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Citizen Complaint Statistics: August 2026

A. Summary

In August 2026, the City of Columbus Department of the Inspector General (DIG/ Columbus DIG) received 120 citizen complaints, primarily submitted through the DIG Hotline. Of these complaints, 92 were closed at intake, most commonly due to insufficient information and referral to another agency.

During the month, the DIG opened 26 investigations, closed/ completed 14 investigations, and maintained 20 cases on administrative hold. Across investigations completed during the month, 56 allegations were reviewed. The most frequent allegation categories involved actions taken or not taken or force.

Most allegations (45) were found to be within policy (80.4%). 10 allegations (17.9%) were found to be violations of Division policy, primarily involving rude, discourteous, and/ or profanity or violation of Police rules, orders, etc.

The Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB) reviewed and approved 30 investigation reports at their August regular meeting.

B. Source of Citizen Complaints[1]

Citizen Complaint Sources*	August	Share	Year-to-Month	Year-to-Month Share
Hotline	79	65.8%	633	70.1%
Email	13	10.8%	94	10.4%
Website (Smartsheet)	8	6.7%	69	7.6%
Mainline	6	5%	13	1.4%
In-Person	2	1.7%	14	1.6%
Agency Referral	12	10%	76	8.4%
Mail	-	-	3	0.3%
Board Initiated	-	-	1	0.1%
Total	**120**		**903**	

[1] Only includes complaints received during timeframe identified.
* Matrix Database

C. Breakdown of Citizen Complaints

Breakdown of Citizen Complaints*	August	Year-to-Month
Closed at Intake	92	700
Opened into Investigations	26	185
Board Initiated	0	1
Total	**118**	**886**

Please note: Chart C presents data on complaints that were closed at intake, opened for investigation, or placed on administrative hold during the identified timeframe. These categories may include complaints received outside the specified reporting period or those still awaiting a decision. As a result, differences in data parameters and other contributing factors may cause the figures in Charts C to differ from others.

D. Citizen Complaints Closed at Intake - Reason

Complaints Closed at Intake Reason*	August	Year-to-Month
Insufficient Information [2]	34	233
Preliminary Investigation Found No Police Misconduct	11	133
No Jurisdiction	2	22
Anonymous/ No Corroborating Evidence		2
Exceeded 90 Days from Incident	6	51
Information Only [3]		11
Referred to Another Agency	25	174
Withdrawn	10	59
Administrative Closure		1
Duplicate Case		4
Other	4	10
Total	**92**	**700**

[2] Complaints closed due to insufficient information are generally due to a lack of information provided by the complainant, particularly contact information, or multiple, unsuccessful attempts by the Columbus DIG to contact the complainant.
[3] These contacts needed information about an agency, department, or to compliment or voice an opinion about an officer, CPD, or city department.

E. Citizen Complaint Investigations

DIG Investigations*	August	Year-to-Month
Investigations Opened	26	185
Investigations Closed/ Completed	14	171
Administrative Hold Status	20	

F. Allegation Categories

Please note: Charts F, G, H, I, and J display data per allegation. A single DIG case may contain multiple allegations and allegations are assigned per officer.

Categories of Allegations Investigated †	August	Year-to-Month
Actions Taken/ Not Taken	21	253
Arrest		20
Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Usage	1	6
Criminal Charge		9
Display/ Use of Firearm		15
Force	8	80
Handling of Prisoner	2	12
Handling of Property	2	8
Investigative Actions – Accident		8
Investigative Actions – Criminal		17
Missing or Damaged Property	1	1
Operation of Vehicle		8
Racial Profiling		4
Refusal of Name or Badge No.		21
Rude, Discourteous, and/ or Profanity	6	65
Search/ Seizure	3	48
Threats or Harassment	1	15
Unbecoming Conduct [4]		
Uniform		1
Untruthfulness	1	3
Use of Authority or Position	1	2
Use of Mace	5	5

[4] CPD Directive 1-01 Rules of Conduct 1.15
† DIG Database

Violation of City Work Rules		1
Violation of Police Rules, Orders, etc.	4	16
Total	**56**	**618**

G. August Cases and Allegations by Precinct and Finding †

Please see appendix for CPD Precinct and Zone Map

Precinct	Cases	Allegations	Policy Violation [5]	Within Policy [6]	Admin. Closure	NS/ I [7]	Withdrawn
1	**1**	**14**		14			
2	**3**	**9**	3	6			
3							
4							
5							
6	**1**	**4**	2	2			
7							
8	**1**	**1**		1			
9							
10	**1**	**1**		1			
11							
12	**2**	**3**		2	1		
13							
14							
15							
16	**1**	**1**		1			
17	**1**	**2**		2			
18							
19							
20	**1**	**16**	1	15			
CMH							

[5] Sustained
[6] Exonerated or Unfounded
[7] NS/I = Not Sustained / Inconclusive

N/A	**1**	**2**	2				
Outside[8]	**1**	**3**	2	1			
Total	**14**	**56**	10	45	1		

H. Year-to-Month Cases and Allegations by Precinct and Finding †

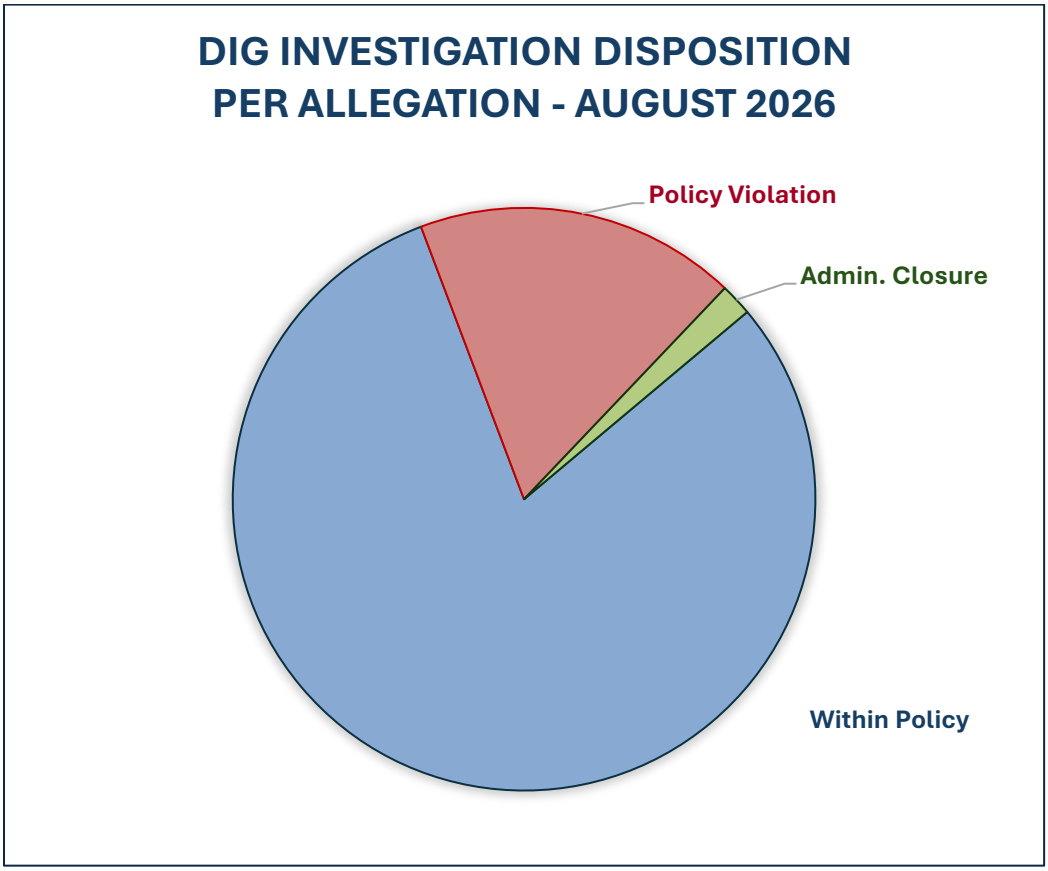
Please see appendix for CPD Precinct and Zone Map.

Precinct	Cases	Allegations	Policy Violation[5]	Within Policy[6]	Admin. Closure	NS/ I[7]	Withdrawn
1	**5**	**28**	1	24			3
2	**12**	**50**	6	42			2
3	**7**	**36**	3	27	5		1
4	**11**	**29**	3	20			6
5	**8**	**18**	4	13			1
6	**16**	**46**	8	36		2	
7	**6**	**16**		16			
8	**10**	**27**	2	24	1		
9	**7**	**24**		24			
10	**13**	**53**	3	47	3		
11	**10**	**30**	4	22			4
12	**10**	**36**	3	32	1		
13	**7**	**58**	2	56			
14	**3**	**20**		20			
15	**6**	**16**	5	11			
16	**8**	**14**	2	10		2	
17	**4**	**12**		12			
18	**7**	**22**	3	19			
19	**6**	**37**	2	34			1
20	**7**	**28**	4	24			
CMH							
N/A	**4**	**10**	2	7	1		
Outside [8]	**4**	**8**	5	3			
Total	**171**	**618**	62	523	11	4	18

[8] Outside the City of Columbus, Columbus Division of Police and/or Inspector General Jurisdiction

I. Investigation Disposition per Allegation †

DIG Investigation Finding	August	Share	Year-to-Month	Year-to-Month Share
Within Policy[6]	45	80.4%	523	84.6%
Policy Violation[5]	10	17.9%	62	10%
Admin. Closure	1	1.8%	11	1.8%
Not Sustained/ Inconclusive	-	-	4	0.6%
Withdrawn	-	-	18	2.9%
Total	**56**		**618**	



J. DIG Sustained Allegations by Category

Sustained Allegation Category †	August Allegations	Year-to-Month
Actions Taken/ Not Taken		6
Arrest		1
Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Usage	1	5
Force		1
Handling of Property	1	4
Investigative Actions – Accident		3
Investigative Actions – Criminal		2
Operation of Vehicle		3
Rude, Discourteous, and/ or Profanity	4	25
Search/ Seizure		2
Violation of Police Rules, Orders, etc.	4	10
Total:	**10**	**62**

K. DIG Investigation Reports Reviewed

DIG Investigation Reports Reviewed*	August	Year-to-Month
Civilian Police Review Board	30	184

Summary of August 2026 Investigations

Please note: *Investigations often require significant time to be transmitted to the Columbus Police Department (CPD) and for the CPD Chain of Command (COC) to complete its review. As a result, COC dispositions may not be available at the time of this report. These dispositions will be updated once the completed review is returned to and recorded by the Department of the Inspector General (DIG).*

Additionally, the DIG organizes investigations based on the date the investigation was closed (e.g. Case 2025-XXXX was opened in September 2025 and completed/closed in November 2025; therefore, the case is categorized as a November 2025 investigation).

2026-0184-B

On Wednesday, March 4, 2026, the complainant filed a citizen complaint with the Columbus Department of the Inspector General against two Columbus Division of Police officers. The complainant stated she was stopped for a traffic violation and alleged (1) officers "ripped" her from her vehicle, (2) ransacked and damaged property inside of her vehicle, and (3) confiscated and improperly handled marijuana she legally purchased at a cannabis dispensary.

The Columbus DIG bifurcated this investigation to allow for the timely review of one officer's involvement in the incident, documented as DIG Investigation Report 2026-0184-A. The remaining investigation of this complaint has been continued under the bifurcated case, DIG Investigation Report 2026-0184-B, regarding the other officer involved in this incident.

On August 17, 2026, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. Regarding the allegation (1) that officers removed the complainant from her vehicle, the Columbus DIG investigation did not find either officer in violation of CPD policy and recommends the allegation be closed with the finding of "unfounded."

Regarding the allegation (2) that officers ransacked and damaged property inside of the complainant's vehicle, the Columbus DIG investigation did not find either officer in violation of CPD policy and recommends the allegation be closed with the finding of "unfounded."

Regarding the allegation (3) that officers wrongly confiscated and improperly handled the complainant's marijuana, the Columbus DIG investigation found where the complainant's property was wrongly confiscated and improperly handled in violation of CPD policy. It is recommended that the allegation be closed with the finding of "sustained."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
Allegation 1: The complainant alleged officers removed her from her vehicle.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
Allegation 2: The complainant alleged officers ransacked and damaged property in her vehicle.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

Allegation 3: The complainant alleged officers confiscated and improperly handled marijuana she legally purchased at a cannabis dispensary.	Sustained	N/A	N/A

2026-0465

On May 15, 2026, the City of Columbus Department of the Inspector General received an allegation of misconduct by Columbus Division of Police officers. The complaint stemmed from an incident on May 14, 2026. The complainant alleged 1) officers did not respond to her call for service.

On August 6, 2026, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. Regarding allegation one, the investigation found an officer stated he spoke to the complainant on the phone after the CAD Event Chronology Report on their cruiser computer reflected that the individual who had provoked the call for service had departed the scene. The officers stated that the complainant said she no longer needed assistance, and the officers closed the run and proceeded to the next highest priority call for service waiting for law enforcement action. The CAD Event Chronology Report and the unit dispatch history for the focus officers support this statement. CPD policy states, "When dispatched on a call for service, sworn personnel shall talk with the complainant/caller, if known." The officer did response to the complainant's call for service and the officers' action are supported by CPD policy. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
Allegation 1: The complainant alleged officers did not respond to her call for service.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

2026-0475

On May 19, 2026, the City of Columbus Department of the Inspector General received an allegation of misconduct by a Columbus Division of Police officer. The complaint stemmed from incidents on May 11, 2026, and May 18, 2026. The complainant alleged 1) an officer continued to respond to her residence although she had advised him that the wanted individual was not there, and 2) an officer threatened her by telling her he would ruin her career.

On August 14, 2026, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. Regarding allegation one, the investigation found the officer responded to her residence on May 11, 2026, due to an individual calling the police because of the complainant being passed out in her car at 4:30 AM and on May 18, 2026, the officer responded to her residence due to a tip for a wanted individual being seen at the complainant's residence. CPD policy states, "Sworn personnel, regardless of duty status, shall take prompt, effective action regarding anything which comes to their attention requiring a police response within the City of Columbus." Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of "exonerated."

Regarding allegation two, the investigation found no evidence to substantiate this allegation. The officer did not threaten the complainant, he advised her of the potential outcome of her actions if

she obstructed justice by harboring the wanted individual at her residence. The officer verified that the complainant held clinical licensing from a previous encounter. The officer advised the complainant that if she was charged with obstructing justice, which in this case would be a felony, she would lose her clinical licensing. ORC 2921.32 Obstructing Justice states, "(A) No person, with purpose to hinder the discovery, apprehension, prosecution, conviction, or punishment of another for crime or to assist another to benefit from the commission of a crime, and no person, with purpose to hinder the discovery, apprehension, prosecution, adjudication as a delinquent child, or disposition of a child for an act that if committed by an adult would be a crime or to assist a child to benefit from the commission of an act that if committed by an adult would be a crime, shall do any of the following: (1) Harbor or conceal the other person or child." The officer said nothing about ruining the complainant's career. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
Allegation 1: The complainant alleged an officer continued to respond to her residence although she had advised him that the wanted individual was not there.	Exonerated	N/A	N/A
Allegation 2: The complainant alleged an officer threatened her by telling her he would ruin her career.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

2026-0479

On May 20, 2026, the City of Columbus Department of the Inspector General received a complaint alleging excessive use of force by a Columbus Division of Police officer. The complaint stemmed from an incident that took place on March 28, 2026. The complainant alleged an officer 1) used excessive force on him by punching him in the face and breaking his tooth. During the investigation, the Columbus DIG observed the officer used profanity when interacting with the complainant.

On August 6, 2026, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. Regarding allegation one, the Columbus DIG found no evidence to substantiate the allegation of excessive use of force. A review of BWC footage from the incident showed that the complainant was fleeing from a CPD officer. The complainant was armed and not complying with the officer's orders. During the interview with the officer, he stated the complainant began to sit up after he had taken him to the ground and reached in his waistband. The officer stated he administered a Level IV use of force to stop the complainant from drawing a weapon from his waistband. CPD policy states, "It is well established that police officers may use force to effect an arrest, to defend themselves, or to defend others. An officer should not desist from any official duty merely because resistance is offered." Due to the totality of circumstances, the officer's actions were not excessive but guided by the complainant's actions. CPD's Use of Force investigation found the officers' actions to be "reasonable and within division policy." The Columbus DIG concurs with their investigation. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

The Columbus DIG found evidence that a CPD officer used profanity when interacting with the complainant. During a review of BWC footage from the incident, the officer said, "Hand's motherfucker or I will shoot you. I will shoot you." The officer stated during his interview that he was

trying to gain compliance from the suspect. Per CPD policy, conduct that is prohibited includes and is not limited to the use of profanity. Therefore, it is recommended that this allegation be closed with a finding of "sustained."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
Allegation 1: The complainant alleged a CPD officer used excessive force on him by punching him in the face and breaking his tooth.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
DIG Allegation: The CPD officer used profanity when interacting with the complainant.	Sustained	N/A	N/A

2026-0481

On May 21, 2026, the City of Columbus Department of the Inspector General received an allegation of misconduct by a Columbus Division of Police officer. The complaint stemmed from an incident on May 20, 2026. The complainant alleged 1) an officer was rude by asking her how she could pay for her house.

On August 28, 2026, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. Regarding allegation one, the investigation found no evidence to substantiate the complainant's allegation. The officer did not ask the complainant how she could pay for her house; specifically, he asked how she could afford to pay her bills in response to her statement that she had no job or income. The complainant suspected that her estranged husband had burglarized her residence. The officer recommended she get cameras and the complainant responded that she had no job or income. The officer asked her how she was paying her bills, and followed up with the question, "Is he still paying the bills?" The complainant stated that he wasn't. The officer, during his statement, stated he was attempting to establish residency for the estranged husband and offer City of Columbus programs to the complainant. The officer pointed out to the complainant that since they had lived there together and the divorce wasn't finalized, it was a civil issue. The officer stated he would take a report. The officer did not ask the complainant how she was paying her bills to be rude. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
Allegation 1: The complainant alleged an officer was rude by asking her how she could pay for her house.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

2026-0482

On May 21, 2026, the City of Columbus Department of the Inspector General received a complaint alleging misconduct by a Columbus Division of Police officer. The complaint stemmed from an incident that occurred on May 20, 2026, when officers arrived at the complainant's residence to serve a warrant for a female suspect. The complainant alleged 1) that he was unlawfully arrested after he denied officers entry to his residence to search for the suspect, 2) the officer had no warrant

to enter his residence, and 3) the officer threw him around and slammed him against his vehicle. During the investigation, the Columbus DIG observed the officer used profanity during his interaction with the complainant.

On August 5, 2026, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. Regarding allegation one, the investigation found no evidence to substantiate the complainant's allegation. The complainant was not arrested but was detained during the incident and verbally gave the officer permission to search the premises. Therefore, it is recommended that this allegation be closed with the finding of "unfounded."

Regarding allegation two, the investigation found no evidence to substantiate the complainant's allegation. The female suspect was the subject of an active arrest warrant. The responding officer notified the complainant regarding the existence and status of said active warrant during his encounter with the complainant. Additionally, the complainant gave the officer permission to enter his residence. Therefore, it is recommended that this allegation be closed with the finding of "unfounded."

Regarding allegation three, the investigation found no evidence to substantiate the complainant's allegation. At no point during the interaction did the officer throw the complainant around and slam the complainant against his vehicle. During the incident the complainant was secured against his vehicle to be handcuffed after the complainant failed to comply with the officer's attempt to handcuff him. There was no reportable force used by the officer during the interaction. Therefore, it is recommended that this allegation be closed with the finding of "unfounded."

During the interview with the officer, the officer admitted to the use of profanity during his interaction with the complainant. The investigation found that his actions violated CPD policies and procedures. Therefore, it is recommended that this allegation be closed with the finding of "sustained."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
Allegation 1: The complainant alleged he was unlawfully arrested after he denied officers entry into his residence to search for the suspect.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
Allegation 2: The complainant alleged the officer had no warrant to enter his residence.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
Allegation 3: The complainant alleged the officer threw him around and slammed him against his vehicle.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
DIG Allegation: The officer used profanity during his interaction with the complainant.	Sustained	N/A	N/A

2026-0486

On May 26, 2026, the City of Columbus Department of the Inspector General received an anonymous

complaint alleging officer misconduct. In summary, the complainant alleged a CPD officer made comments via his Facebook page "Thoughts of a Patrol Officer" that "are in direct violation of CPD Directive 10.18 IV Guidelines for External Communications, specifically Section B." by commenting 1) "competency is a factor. Chief Bryant doesn't possess the intelligence, cunning and dedication to retaliation that Crispen has. She's more of an unskilled loose cannon." and 2) "..Chief Bryant and Ass Chief Konves both made a series of false statements when they testified against me during my Arbitration hearing. When are they going to be relieved?"

On August 14, 2026, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. Regarding allegation one, in consultation with the Columbus DIG's Legal Advisor, "...a reasonable, good faith argument could be made that they violate provision (B)(2) in Article IV and provisions (C) and (D) of Article III within CPD Directive 10.18." Therefore, it is recommended that the allegation be closed with a finding of, "sustained."

Regarding Allegation two, in consultation with the Columbus DIG's Legal Advisor and following a review of the arbitration decision, the investigation found that the arbitrator did not conclude that either Police Chief Bryant or Assistant Chief Konves provided false statements. The credibility of either Police Chief Bryant or Assistant Chief Konves was not called into question. Therefore, the investigation determined the officer actions of posting this statement, "Chief Bryant and Ass Chief Konves both made a series of false statements when they testified against me during my Arbitration hearing. When are they going to be relieved?" violated provision (B) (1) (2) in Article IV and provisions (C) and (D) of Article III within CPD Directive 10.18." Therefore, it is recommended that the allegation be closed with a finding of, "sustained."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
Allegation 1: The officer made comments via his Facebook page "Thoughts of a Patrol Officer" that "are in direct violation of CPD Directive 10.18 IV Guidelines for External Communications, specifically Section B." by commenting 1) "competency is a factor. Chief Bryant doesn't possess the intelligence, cunning and dedication to retaliation that Crispen has. She's more of an unskilled loose cannon."	Sustained	N/A	N/A
Allegation 2: The officer made comments via his Facebook page "Thoughts of a Patrol Officer" that "are in direct violation of CPD Directive 10.18 IV Guidelines for External Communications, specifically Section B." by commenting "..Chief Bryant and Ass Chief Konves both made a series of false statements when they testified against me during my Arbitration	Sustained	N/A	N/A

hearing. When are they going to be relieved?"			

2026-0492

On May 26, 2026, the City of Columbus Department of the Inspector General received a complaint of police misconduct. The complainant alleged that on May 25, 2026, beginning at approximately 11:17am, at 3588 Gender Rd, Canal Winchester, OH, Columbus Division of Police officers 1) did not provide medical assistance to the complainant after pepper-spraying her, 2) wrongfully charged the complainant's 17-year-old daughter, 3) mishandled the complainant's 13-year-old daughter after she had "accidently" kicked the officer, 4) would not allow a social worker at the hospital to evaluate the complainant's daughter for mental health concerns, 5) refused to provide the complainant with any information regarding the situation involving her 13-year-old daughter during/after medic transport, and 6) lied to hospital staff about who the 13-year-old daughter was by saying she was in foster care and the foster mother was in jail, "so they could do whatever they wanted." During the investigation, the Columbus DIG found that an officer violated policy by 1) using profanity in stating, to "get the fuck out" of a cruiser.

On August 12, 2026, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. Regarding allegation one, the investigation found no evidence that substantiated the allegation. CAD data and interviews with officers revealed that a medic had been called to treat the complainant for use of mace, but the complainant was uncooperative. CPD policy states that officers shall make reasonable efforts to decontaminate exposed persons including exposure to fresh air or seeking medical attention. The complainant was exposed to fresh air with no restriction to her movements, was offered water by a bystander, and refused treatment by medics. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a disposition of "unfounded."

Regarding allegation two, the investigation found no evidence that substantiated the allegation. The 17-year-old complainant was on the scene of a criminal investigation yelling at a witness. An officer told the 17-year-old that she was about to go to jail for disorderly conduct. CPD policy gives officers discretion in arresting individuals for non-violent misdemeanor charges, based on the totality of the circumstances. Therefore, it is recommended that this allegation be closed with a disposition of "unfounded."

Regarding allegation three, the investigation found no evidence that substantiated the allegation. Based on the totality of the evidence gleaned from BWC footage, CVS footage, Use of Force documentation, and interviews with officers, the 13-year-old complainant was actively assaulting officers. Multiple increasing Levels of Force were used to gain control of the 13-year-old complainant. Consideration for her size, lack of response to lawful orders and lower levels of force, and the immediate danger she posed to officers warranted the uses of force ultimately being used and found within division policy by an IAB Use of Force investigation. The Columbus DIG concurs with CPD's finding. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a disposition of "unfounded."

Regarding allegation four, the investigation found no evidence that substantiated the allegation. No officer was witnessed on BWC footage restricting hospital staff's access to the 13-year-old complainant. CPD policy states that juveniles in need of medical attention shall be transported to a

medical facility for necessary medical care. The U-10.100 Arrest Report and BWC footage indicated the 13-year-old was transported to an area hospital. When released from the hospital, she was transported to CPD Headquarters ID to be interviewed and then transported to "CDR" (Court of Domestic Relations). Juveniles processed and slated in Franklin County have a variety of medical, recreational, and religious programming available to them at the Juvenile Intervention Center (JIC). Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed with a disposition of "unfounded."

Regarding allegation five, the investigation found no evidence that substantiated the allegation. The 13-year-old complainant was under arrest for felonious assault and robbery at the time of her transport by medic. The officer who assisted in the transport of the 13-year-old complainant denied having any contact with her mother. The sergeant on-scene stated he called the 13-year-old complainant's mother after the run and advised her that her daughter was at the hospital. Review of interview room footage indicated that a detective at CPD Headquarters contacted the 13-year-old complainant's mom after her transport there from the hospital and kept her on the phone during his interview with the 13-year-old complainant, consistent with CPD policy. Several officers interviewed indicated that specific details about suspect location and timing are not shared with their family for safety reasons. Therefore, it is recommended that this allegation be closed with a disposition of "unfounded."

Regarding allegation six, the investigation found no evidence that substantiated the allegation. The officer who assisted in the medic transport of the 13-year-old stated he obtained information regarding the 13-year-old's identity from the officers who were on-scene. Photographs uploaded to Axon under the incident number showed hospital bracelets with accurate identification for the 13-year-old on them, indicating that the hospital had accurately identified her. No officer was witnessed on BWC footage lying about the 13-year-old's identity. Therefore, it is recommended that this allegation be closed with a disposition of "unfounded."

Regarding DIG allegation one, the investigation found that an officer told the 13-year-old complainant to "get the fuck out" of a cruiser. While the CPD Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Use of Force investigation found that "the profanity was used in a manner to give orders to [the 13-year-old complainant] and not to disparage her," CPD policy states that City of Columbus Employees should refrain from the use of profanity with members of the public. Therefore, it is recommended that this allegation be closed with a disposition of "sustained."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
Allegation 1: The complainant alleged officers did not provide medical assistance to the complainant after pepper-spraying her.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
Allegation 2: The complainant alleged officers wrongfully charged the complainant's 17-year-old daughter.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
Allegation 3: The complainant alleged officers mishandled the complainant's 13-year-old daughter after she had	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

"accidently" kicked the officer.			
Allegation 4: The complainant alleged officers would not allow a social worker at the hospital to evaluate the complainant's daughter for mental health concerns.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
Allegation 5: The complainant alleged officers refused to provide the complainant with any information regarding the situation involving her 13-year-old daughter during/after medic transport.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
Allegation 6: The complainant alleged officers lied to hospital staff about who the 13-year-old daughter was by saying she was in foster care, and the foster mother was in jail, "so they could do whatever they wanted."	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
DIG Allegation 1: An officer used profanity in stating, to "get the fuck out" of a cruiser.	Sustained	N/A	N/A

2026-0570

On June 12, 2026, the complainant filed a complaint with the City of Columbus Department of the Inspector General alleging misconduct by Columbus Division of Police officers. The complaint stemmed from a series of reported neighbor disturbances arising from a funeral celebration in a residential neighborhood. The complainant alleged 1) there was a "Repeated failure to respond to multiple dispatch requests regarding public safety hazards and noise disturbances."

On August 7, 2026, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. Regarding allegation one, the officers did respond to multiple dispatch requests and the officers' followed policy and procedures for those dispatch incidents. Additionally, the complainant failed to cooperate with the Columbus DIG to provide any other investigative information. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends allegation one be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
Allegation 1: The complainant alleged there was a "Repeated failure to respond to multiple dispatch requests regarding public safety hazards and noise disturbances."	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

2026-0613

On June 24, 2026, the City of Columbus Department of The Inspector General received a referral from CPD alleging misconduct by a Columbus Division of Police officer. The complaint stemmed from an incident on June 23, 2026. The complainant alleged 1) a CPD officer displaying his badge at

a polling location was canvassing to potentially influence the outcome of the special election in Whitehall, Ohio. During the investigation, the Columbus DIG observed the officer violated a portion of CPD's policy regarding political activity and violated CPD's policy regarding while being off duty an officer having to conceal their badge.

On August 28, 2026, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. Regarding allegation one, the investigation found no evidence to substantiate the complainant's allegation. The officer stated in his interview that he did not know his badge was showing while at the polling location and he was not intentionally displaying his badge canvassing to potentially influence the outcome of the special election in Whitehall, Ohio. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends this allegation be closed as "unfounded."

The Columbus DIG observed a CPD officer displaying his badge while participating in political activity. CPD policy states, "Division personnel shall be off duty, out of uniform, and not represent that they speak for the City of Columbus and/or the Division of Police while engaging in any political activity. Division personnel shall not wear or display any item or uniform part that identifies them as a member of the Division of Police." The officer violated this policy. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed as "sustained."

The Columbus DIG observed a CPD officer off duty, not in uniform, carrying his police badge not in a concealed manner. CPD policy states, "Sworn personnel off duty, not in uniform, and carrying their police badge, identification card, and authorized firearm shall do so in a concealed manner." The officer violated this policy. Therefore, it is recommended this allegation be closed as "sustained."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
Allegation 1: The complainant alleged a CPD officer displaying his badge at a polling location was canvassing to potentially influence the outcome of the special election in Whitehall, Ohio.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
DIG Allegation 1: The officer was off duty displaying his badge while participating in political activity.	Sustained	N/A	N/A
DIG Allegation 2: The officer was off duty and wearing his badge not in a concealed manner.	Sustained	N/A	N/A

2026-0625

On June 26, 2026, the City of Columbus Department of the Inspector General received a referral from the Columbus Division of Police alleging excessive force by a CPD officer. The complaint stemmed from the search for a wanted felon on June 25, 2026. The complainants alleged, 1) an officer used excessive force on an individual.

On August 7, 2026, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. Regarding allegation one, the investigation found no evidence to substantiate this allegation. The officers were actively looking for

a subject wanted for aggravated murder and located a subject matching the description. The officers gave the subject verbal commands to put his hands up and turn around. The subject failed to comply with the officer's verbal commands and repeatedly stated, "What's my name?" An officer placed his hand on the subject's arm, but the subject was uncooperative and pulled away. The officer used a Level 1 grounding technique and placed the subject on the ground where he was subsequently handcuffed. After the subject's identity was verified not to be the person wanted for murder, the subject was unhandcuffed and released. CPD policy states, "It is well established that police officers may use force to effect an arrest, to defend themselves, or to defend others." The actions of the officer are supported by CPD policy. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends this allegation be closed with a finding of, "unfounded."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
Allegation 1: The complainants alleged an officer used excessive force on an individual.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

2026-0627

On June 26, 2026, the City of Columbus Department of the Inspector General received a complaint alleging misconduct by a Columbus Division of Police officer. The complaint stemmed from a traffic stop that occurred on June 25, 2026. The complainant alleged 1) the officer caused damage to his firearms as they were placed in the trunk compartment of the police vehicle.

On August 17, 2026, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. Regarding allegation one, the officer gently secured each firearm into a separate evidence bag before gently securing them within the trunk compartment of the police vehicle. The investigation found no evidence that the officer caused structural or cosmetic damage to the complainant's firearms. Therefore, it is recommended that this allegation be closed with the finding of "unfounded."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
Allegation 1: The complainant alleged the officer caused damage to his firearms as they were placed in the trunk compartment of the police vehicle.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

2026-0654

On July 6, 2026, the complainant filed a complaint with the City of Columbus Department of the Inspector General alleging misconduct by Columbus Division of Police officers. The complaint stemmed from an incident at Walmart while the CPD officers were working special duty. The complainant attempted to leave the store without showing their receipt while their item was not bagged. The complainant alleged 1) she was improperly stopped and detained while she was at Walmart, 2) the officer told her, "Go the fuck to the car," and 3) the officer referred to her group as "dumbasses." Additionally, throughout the course of the Columbus DIG's investigation, the Columbus DIG found one of the officers did not have Body Worn Camera (BWC) footage from the incident.

On August 21, 2026, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. Regarding allegation one, the investigation found the complainant was not improperly detained while she was at Walmart. The complainant was briefly detained for suspicion of theft for approximately one minute. The complainant did not show her receipt to the Walmart employee when requested and the officer also requested to see the complainant's receipt. The complainant refused to show her receipt for her item in her shopping cart that was not in a Walmart bag. The officer detained the complainant briefly while they went inside the store where a Walmart cashier confirmed the complainant had purchased her item already. The complainant was then free to leave after they confirmed there was no crime. The officer had reasonable suspicion to detain the complainant, and the officer's actions were supported by CPD policies. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends allegation one be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

Regarding allegation two, the complainant alleged the officer told her, "Go the fuck to the car." A review of BWC footage and interviews of the focus officers were completed, and the investigation found the focus officer did not make that statement or any statement resembling what was alleged. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends allegation two be closed with a finding of "unfounded."

Regarding allegation three, the complainant alleged the officer referred to her group as "dumbasses." The complainant was with multiple people while the interaction occurred with the CPD officers. The investigation found one of the officers did make a statement where the officer used the word "dumbasses" while the officer was speaking to the complainant and the people she was with. The statement was made while the officer and the complainant were speaking back and forth to each other. Specifically, the officer stated, "Excuse me, I'm sorry, I have to remind myself I'm dealing with dumbasses." During the officer's interview with the Columbus DIG, he said he was not directly referring to the complainant, however, he did state part of his intent was to make the complainant feel "stupid" and confirmed he said it loud enough for the complainant to hear it. The officer's statement was found to be rude and discourteous and the statement violated CPD policy. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends allegation three be closed with a finding of "sustained."

Regarding the Columbus DIG allegation, the Columbus DIG found one of the officers did not have BWC footage from the incident. The officer explained the incident occurred while his BWC was charging and he explained he forgot to grab his BWC before engaging with the complainant. The officer explained he noticed his BWC battery was running low before the incident and said he wanted to have it charged prior to the end of his shift. The Columbus DIG found there was BWC footage from the officer from before and after the incident with the complainant. The failure to have BWC footage from the incident would be considered outside of CPD policy. Therefore, due to the preponderance of the evidence, the Columbus DIG recommends the Columbus DIG allegation be closed with a finding of "sustained."

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
Allegation 1: The complainant alleged she was improperly stopped and detained while she was at Walmart.	Unfounded	N/A	N/A
Allegation 2: The complainant alleged the	Unfounded	N/A	N/A

officer told her, “Go the fuck to the car.”			
Allegation 3: The complainant alleged the officer referred to her as “dumbasses.”	Sustained	N/A	N/A
DIG Allegation: Throughout the course of the Columbus DIG’s investigation, the Columbus DIG found an officer did not have BWC footage from the incident.	Sustained	N/A	N/A

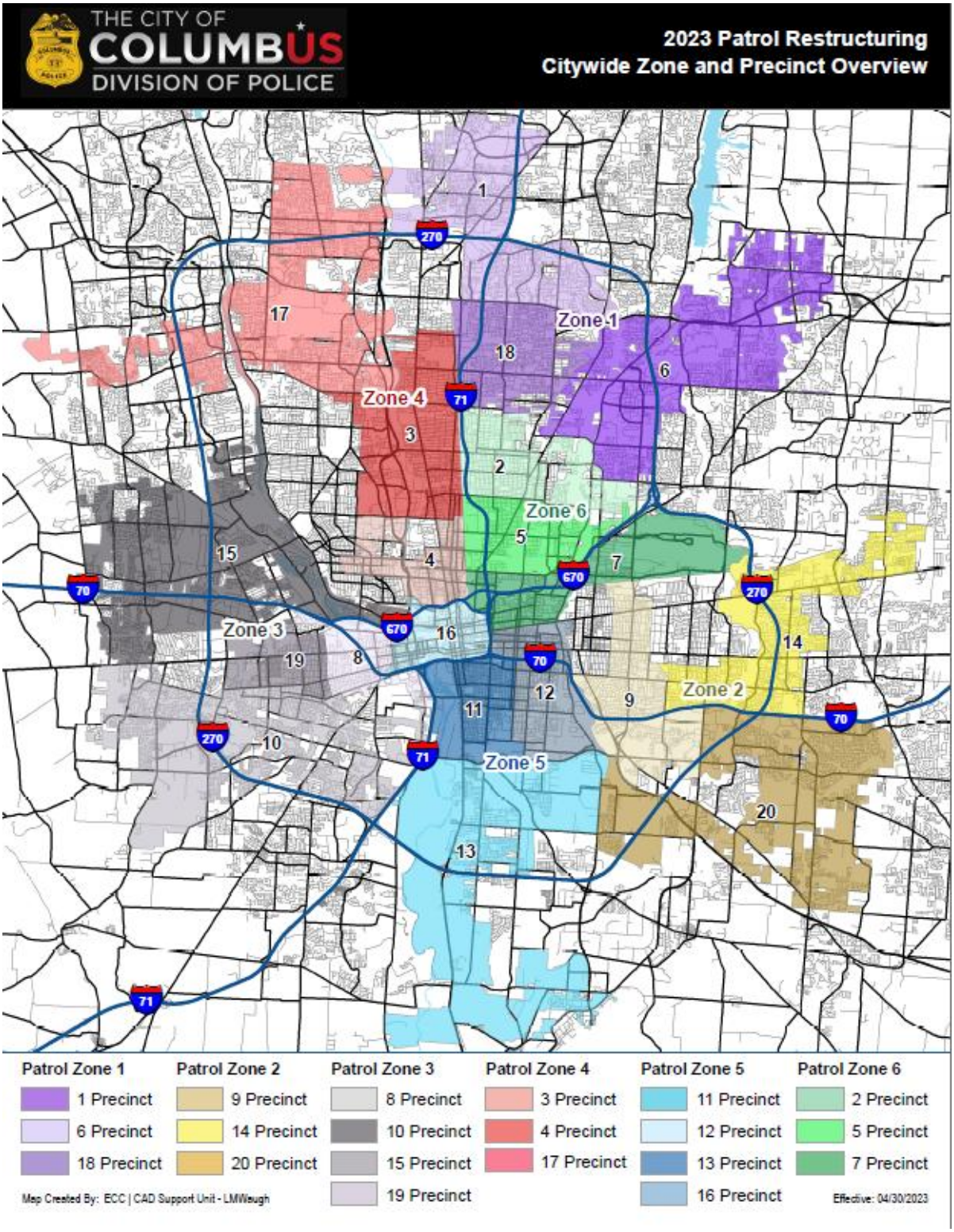
2026-0658

On July 6, 2026, the City of Columbus Department of the Inspector General received a complaint alleging misconduct by a Columbus Division of Police officer. The complaint stemmed from an incident on July 3, 2026, involving a robbery and a vehicle pursuit. The complainant alleged, 1) officers detained him when they should not have.

On August 25, 2026, the Columbus DIG closed the investigation. Regarding allegation one, the investigation determined the complainant was briefly detained by Bexley Police Department officers until the officer confirmed the identity of the complainant and where he lived. A CPD officer stood by and assisted with identifying the complainant. A review of BWC found no CPD violations by any CPD officers during this incident. The Columbus DIG has referred the caller’s complaint to the Bexley Police Department, as the DIG has no jurisdiction to investigate actions taken by Bexley Police Officers. Therefore, the Columbus DIG recommends this allegation be closed with a finding of, “administration closure.”

Allegations	DIG Disposition	CPRB Disposition	COC Disposition
Allegation 1: The complainant alleged the officers detained him when they should not have.	Administration Closure	N/A	N/A

Appendix


THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS
DIVISION OF POLICE
2023 Patrol Restructuring
Citywide Zone and Precinct Overview
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Zone 2
Zone 3
Zone 4
Zone 5
Zone 6
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Patrol Zone 1
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6 Precinct
18 Precinct
Patrol Zone 2
9 Precinct
14 Precinct
20 Precinct
Patrol Zone 3
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15 Precinct
19 Precinct
Patrol Zone 4
3 Precinct
4 Precinct
17 Precinct
Patrol Zone 5
11 Precinct
12 Precinct
13 Precinct
16 Precinct
Patrol Zone 6
2 Precinct
5 Precinct
7 Precinct
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