

CPOC August 2026 Complaint Referral Report

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Overview

In August 2026, CPOC received 41 complaints of police misconduct and referred them to the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) Internal Affairs Division (IAD).

Disclaimer

Summaries of the 41 complaints from August 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
08/02/2026	F – B/AA	South West	The complainant called the police for service regarding a family member “kidnapping” her daughter. The police did not take a report, and she was directed to deal with DHS.
08/03/2026	Not reported	East	The complainant was stopped by the police while driving. One of the officers reached into the vehicle, unlocked the door, and pulled the complainant out. The complainant was punched, kicked, held down, and kneed. The complainant was then handcuffed and detained while police searched the vehicle without consent. The complainant sustained injuries from this incident.
08/03/2026	F – B/AA	East	The complainant and several neighbors have filed multiple complaints with PPD regarding quality-of-life and noise concerns. This has been an ongoing issue and remains unresolved, despite multiple reports filed with the police.
08/03/2026	M – H/L	East	The complainant is being harassed by an officer who previously arrested him. He keeps seeing this officer at different locations, such as fast-food restaurants and gas stations. The complainant feels this officer is following him.

08/04/2026	M – W	South West	The complainant witnessed an officer chase an unarmed man down the street and tackle him to the ground, then pin him to the ground. While the officer was handcuffing the man, another officer ran over and kneeled on the man's neck. The man stated that he couldn't breathe multiple times before the officer finally got off his neck.
08/05/2026	M – B/AA	South West	The complainant was on the phone while waiting for a bus when officers arrived in a police vehicle. The officer in the passenger seat then yelled at the complainant, stating, "You have a firearm?" repeatedly. The complainant replied that he didn't know what the officer was talking about or who he was talking to. He then said good night to the officer and continued his phone conversation. Officers got out of their vehicle and shone a light in the complainant's eyes. The complaint was startled and ran away. Officers chased him, punched him, and used other physical force while calling him a "pussy". The complainant was arrested and held at CFCF for 2 days before being released.
08/05/2026	F – W	East	The complainant was attempting to file a report with SVU. The detective was rude and was not sensitive to the complainant's trauma.
08/06/2026	F – H/L	Outside Philly	The complainant reached out to an officer following a rape incident, seeking assistance. However, the officer did not offer support or help in addressing the situation.
08/07/2026	M – B/AA	East	Police got an anonymous call that there was someone dead or hurt in the complainant's home. Police broke into the house and broke down the door. The complainant was detained and eventually released because the anonymous call was inaccurate. The complainant is upset because the door is broken, and anyone can break into his home now, where his two young children live.
08/10/2026	F – B/AA	Central	The complainant's nephew and his friend were stopped by the police. The officers told the boys to stop, turn around, and face them with their hands up. The officers then asked whether either of them was carrying a gun, and both boys said no. The officers instructed the boys to lift their shirts to show their waistbands. The officers then instructed the boys to jump up and down so that, if they were carrying a weapon, it would fall out. The boys complied. The complainant stated that the boys were very scared, visibly upset, and shaken by the encounter.

08/10/2026	F – B/AA	South West	The complainant's daughter called the police to her house. The daughter was looking to enter the property. The complainant explained to the police that her daughter does not reside there, and the complainant eventually closed the door. Police broke down the door and allowed the daughter to enter the property against the complainant's wishes.
08/10/2026	M – H/L	North East	The complainant's house keys were stolen, and he called the police for service to gain entry to his home. The incident escalated, and the complainant was physically assaulted by police, then aggressively thrown into the police vehicle.
08/11/2026	M – B/AA	East	The complainant is unhoused and went to the district to file a police report about a missing phone. Officers surrounded him, choked him, strangled him, and wrestled him to the ground. He was detained by police for 2 days before being released.
08/11/2026	F – H/L	North West	The complainant filed multiple reports against an ex-partner. The complainant feels the police have failed to be impartial and have not fully investigated her complaints.
08/12/2026	M – B/AA	South West	The complainant was physically abused by officers, his home was improperly searched, and he has been the subject of harassment by officers. Officers have also issued a citation for his vehicle registration, which is up to date.
08/13/2026	M – B/AA, W	East	The complainant noticed a police car was parked in front of a fire hydrant. When he informed the officer of this, he looked at the complainant and shrugged. When the complainant pointed to the fire hydrant, the officer opened the vehicle door, yelled aggressively, "Who gives a shit?" and slammed it.
08/13/2026	F – B/AA	North West	The complainant was pulled over by the police. The officer was very rude and aggressive. The complainant was asked to step out of the vehicle. She informed the officers that she had a license to carry a firearm and that she had one on her. The complainant was searched, and her firearm was confiscated by police. The complainant was eventually released and given a citation for window tint.
08/14/2026	M – B/AA	North East	The complainant's partner was cheating on him, so he ended the relationship and asked her to leave the home since he was the owner. The ex-partner called the police and convinced them to 302 the complainant, alleging he was barricaded in his room with guns, threatening the public. The complainant's ex later admitted to the evaluating doctor that she called the police on the complainant because she was mad he had kicked her out of the house. The complainant

			was released and requested information from the police to understand why and how this happened, but he was not provided with any information.
08/17/2026	F – not reported	South West	The complainant called 911 for services and felt the dispatcher was asking too many questions and did not have a serious tone given the nature of the call.
08/17/2026	F – W, AI/AN, H/L	East	The complainant got into a dispute with construction workers at a neighboring home on her street. The interaction got heated and escalated to gunshots being fired at her home. The complainant called the police for service, but the officers were not impartial. Police confiscated her firearms, which she legally owned, arrested her, and searched her home without a warrant.
08/18/2026	F – B/AA	North West	The complainant was forcibly removed by police from the property she was staying at without warning or explanation.
08/18/2026	F – B/AA, AI/AN	South	The complainant was out shopping when a neighbor called to inform her that the police were breaking into her home. When she arrived home, there were many police officers, and her belongings were being thrown out of her home and onto her front lawn. The complainant spoke to a detective, who informed her they were looking for her grandson. The complainant informed them that the grandson doesn't live with her and is currently traveling for work training. The complainant was frustrated that officers waited until she left her home to gain entry, using a battering ram, even though she would have opened the door for them. If the officers had approached the home while she was present, the damage to her home could have been prevented. The complainant was not provided with a warrant to search her home and seize her property.
08/18/2026	F – O/NL	South West	Police entered the complainant's home in search of her son. The complainant asked to see a warrant, the officer unrolled a piece of paper and quickly flashed it at the complainant. After officers found her son, she was given the warrant. The paperwork showed only a picture of her son and contained no signatures or dates. The officer did not give her a copy of the warrant.
08/18/2026	F – W	Phone	The complainant's vehicle was stolen and later located. While being repaired at a body shop, it was discovered that there was a bullet casing in the back seat of her vehicle. The complainant called the district for advice and service. The officer was rude and dismissive and did not provide service.

08/21/2026	F – B/AA	North West	For approximately two years, the complainant had been calling the district and 911 to request that officers address quality-of-life issues on her block. She estimated she has called 50+ times over the course of two years. However, when officers have responded to the location, she has continuously observed them failing to take any action either to arrest the individuals or to approach them in a manner that addresses safety concerns. These individuals are violating The Philadelphia Code (§ 10-604) related to open containers of alcohol, they are engaging in both drug usage and dealing, committing acts of violence involving firearms, and are disruptive with significantly loud noises
08/21/2026	M - W	Central	The complainant was pulled over without just cause and the officer accused him of cutting the officer off while driving. The complainant denied cutting the officer off and stated that he remained in his own lane. According to the complainant, the officer was in a turning lane and had to pull out to get behind him to initiate the traffic stop. When he told the officer that he was going to be late picking up his child, the officer was dismissive and laughed at him
08/23/2026	Anonymous	Unknown	The complainant reported that an officer is constantly talking with underage girls and is breaking the law.
08/25/2026	M – B/AA	Outside of Philly	The complainant was arrested by the police, and his belongings were confiscated as evidence. The case was dismissed, and he attempted to retrieve the belongings. Officers gave him the run-around and no clear information on how to get his belongings back.
08/26/2026	M – B/AA	Central	The complainant was robbed and called for service. Police did not file a police report.
08/26/2026	Anonymous	North East	Police were called to assist with an apartment lockout. The officer was rude and dismissive.
08/27/2026	F – B/AA	Central	The complainant had an altercation with a neighbor, where the neighbor threatened the complainant with a firearm. They filed a police report, but experienced a delayed response from the investigator for their case, and it has been challenging to receive communication and updates.
08/27/2026	Not reported	North East	The complainant's phone was stolen at a laundromat. They filed a police report, but the incident was never investigated, despite the available video evidence.
08/27/2026	M – B/AA	North West	The complainant owns three vehicles, but their registrations have lapsed. He noticed officers towing the vehicles. The complainant approached the officers and asked whether he

			could resolve the issue right there by renewing his registration online, but one of the officers told him that there was nothing he could do. The complainant requested a supervisor but was denied one. The officers also refused to provide their names or badge numbers. The tow company then sold all of the complainant's vehicles.
08/27/2026	Anonymous	Central	An officer's police van was parked blocking the crosswalk while they went to buy fast food.
08/28/2026	F – Not reported	East	A group of female adults was creating a disturbance in the complainant's neighborhood. Police were called to the scene for service to disperse the agitators. The complainant tried to reason with an officer since a brick was thrown at her home, breaking a window. The officer used profane language and did not provide service or a report. Police were called again because of further vandalism. Officers escalated the situation, arresting a victim and causing a fight.
08/28/2026	Anonymous	Central	The complainant observed an officer turn on their sirens just to get around traffic. Once they got around everyone, they turned off the lights.
08/30/2026	Not reported	East	The complainant suffers from anxiety and had adjusted their medication. The new medication was causing a bad reaction, so they called 911 for service. They got up when the police arrived to speak with them. Officers immediately detained the complainant and were very rough with them. The complainant was 302'd even though they were cognizant of their interaction with the police.
08/30/2026	F – B/AA	North West	The complainant called the police due to a non-legal resident they wanted removed from their home. The officers were dismissive; one turned off their BWC during the interaction.
08/31/2026	Anonymous	East	The complainant noticed a person on their street who appeared to be masturbating in the open. They called the police for service, but no one ever responded. A neighbor had to confront the man to get him to leave, but the interaction became hostile. The complainant called again that day to report a break-in at a neighbor's house. Again, the police did not respond.
08/31/2026	F – B/AA	Central	The complainant is being harassed by an officer whom she knew personally and is friends with her estranged husband. The officer called several of the complainant's friends. One friend picked up the phone while the complainant was present, and the complainant identified the officer by voice. The complainant believes this officer has used department

			information without a legitimate legal purpose to track and harass the complainant.
08/31/2026	Anonymous	South	The complainant received an erroneous parking ticket from an officer.

- 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.