

CPOC June 2026 Complaint Referral Report

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Overview

In June 2026, CPOC received 45 complaints of police misconduct and referred them to the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) Internal Affairs Division (IAD). There was an additional complaint from May, referred in June.

Disclaimer

Summaries of the 45 complaints from June 2026 and 1 complaint from May 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
05/27/2026	F – B/AA	South	The complainant is dealing with an ongoing issue with her daughter. She has forbidden her daughter from going over to one of her friends' houses and has told the mother of the Friend as much. The daughter continues not to obey, and the other mother does not intervene. The complainant has contacted the police for service, but they will not file a missing child report because the complainant knows her daughter's location. The complainant is frustrated that the police will not intervene.
06/01/2026	F – B/AA	South West	The complainant was being followed by four men who were trying to rob her. One of the men was someone she knew from before because he had an incident with her cousin. The complainant called the police, and three officers responded to the call for service. One officer was rude in tone, doubted her claims, and instead questioned why she was standing by the bar, which is close to the bus stop. This officer also

			refused to file a report, but another officer helped her file one.
06/01/2026	M – B/AA	South	The complainant and his girlfriend have been continuously harassed by his ex-girlfriend. They have contacted the district and filed reports regarding these incidents. The complainant feels the police have not been providing service to help resolve these incidents.
06/02/2026	M – B/AA	South West	The complainant was directed by Family Court to file a police report to document the refusal of a subpoena. The complainant called 911 twice but ultimately had to go to the district. While at the district, the situation escalated to a verbal altercation with one of the officers.
06/03/2026	Not reported	North West	The complainant was frisked and searched by a police officer who also failed to activate body-worn-camera. The officer also lied about their conversation with the complainant during the trial and suppressed evidence.
06/03/2026	Not reported	North West	The complainant's vehicle and person were frisked and searched by a police officer. The officer did not complete a proper police report following the stop. The officer later lied in a preliminary hearing regarding this case and suppressed evidence.
06/03/2026	M – Not listed	Central	The complainant was improperly arrested by PPD, and they came into his home without his consent. He was having a dispute with a guest at his home and requested that the guest leave. The guest did not leave and called the police to report that they had been hit with a weapon. The complainant's foot was injured when he was placed into the back of the police van.
06/04/2026	M – Not listed	Phone	The complainant called 911 to report an issue. The dispatcher was rude over the phone.
06/04/2026	M – W	North West	A police vehicle turned on its sirens to move through a busy intersection, then immediately turned them off after the intersection and proceeded to drive normally as if it were not actually in an emergency. While making this maneuver, the police vehicle cut from the left turning lane over to the right in front of traffic, forcing their way in and nearly causing a collision.
06/05/2026	Anonymous	South	An officer drove by two parked cars in a bike lane. The officer did not honk, direct the drivers away from their illegal and dangerous spot, or issue a ticket. A bike was nearly hit by another car because the biker had to exit the bike lane.

06/08/2026	M – H/L	North East	The complainant was parked in a U-Haul truck he rented to move. Police pulled up on the parked rental truck and ordered him to surrender the keys and exit the vehicle. After he exited the vehicle, officers turned him around and placed him in handcuffs. When he asked why he was being detained, an officer informed him that the U-Haul truck had been reported stolen. The complainant advised the officers that the vehicle was not stolen and that he had documentation inside the truck verifying his lawful possession. The complainant repeatedly requested that officers loosen his handcuffs because they were excessively tight and causing pain. After the handcuffs were removed, the complainant observed that his wrist had become discolored and appeared purple. The complainant sustained a wrist fracture.
06/08/2026	M – W	Central	The complainant was celebrating Pride in the Gayborhood when there was a pop sound that sounded as if it could be a gun. This created a stampede in the crowd, with people attempting to exit the barricaded area. Rather than opening the barricades or running toward the sound to investigate and keep the crowd safe, the police continued to barricade the crowd. The complainant questioned multiple officers, repeatedly asking things like: "What happened?", "What's going on?" "How do we get out of here?" "Can you let us out?" There was no response from any officer. One officer was smoking a cigar and blew his smoke in the face of a terrified patron.
06/09/2026	Anonymous	Central	Officers in tactical uniforms were wearing masks in the Gayborhood during Philadelphia Pride. Masks are not part of the PPD police uniform. The complainant was also concerned about the general crowd-control tactics employed during the festivities.
06/10/2026	M – W	South West	The complainant observed a group of kids gathered at the park. There were around two dozen kids, mostly between 10 and 13 years old, but there were a couple of even younger kids (between 3 and 5 years old) who seemed to be with their older siblings. They were not doing anything criminal or dangerous. Then a police cruiser drove into the crowd. All the kids ran away, yelling, "We didn't do anything". The two officers in the vehicle did not get out. The cruiser just turned around and quickly exited the park grounds. The

			complainant was concerned about the kids' safety and the police officer's dangerous driving in a public park.
06/10/2026	Anonymous	Central	The complainant was frustrated with the treatment of Pride participants by police in the Gayborhood.
06/11/2026	M – H/L	East	The complainant went to the Gun Permits Unit (GPU) after being advised by the License and Inspections office that he could obtain a copy of his license-to-carry-a-firearm revocation letter there and, consequently, begin his appeal process. The complainant knocked on the door, and the answering officer told him they could not provide him with a letter of revocation and that he was not supposed to be there. The next day, the complainant called the GPU for clarification and spoke with the same officer he had spoken with the previous day, who told him that the evening staff sometimes gives people a hard time. The complainant returned that evening and was met by the same officer from the night before. The officer was frustrated that the complainant had knocked on the door without reading the sign. The officer believed the complainant had knocked on the door out of spite. When the complainant asked why the officer was giving him a hard time, the officer forcefully pushed the complainant out the door. The officer briefly closed the door before coming back out to talk to him. The officer did not provide the complainant with a letter of revocation. The complainant returned the following evening and was helped by a different officer. However, the first officer was present and continued to antagonize and belittle him during his conversation with the helpful officer.
06/11/2026	Anonymous	Central	The complainant was frustrated with police tactics used in the Gayborhood during the Pride festivities. Police wore masks, taunted citizens, actively insulted, berated, and mocked citizens at times, using homophobic, transphobic, and ableist language. The police were aggressive and violent, and seemed to be targeting Black and brown people. The scene of police arriving in buses, wearing masks, with an aggressive stance and brandishing weapons, was alarming and disheartening.
06/11/2026	M – B/AA	North West	The complainant believes the officers who responded to their home did not handle the custody dispute correctly. The

			mother of the complainant's child entered his home without permission and took their child away. Police allowed the mother to drive away with the young child, not secured in a car seat, for safety.
06/11/2026	Anonymous	Central	Complainant expressed frustration with the treatment of Pride participants in the Gayborhood by Police.
06/12/2026	Anonymous	North West	The complainant reported that someone had broken into their property, and they were assigned an investigator and provided their information. The complainant was advised that the detective was on vacation and expected to return in two weeks. The complainant had not heard from the detective in almost a month, so they called to check in on the status of their investigation. The interaction with the detective was disappointing and concerning. Throughout their conversation, the detective appeared agitated, irritated, and dismissive. The tone and demeanor conveyed an unwillingness to assist, leaving the complainant feeling even more frustrated and unsupported as a victim seeking guidance and resolution.
06/12/2026	M – not reported	North West	The complainant was frustrated with the police's lack of service when he reported individuals harassing him and attempting to harm him.
06/12/2026	M – B/AA	North East	The complainant called to report a hit-and-run. Officers involved refused to identify themselves when requested, until the complainant started recording them. They didn't want to answer the complainant's questions about their investigation and drove off, almost running his foot.
06/15/2026	Not reported	North East	The complainant was attacked at their home. The complainant called the police, but the first 911 call was not answered. When the complainant called a second time, they spoke with someone in dispatch, but no one came to their house.
06/16/2026	F – H/L	Central	The complainant was walking toward the suburban station with her friend, attempting to return home at the end of Pride festivities in the Gayborhood. As they attempted to cross the street, they were charged by a mounted police officer. The officer charged them on horseback while shouting, "Get out of the way, we aren't going to show any mercy on you." After this, the complainant and her friend ran toward a safe area to avoid being trampled by the mounted officer.

06/17/2026	F – H/L	North East	The complainant was in a Councilmember's office seeking assistance regarding a prior police encounter. The interaction with the Councilmember's staff and the complainant escalated, and police were called to intervene. The complainant estimates that there were eight officers in total, which she felt was excessive for a nonviolent incident. The complainant was asked to leave by the police. One officer refused to provide their badge number/name.
06/17/2026	M – B/AA	North West	The complainant was attacked by two individuals outside a nightclub. The complainant filed a police report. The complainant was later told that nothing could be done unless the complainant obtained a video of the incident. The complainant was frustrated that he was responsible for retrieving the video, even though he was the victim.
06/18/2026	F – H/L	East	For the last three years, the complainant has had ongoing issues with a couple who live near her home and own an auto shop. The complainant filed a civil lawsuit due to the continued harassment. After court, the neighbor followed the complainant and threatened her with a firearm. The complainant called 911 to file a report and obtain a PFA of the neighbor. The officers who responded took her report and provided her with a report number. However, when she went to file a PFA using that report number, she was informed that no report had been made.
06/18/2026	F – prefer not to answer	East	The complainant overheard a commotion outside her home. As she left her home, she witnessed her son being removed from his vehicle by three police officers. She confronted the officers, and they said that the stop was based on their observation of a “jar” in the vehicle window. The officers were rude, dismissive, and intimidating to the complainant as she tried to obtain information about her son. Her son was subsequently released from detention and given a written citation.
06/21/2026	Anonymous	Central	The complainant witnessed an officer yell at a FIFA event employee, using profane and derogatory language.
06/22/2026	Anonymous	North East	The complainant reported an officer taking home a police vehicle that is not authorized as a “take home” vehicle.
06/22/2026	M – B/AA	South West	The complainant was pulled over. The officer requested the complainant's driver's license. The complainant informed the officer that he did not have it on him but could provide him with a picture. The officer told the complainant to exit the vehicle. The complainant explained that his legs were

			physically paralyzed and he could not. Officers entered the vehicle and handcuffed the complainant to the steering wheel, ignoring his statement that he was paralyzed. The complainant requested a supervisor. The complainant tried to explain the situation to the supervisor, but the supervisor began arguing with the complainant. The officer then reached into the car and grabbed the complainant aggressively, saying “shut your fucking mouth” and “I’ll lock you the fuck up” until other officers pulled the officer away. The vehicle was taken by the police and impounded. The complainant never received an explanation for the stop nor a citation. He later learned of a traffic citation.
06/23/2026	Not reported	Central	During Philadelphia Pride, the complainant was attempting to walk to an event at a bar that evening and was kettled by the police. The complainant reached the end of the street and asked to pass; the police said they couldn’t. The complainant asked the police how to get out safely since at the other end of the street, there were officers on horses chasing people. Officers did not explain how they were supposed to leave safely.
06/23/2026	M – B/AA	North West	The complainant went to the district to file a police report and was not permitted to do so. The complainant has a custody agreement, and his child’s mother was late for drop-off. The officer did not provide service and was rude.
06/23/2026	Anonymous	Central	A police vehicle was parked in the middle of a traffic lane. No emergency lights were on, and the engine was off. This created a safety hazard on a busy main road.
06/24/2026	Not Reported	Central	The complainant observed a police officer smoking a cigar in Love Park. Smoking in parks is against the city ordinance. The complainant felt this was also rude since people were getting married just a few feet away under the Love Park sign.
06/25/2026	Anonymous	Central	The complainant was driving a motorcycle when a vehicle crossed the solid white line, almost causing a crash. A police vehicle was nearby, but made no effort to stop the driver after the incident.
06/25/2026	F – H/L	East	The complainant’s neighbor is a police officer. The complainant witnessed the officer coming in and out of their vehicle with a bottle of liquor and driving recklessly. The complainant has pulled this officer out of their car while still intoxicated and sometimes passed out. The complainant

			even heard the officer get into a physical altercation with a former partner.
06/26/2026	M – B/AA	Central	The complainant was sitting quietly, waiting for a rideshare that was about 8 minutes away. Without justification, a security guard called the police. The complainant explained that he was simply waiting for his ride. He was handcuffed, his pockets were searched, and he was detained in a police vehicle until his rideshare finally arrived.
06/27/2026	Anonymous	South West	The complainant reported that an officer was abusing time, showing up late and leaving early, while being paid for a full day of work.
06/28/2026	Not reported	South	The complainant was in town for the World Cup and waiting for a train at the NRG station with a large post-game crowd. The complainant witnessed a black male child unintentionally standing slightly over the yellow safety line on the train platform. The complainant witnessed an officer walk by and interact with the child. The complainant believed the officer told the child to move back, but was not close enough to hear the interaction. The child stepped back from the yellow line while laughing with the complainant. The officer suddenly grabbed the child's arm and quickly moved him away, though the complainant was unsure of where the officer took him or why the incident escalated. However, the complainant did not feel it was justified.
06/08/2026	M – Not listed	South West	The complainant was driving a rental vehicle and was stopped by police and informed that the taillights were out. The complainant presented his paperwork, including the rental agreement. One officer asked the complainant if he had a license to carry, while the other stated, "What are you doing?" The complainant believed the question should not have been asked.
06/30/2026	F – B/AA	South West	Police entered the complainant's home while she was not there. They broke the door and left it ajar and unlocked. There was a document on the door containing only the telephone number for the City Solicitor's Office. The document did not identify the officers who had entered her home, a contact number for the investigation unit, and did not include a copy of any warrant, inventory of any property seized, or explain why her home had been entered. Officers entered the complainant's home without a warrant and left it in disarray.

06/30/2026	M – B/AA	Central	The complainant had a previous DUI case, for which he was found not guilty and the case was expunged from his record. Due to false information in the police report, the complainant is having trouble getting his license reinstated.
06/30/2026	M – Not reported	Unknown	The complainant's wife was in a car accident. Police were called, but they never arrived to take a police report, which is now causing issues with their insurance claim.
06/30/2026	M – H/L	East	The complainant's son was shot and killed by police officers in 2025. He feels like the police now take longer to respond/don't respond at all when he calls them for assistance.
06/30/2026	M – B/AA	East	The complainant is being repeatedly followed by police officers in marked police vehicles, city vehicles, and unmarked vehicles. He says that police are often stationed outside of his house and surveilling him, even though he has done nothing wrong.

- 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.