



CPOC December 2024 Complaint Referral Report

In December 2024, 19 complaints of police misconduct were received by CPOC and referred to the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) Internal Affairs Division (IAD). In 2024, CPOC received and referred a total of 204 complaints to IAD.

Summaries of the 19 complaints from December 2024 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
12/01/2024	F – B/AA	South West	The complainant had filed a missing vehicle report with PPD. The vehicle was found by PPA, who referred the matter to PPD. PPD did not notify the complainant.
12/01/2024	F – B/AA	East	A police officer filed an inaccurate police report after the complainant's car was broken into. The complainant was frustrated when told by police at the district that they would need to pay for another report to get the date corrected on the report. The complainant felt the officers they interacted with at the district were also unprofessional.
12/02/2024	F – W	East	The complainant had a tool taken from their bag by a SEPTA officer. They called 911 and a PPD officer responded. The PPD officer confirmed that the complainant was allowed to have the tool but did not instruct the SEPTA officer to return the item. The complainant felt this was a failure to act.
12/02/2024	F – W	North East	An officer was handling traffic control at an intersection where a vehicle accident occurred. The complainant felt that the officer was directing traffic in a hazardous and ineffective manner, yelling at drivers and waving their arms in frustration. The officer's directions were unclear, and at one point, nearly caused a collision. The officer's behavior was unnecessarily aggressive and seemed to escalate the situation rather than help resolve it.
12/04/2024	F – B/AA	South West	The complainant met the officer at the hospital after a vehicle accident. The officer said they would follow up with the complainant to complete the report. The officer failed to complete the police report, even after the complainant attempted to contact the officer multiple times. Complainant has not seen the police report and even their car insurance provider had difficulty getting in contact with the police district.
12/09/2024	M – W	N/A	An officer gave out a complainant's personal information to members of the public and a shooting occurred as a result of the officer sharing their whereabouts.

12/12/2024	M – W	Central	The complainant believes they are being harassed by PPD, after being rear-ended by an off-duty officer. Since the accident in July, they have been pulled over by police 4 times.
12/12/2024	M – A	North East	Complainant was driving and stopped at a red light. Suddenly an officer dressed in plainclothes was pointing a gun at the complainant from the driver's side window and yelling to get out of the car. The complainant put their hands up immediately, fearful for their life. The officer violently pulled them out of their car, put them up against the rear of the car, and patted them down. The officer asked questions like "Do you have any guns? Did you make someone mad on the road?" They repeatedly denied having guns. The officer asked if they could look in the car for guns and the complainant felt obligated to agree so that they could prove themselves innocent and end the situation. After not finding any weapons, the officer told the complainant that someone had called 911 to report someone matching their vehicle description, who had brandished a gun while driving.
12/13/2024	M – B/AA	Central	The complainant's family member was arrested for possession of drugs and because there was a warrant for their arrest. PPD let the family know that their relative was being processed. The family called to check on their relative every hour, because they were concerned about their relative's addiction. The individual was booked for a day and a half before a detective informed the family that their relative was deceased.
12/13/2024	M – B/AA	South West	The complainant stated that they had previously been arrested during a "street sweep." During the "street sweep," the complainant's license to carry and firearm were confiscated. The charges against the complainant because of this arrest were later dropped. After receiving the news that the charges were dropped, the complainant attempted to retrieve their seized firearm, only to be told by PPD that they would have to pay \$3,000 to get the firearm back. The complainant decided to purchase a new firearm, as this would be cheaper than paying to have their firearm returned. The complainant was later pulled over again and "yanked" out of his car. The officers searched his car and seized his new firearm. While transporting the complainant for processing, officers responded to other calls for service. The complainant's charges for the second arrest were also dropped, but are still "open" in the court system, making it difficult for him to get a job and housing.
12/16/2024	M – Not listed	North East	An officer came onto the complainant's private property, trespassing through the neighbor's property to gain access. The property lines are marked and there are "no trespassing" signs facing both north and south of the property. The officer conducted an illegal search on the property. The officer then put a note in the complainant's mailbox instructing them to call the district. The complainant contacted the district, but was not able to reach this officer. The complainant later found a ticket on their vehicle for parking on the sidewalk. This vehicle has been in their yard, under CCTV for about three months.

12/16/2024	M – H/L	East	The complainant heard a knock at the front door in the middle of the night. Their spouse opened the door and there were six PPD officers. An officer told the couple they had a warrant for their child for theft. An officer stated their child was allegedly seen running away from the scene of a theft. The complainant explained that their child has injuries to both their legs – so this felt impossible. The complainant requested to see the warrant and the officers declined. Their child was arrested and taken outside in their underwear without being given the chance to put on pants or appropriate clothing for the cold weather. The officers used foul language, which felt disrespectful. The complainant was not informed about where their child was taken. They are concerned that their child is being held at a detention center without access to necessary medication.
12/16/2024	M – H/L	North East	Police did not properly investigate and are refusing to investigate an alleged theft and potential forgery by the complainant’s former lawyer dating back to August 2016. The complainant spoke with a Detective who was dismissive and hung up on them.
12/17/2024	M – B/AA	North West	The complainant reported that an officer was verbally abusive with aggressive language when responding to a call for service.
12/19/2024	M – B/AA	South West	The complainant reported that they were arrested following a vehicle stop due to tinted windows. During the vehicle stop, the car was searched and a firearm was recovered from under the passenger seat. The complainant stated that the driver and the passenger were then improperly arrested.
12/26/2024	F – W	East	While the complainant was driving, another driver merged and was about to hit the complainant’s vehicle. The complainant swerved, and hit a parked car. The complainant alleges an officer arrived to the scene and began to aggressively go through the complainant’s vehicle. The officer did not let the complainant share their side of the story, but was berating them. The officer said "shut the fuck up" and "I'm not calling a white shirt." The complainant stated the officer refused to call back up, though some did arrive later. The complainant reported that they asked the officer for their badge number, and the officer did not provide it, saying “you won’t need that information.”
12/26/2024	F – B/AA	South	The complainant reported a lack of service by officers from the District after reaching out to them repeatedly over 6 days regarding a vehicle that was illegally parked on their street, in front of their home. On 3 occasions, officers came out, but failed to issue a ticket or citation for the vehicle, even though it was illegally parked on the sidewalk.

12/30/2024	F – Not listed	North East	<p>The complainant stated that after discovering their vehicle was damaged by a “hit and run,” they called 911 to report the incident. Their neighbor had seen the car get hit and then saw the vehicle that hit them pull into a garage around the corner. An officer came and began taking pictures. The complainant provided the officer with the information concerning the other vehicle and the officer went around the corner to investigate. When the officer returned, a tow truck was pulling up to the location. The complainant did not ask the officer to call a tow service and did not know that the officer intended to call one. The complainant reiterated that their vehicle was in a safe spot in front of their home and was not impeding traffic, but the officer said the vehicle needed to be towed for the investigation. Because the complainant’s vehicle was towed, they had to pay to retrieve it.</p>
12/30/2024	M – N/A	North West	<p>The complainant was walking along the sidewalk when 3 different police vehicles drove up, one of which almost hit the complainant and knocked them off the sidewalk. The officers got out and arrested someone. During this interaction they also threatened the complainant.</p>