or it would take longer to see the judge. The complainant was eventually released and the court issues were resolved. The complainant felt that the officers were overly aggressive and created a lot of trauma for him and his family.
05/16/2026	F – W	North East	The complainant was pulled over by an officer who she believes knows her. The officer told her she ran a red light, but she believed she did not. The officer then insinuated that if she were nicer to him, he wouldn't have checked her license and registration. The complainant felt the officer was implying that she should have flirted with the officer to get out of the traffic stop.
05/17/2026	Anonymous	Central	A police officer started yelling at five young girls for walking through City Hall. The complainant asked the officer why they couldn't walk in the same direction they had just walked. The officer immediately became extremely aggressive and started yelling in the complainant's face that they should mind their business and that they're "a fucking liberal that doesn't know what they are talking about." Other officers just stood around and did not intervene.
05/18/2026	M – B/AA	North West	The complainant was pulled over by the police. The officer stated the complainant was speeding, but the complainant contested that they were just at a stoplight before being pulled over, so this did not make sense. The complainant was issued a citation; they feel they were profiled by the officer.
05/19/2026	M – H/L	East	The complainant's son was in a car accident, and it took four attempts to get a copy of the police report. When they finally got a copy, they discovered there were several inaccuracies. The complainant attempted to have the police report corrected; however, the police refused, despite the evidence presented.

05/19/2026	F – B/AA	South West	The complainant is frustrated with the detective on her son's murder case. The complainant has presented evidence she believes is relevant to the case, but the detective has failed to act on or review it. When the complainant attempted to reach out for updates, the detective had an attitude towards the complaint and said dismissive and diminishing things about her son.
05/19/2026	F – B/AA	Central	The complainant has been dealing with ongoing disturbances from neighbors. The complainant has texted 911 emergency services for assistance, but the concerns have persisted with no intervention from the police.
05/20/2026	F – H/L	Phone	The complainant attempted to call 911 to report a large forest fire, but no one picked up. They called 911 several times, but got no answer.
05/21/2026	M – B/AA	North East	The same officer has pulled over the complainant multiple times, ticketing them twice a week. The complainant feels they are being targeted and harassed.
05/22/2026	M – B/AA	East	The complainant has been attacked by their roommate twice. When attempting to file a police report at the district, officers refused to help and treated the complainant like a nuisance. The complainant believes that their roommate has a family member who is an officer and is telling the roommate how to avoid being charged by police.
05/22/2026	F – H/L	East	The complainant has been dealing with an ongoing dispute with neighbors over parking on their block. Several neighbors save spots, making it difficult for the complainant to find a place to park on days when she gets home late from work. The complainant has called the police for service several times but has not had any helpful interactions with the police. One officer was particularly dismissive and rude.
05/22/2026	Anonymous	Central	The complainant witnessed a police vehicle parked in the bike lane, blocking traffic, with no officer present.
05/26/2026	F – W	East	The complainant's mother was having a medical emergency, so she called 911. It took two attempts to reach dispatch before someone responded.
05/26/2026	M – B/AA	South West	The complainant was double-parked outside their home while their wife had run inside to get his wallet. Police pulled up behind the complainant's vehicle and conducted a car stop. Police asked the complainant whether he had a firearm or a license to carry, to which the complainant explained that he does not and has never owned a weapon. The complainant was ordered to step out of the vehicle and

			participate in a frisk and subsequent search of his vehicle. The complainant was directed to the police vehicle area and instructed to place his hands on the hood, which was hot, causing physical discomfort and public embarrassment. He was subsequently searched again by the officers. The complainant asked the officer whether he was being detained or if he was free to go, but did not receive a clear response at that time. After a period of waiting, the complainant was eventually instructed to return to his vehicle and leave without any explanation for the delay or the extended stop.
05/27/2026	Not answered	Central	While walking home carrying food and household supplies, a marked police vehicle pulled up to the complainant. The officer asked the complainant whether they “have a license for that,” even though their firearm was concealed. The complainant produced their License to Carry Firearm and gave it to the officer. This is the second time this specific officer has targeted the complainant without cause. The officer requested to conduct a physical search, which the complainant declined as their legal right.
05/28/2026	Anonymous	South West	The complainant reported an officer attempting to sell drugs to the complainant.
05/29/2026	Not answered	East	The complainant sustained injuries during an eviction. Police did not take an official report and mishandled the situation.
05/29/2026	M – not answered	North East	The complainant reported that his neighbor, a police officer, is running a business without proper permits from the city out of their home. The complainant believes the officer is operating their business while on duty.
05/30/2026	M – W	Central	The complainant was singing on the streets. Police stopped the complainant and used physical force. The complainant was detained by the police and then released with a citation.

- 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.