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**POLICE
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Strategic Leadership and Agency Planning

During August, the Executive Director continued to strengthen organizational alignment, clarify divisional responsibilities, and position the PAB for its next phase of development. This work includes refining agency priorities, strengthening performance accountability, and beginning the framework to update the Strategic Plan for 2027 and beyond. The updated plan will focus on effective oversight, community trust, transparency and data, organizational excellence, and the long-term sustainability of civilian oversight in Rochester.

Statewide Leadership and Collaboration

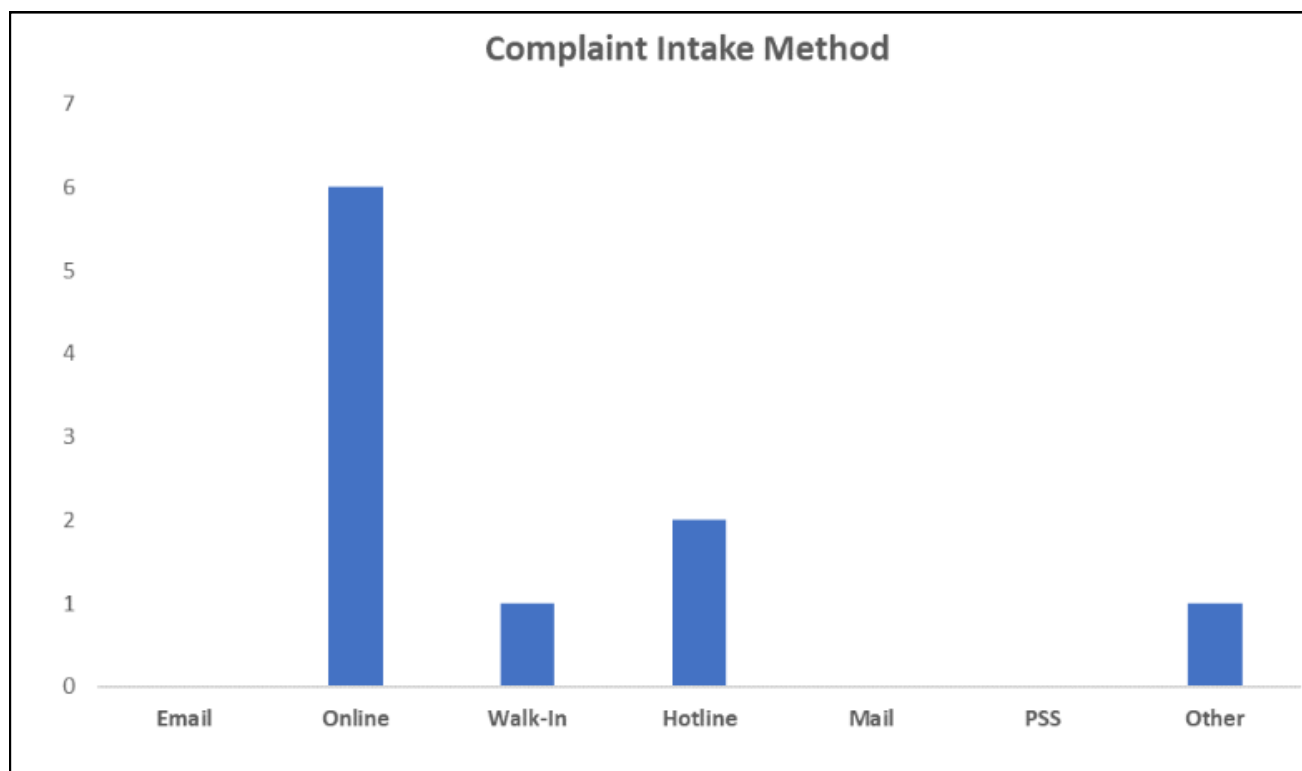
The Executive Director continued advancing the New York State Civilian Oversight Consortium following NACOLE's unanimous approval of the Consortium as its first statewide affiliate pilot. Work during August focused on moving from approval toward implementation, including preparations to finalize the Affiliate Agreement with NACOLE. The Consortium will create a formal structure for civilian oversight agencies and practitioners across New York State to collaborate, share promising practices, strengthen professional learning, and address common challenges.

Community Partnership Development

The Executive Director met with leadership from Willow Domestic Violence Center to discuss survivor experiences at the intersection of domestic violence and law enforcement and to explore opportunities for collaboration. The conversation focused on identifying ways the PAB may support survivor-centered policy review, public education, and community-informed oversight consistent with the agency's current authority.

CASE MANAGEMENT

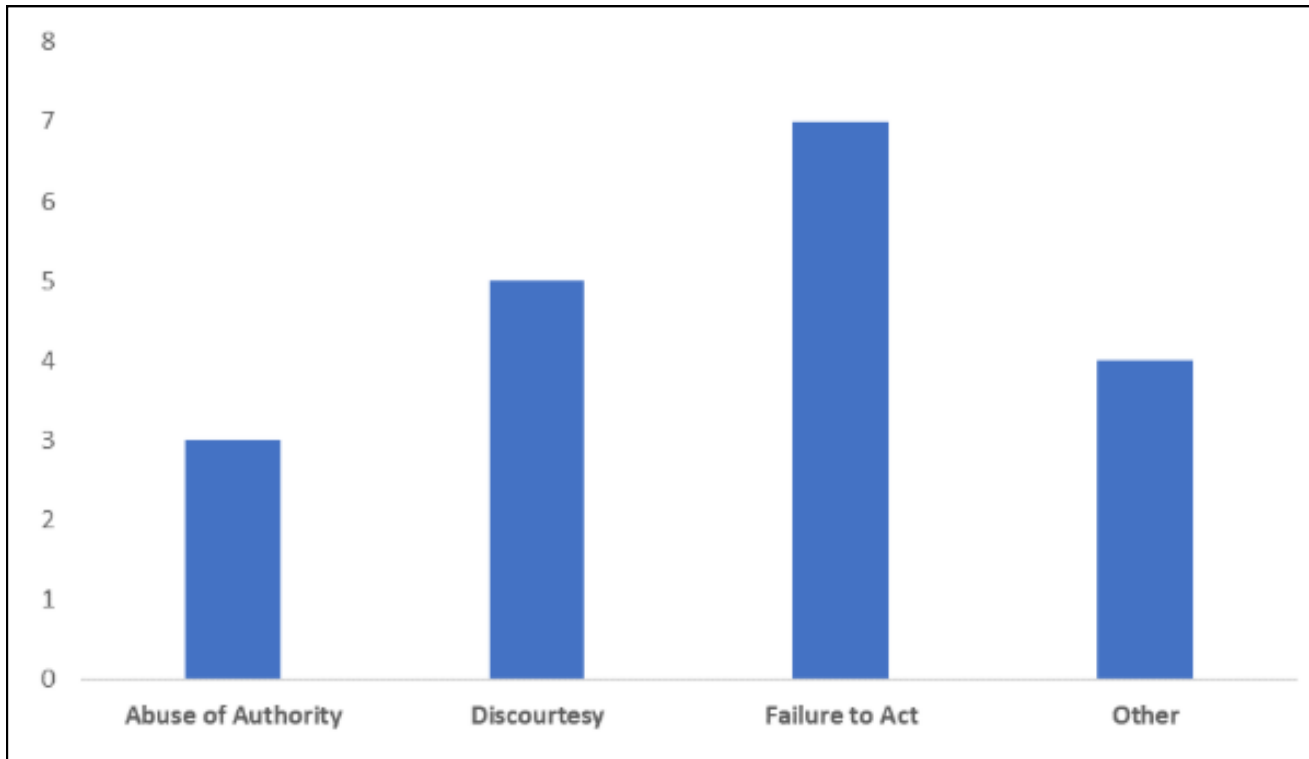
In August 2026, the PAB received ten complaints from community members concerning the practices of the Rochester Police Department (“RPD”).



Of the ten complaints received in August 2026, six were submitted directly through the PAB’s website. During the same month, the RPD Professional Standards Section (“PSS”), which serves as the Department’s internal affairs unit, received no complaint.

Each complaint received by the PAB is categorized based on the nature of the allegations presented. In August 2026, the ten complaints focused on three categories of Abuse of Authority, Discourtesy, and Failure to Act.

Complaint Category



Note: A single complaint can be assigned to multiple categories, depending on the substance of the associated incident. For example, a complainant may allege both Discourtesy and Use of Force during an interaction with the RPD, as well as recommend a change to RPD policy. In this case, the complaint would be associated with all three categories. As a result, the total number of complaints by category above (19) is greater than the number of complaints received this month (10). For more information regarding complaint categories, please see the definitions at the conclusion of this report.

POLICY & OVERSIGHT

Through our internal What's the Story? project, the Policy and Oversight Division analyzed targeted complaint data through a series of collaborative sessions to reimagine our core policy assessment tools.

Moving forward, our refined policy assessments are designed to engage the broader community while establishing strong touchpoints with peer civilian oversight entities, research institutions, and public agencies. These updated frameworks will strengthen evaluation, deepen public dialogue, and deliver clear policy guidance.

Look out for upcoming releases and contributions from our team in the coming months:

The Breakdown

A concise public explainer that simplifies complex topics, concerns, or systemic issues into clear, manageable parts.

What's the 411?

A brief issue summary highlighting topical concerns, exploring relevant policies and case studies, and examining practical implications or misuse.

A Lens on...A Civilian Oversight Inquiry for Public Safety

A detailed research analysis featuring a targeted inquiry, clear assumptions, methodology, and key findings to lay the groundwork for long-term projects.

Proposal for Equitable Change: An Exploration of Policies, Practices, and Procedures for Public Safety

An actionable framework presenting structured policy, practice, and procedural recommendations to advance public safety.

By streamlining the PAB's workflow, these refined assessments ensure our research translates directly into meaningful outcomes for public safety and community engagement.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement remains a core function of the PAB's mission to promote transparency, accountability, and public trust. Through outreach, public education, relationship-building, and participation in community events, the PAB seeks to ensure that residents understand the Board's role, are aware of available reporting options, and have meaningful opportunities to share concerns, experiences, and recommendations related to policing and public safety. Community feedback gathered through these efforts helps inform the PAB's policy oversight work, public education initiatives, and recommendations for systemic reform.

In August 2026, the Community Engagement Team participated in 26 outreach and engagement activities throughout the City of Rochester, reaching 1,747 community members. These efforts are consistent with our mission to ensure that the people of Rochester are educated on their rights, the policy findings produced to date, and the importance of their input in shaping the future of the PAB.

NAME	ADDRESS	EVENT TYPE	DATE	CONTACTS
Rochester Prep Back To School	85 St Jacobs St, Rochester, NY 14621	Network/Tabling	8/1/2026	248
Health Reach Festival	222 Alexander St Suite 5000, Rochester, NY 14607	Network/Tabling	8/3/2026	81
National Night Out	1 Beach Ave, Rochester, NY 14612	Network/Tabling	8/4/2026	29
Urban League Health Outreach	400 Dewey Ave, Rochester, NY 14608	Info/Marketing Distribution	8/5/2026	39
NW Community Uplift	41 Bachus St, Rochester, NY 14605	Network/Tabling	8/6/2026	26
Teen Empowerment (TE) Planning Meeting	373 Genesee St, Rochester, NY 14611	Event Collaboration	8/7/2026	4
Front Porch Festival	525 Upper Falls Blvd, Rochester, NY 14605	Network/Tabling	8/8/2026	324
ABC Check-in	33 Chestnut St, Rochester, NY 14604	Intro/Relationship	8/10/2026	1
Westside Farmers Market	831 Genesee St, Rochester, NY 14611	Network/Tabling	8/11/2026	75
Table Talk & Taste	417 South Ave, Rochester, NY 14620	Intro/Relationship	8/11/2026	2
Enlace & Refugees Helping Refugees	228 S Plymouth Ave, Rochester, NY 14608	Event Collaboration	8/12/2026	5
El Camino Neighborhood Association	216 Clifford Ave, Rochester, NY 14621	Intro/Relationship	8/13/2026	17
ABC Community Day	285 E Main St, Rochester, NY 14604	Network/Tabling	8/14/2026	202
Clarissa St Reunion	Clarissa St, Rochester, NY 14608	Network/Tabling	8/15/2026	150
Dominican Day	828 N Clinton Ave, Rochester, NY 14605	Network/Tabling	8/16/2026	122
RCSD Parent Liaison Expo	353 Congress Ave, Rochester, NY 14619	Network/Tabling	8/18/2026	63
Pre-K Back to School Event	820 Chili Ave, Rochester, NY 14611	Network/Tabling	8/18/2026	72
NW Community Uplift	1127 Dewey Ave, Rochester, NY 14613	Network/Tabling	8/18/2026	5
St Joseph's Neighborhood Center Breakfast	417 South Ave, Rochester, NY 14620	Intro/Relationship	8/19/2026	12
Urban League Health Outreach	1035 Dewey Ave, Rochester, NY 14613	Info/Marketing Distribution	8/19/2026	44
SE Community Uplift	2299 E Main St, Rochester, NY 14609	Network/Tabling	8/21/2026	21
Men's Wellness Day	121 Driving Park Ave, Rochester, NY 14613	Network/Tabling	8/22/2026	54
SNUG Day	50 Beach Ave, Rochester, NY 14612	Network/Tabling	8/22/2026	65
TE Know Your Rights Collaboration	373 Genesee St, Rochester, NY 14611	Know Your Rights	8/25/2026	28
Scotty B Overdose Awareness Day	828 N Clinton Ave, Rochester, NY 14605	Network/Tabling	8/27/2026	51
Lyell Ave Summer Vibe & Music	Lyell Ave, Rochester, NY 14606	Network/Tabling	8/30/2026	7
Total Contacts:				1,747

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