



## CPOC January 2024 Complaint Referral Report

In January 2025, 16 complaints of police misconduct were received by CPOC and referred to the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) Internal Affairs Division (IAD).

Summaries of the 16 complaints from January 2025 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 are allegations made by complainants, they do not represent any findings of fact or conclusions.

Date Received	Demographics	Division	Summary
1/01/2025	F – H/L	North East	The complainant’s former partner’s sibling is a police officer. This police officer has stalked and harassed the complainant. The complainant feels the officer is using their PPD employment status against them, and fears for their safety and their family’s safety.
1/03/2025	M – W	North East	The complainant reported that they are being followed by police officers when they are driving. This has happened several times since 2017. Once, an officer took pictures of them and their vehicle while they were stopped.
1/04/2025	Anonymous	Central	The complaint reported that a person was standing alone when an officer walked up to and brushed up against the person. The situation quickly escalated, and the person was arrested.
1/10/2025	F – B/AA	South West	The complainant was walking their child to childcare, and saw a dead body in the street, somewhat covered, but the face was still exposed. The incident was also blocking a bus stop. There was a police car at the scene, but the complainant did not see any PPD officers around the scene redirecting foot traffic or attempting to block the deceased’s body from public view. The complainant felt that this was a shortcoming on the part of PPD and that more should have been done to protect the public from witnessing the scene.
1/10/2025	M – B/AA	Central	A PPD officer issued the complainant a citation for biking on the sidewalk. The complainant tried to explain to the officer that they were on the sidewalk because there was no bicycle lane and they felt it was dangerous to be in the road with cars who often drive recklessly. The complainant listed cases of cyclists being hit by vehicles in Philadelphia. The complainant felt that both officers were disrespectful and dismissive towards the safety concerns. The complainant noted that while the officers were issuing the ticket, there were other people who cycled past on the sidewalk who were not stopped.

1/13/2025	F – B/AA	South West	Officers responded to a call for service for an individual with intellectual disabilities. The complainant reported that officers did not try to stop the individual from harming themselves or others, instead they stood outside the house providing no assistance.
1/15/2025	M – W	South West	The complainant was involved in a motor vehicle accident. An officer took their statement while wearing a body camera. At some point following that, the body cam was removed. When the complainant noticed it was missing, they asked the officer why they were no longer wearing one. The officer said that there was a known fault in the camera, and the battery was dead. The officer did not explain this to the person involved in the accident before they asked. The complainant did not find the response satisfactory.
1/18/2025	F – B/AA	South	The complainant said that they were removed from a medical facility by police while they were waiting for an appointment. The complainant was arrested instead of being transported for medical care.
1/20/2025	M – W	North East	The complainant's neighbor is an officer, who has been harassing and bullying the complainant.
1/22/2025	Anonymous	N/A	An officer sent the complainant a letter responding to an issue. The complainant felt that the letter was rude and unhelpful.
1/24/2025	F – W	South West	The complainant called 911 for assistance evicting a hostile individual from their home. Officers who responded yelled at them two or three times to shut up and were dismissive. The officers did not help the complainant, ask the complainant any questions, and did not give them a report or report number. The complainant felt the police were blaming them.
1/24/2025	F – B/AA	South West	The complainant spoke with a sergeant over the phone to ask why PPD/detectives were not doing anything about their child being assaulted by an adult at school. The sergeant was who was dismissive and used explicit language towards them. The sergeant said there was not much they could do without pictures or evidence of injuries. The complainant was frustrated since they provided witness statements from other students who have seen the ongoing abuse. The complainant tried to file a private criminal complaint but was not allowed because the paperwork from PPD did not have enough details.
1/27/2025	F – W	North East	The complainant, a landlord, informed their tenant that a repair would be made in their rental property at a certain time. The tenant called the police and alleged the complainant had entered the apartment without permission. The officer who responded threatened the complainant with arrest and used threatening language towards the complainant. The officer was dismissive and rude and would not let the complainant explain the situation.
1/30/2025	M – W	North East	During a traffic stop, an officer yelled at the complainant and their spouse without letting them explain where they were going. After the interaction, they received a ticket with 3 points and a \$180 fine. The officer did not mention that they were receiving a citation during their interaction.

1/31/2025	Anonymous	East	While driving next to the complainant's car, an officer in another vehicle verbally abused the complainant, yelling profanities at the complainant. The complainant felt there was no need for this aggressive interaction.
1/31/2025	M – AI/AN	South West	The complainant felt they were racially profiled by an officer and felt fearful for their life multiple times during a live traffic stop. The officer immediately started questioning if the car belonged to the complainant, before even checking their ID. The officer also put their hand on their firearm several times and played with the button snap. This felt like an intimidation tactic by the officer.