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August 2024 Complaint Referral Report

In August 2024, 14 complaints of police misconduct were received by CPOC and referred to the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) Internal Affairs Division (IAD). So far in 2024, CPOC has received and referred 118 complaints.

Summaries of thirteen of these complaints are below, excluding any complaints received at the end of the month that have not yet been processed. All demographic data is collected as reported by complainants. These complaints only represent complaints submitted directly to CPOC and do not account for complaints filed directly with PPD.

| Date Received | Demographics | PPD District | Summary |
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| 8/5/2024 | M – B/AA | 3rd | Complainant states he was riding his bike in the bike lane on Washington Ave between 10th & 11 th Streets. He was approached by an officer who told him he would be receiving a citation for riding in the wrong direction in the bike lane. The complainant states that he was yelled at aggressively by the officer, who then stepped on his foot and grabbed him, pulling him so hard that his bicep was torn as a result. |
| 8/5/2024 | M – B/AA | 24th | Complainant states that his former partner came to his house, in violation of a Protection from Abuse Order (PFA), and took his child who he has custody of. The complainant alleges the detective did not investigate properly or take his case seriously, but rather dismissed the case as a “custody matter.” |
| 8/7/2024 | F – H | 15th | Complainant states that she has been harassed and stalked by an unnamed man. She has since relocated to another address for fear of her family’s safety. The complainant called 911, and two officers and a supervisor from the 26th district responded. The complaint recalls the supervisor saying there was nothing they could do as the police are “reactive not proactive.” The complainant alleges she went to the 15th district to follow up on her police report. The officer she spoke with told her that the police report was incorrectly filed and did not include important details about the harassment and threats she was experiencing. |
| 8/7/2024 | M – B/AA | 22nd | The complainant states that, while traveling on his electric motorcycle, a police vehicle with two officers pulled up next to him at a red light. One officer said, |

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| | | | "Is that a gun on your hip?" he told the officer "No I do not have a gun on me". The complainant alleges that the officer then got out of the passenger side of the vehicle "aggressively" and reached near his gun holster also knocking over the motorcycle. The complainant ended up having a panic attack from the incident, but no paramedic was called and no medical services were offered. |
| 8/8/2024 | M – W | 19th | Complainant called the 19th district to report that his neighbor's dogs had been barking excessively. Complainant states that officers responded hours later and, because the dogs were no longer barking, failed to do anything except speak with the owners of the dogs. Complainant alleges that there have been many similar instances and feels that the officers should be enforcing the noise ordinance in these situations. |
| 8/8/2024 | F – B/AA | 18th | Following the shooting death of her daughter, a detective reached out to the complainant on the day of her daughter's death, and she reported she believed the incident was an accident of some sort. The complainant states that she was contacted later that same day by the Detective who inquired about her firearm. The complainant alleges that these questions were inappropriate and unprofessional. The complaint later found videos on her daughter's social media that she felt could shed light on her daughter's death. When sharing this with the detective, she states that he was rude and unprofessional. |
| 8/9/2024 | F – B/AA | 15th | Complainant states that her son was hit by a speeding vehicle in front of her house. She called 911 and no officers responded to the scene for several hours. An off-duty officer who is allegedly married to the driver of the vehicle arrived at the scene. Soon after this, a physical altercation broke out and police were called for assistance. The Complainant reported the off-duty officer said, "I don't care about your son, get away from me, I have dealt with you," while he tried to intimidate her by placing his hand on his service weapon. The complainant attests that the medics were too busy speaking with the officers and wouldn't talk to her and she was unable to request her son be transported to the hospital. |
| 8/13/2024 | M – B/AA | 35th | After having been shot in the right hip, the complainant was transferred to a hospital and later processed by PPD at the 35th District. The complainant alleges that due process was not |

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| | | | followed while he was in police custody and that police officers at the 35th district acted outside of standard operating procedures. |
| 8/19/2024 | F – N/A | 9th | The complainant states that a peaceful protest was dispersing from under the overhang of The Logan Hotel. The complainant alleges that several officers became aggressive and violent towards the dispersing protesters. The complainant identified two specific officers who inappropriately touched and physically abused female protesters. |
| 8/20/2024 | F – B/AA | 2nd | Complainant states that an officer called her “lazy” because she did not move her vehicle that was double parked. She reported the officer was rude and treated her poorly when she told the officer that she was double parked waiting for a friend to come out of their house. |
| 8/20/2024 | F – B/AA | 14th | Complainant reported a conflict with a masonry company to the 14 th District. Specifically, the complainant recollects speaking with several officers, requesting that they do something to prevent the unauthorized construction. The complainant states that one of the officers said, “When told to stand down we can’t help folks.” The complainant believes this order the officer received could be the reason for the lack of assistance she has received from the 14 th District. |
| 8/21/2024 | M – B/AA | 12th | Complainant states that an officers violated his civil rights when they searched his car while he was parked to pick up his child. The complainant was parked in front of child’s mother’s house to pick up his child when a dispute occurred between the two. Police arrived and he consented to a frisk by saying, “I have no gun on me you can check.” Complainant attests he did not consent to a car search and attests officers did not find any weapons in the car. |
| 8/22/2024 | M – B/AA | 14th | Complainant states that an officer has been parking his truck in front of the complainant’s house since June. Complainant requested the officer to park his truck in his parking spot in front of his own house on several occasions. Complainant stated the officer responded by harassing him and his wife and using profane language. |