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**POLICE
ACCOUNTABILITY
BOARD**

MONTHLY REPORT

**JULY
2025**

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Complaints received during the reporting period: 18

Reporting Period: 7/1/25 - 7/31/25

Date Issued: 8/5/25



STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Rochester City Charter Article XVIII § 18-1, “The Police Accountability Board (PAB) is an independent office of municipal government and mechanism to investigate such complaints of police misconduct and to review and assess Rochester Police Department (RPD) patterns, practices, policies, and procedures. The Police Accountability Board shall ensure public accountability and transparency over the powers exercised by sworn officers of the Rochester Police Department.”

The Police Accountability Board (PAB) accepts reports related to officer conduct, including alleged misconduct and concerns about the practices, patterns, and policies of the Rochester Police Department. Civilian complaints are analyzed not only for individual violations but also for potential systemic issues within RPD procedures and practices.

In alignment with Article XVIII § 18-11(A), the PAB continues to publish monthly data on the reports received by the Board, including any insights that support broader policy oversight and reform.

For more information and access to this report, visit www.rocpab.org

LEGAL UPDATE

As of April 28, 2025, the Police Accountability Board's authority to independently investigate individualized allegations of police misconduct, issue subpoenas, and recommend discipline has been legally revoked. Despite these limitations, the PAB remains fully authorized and committed to:

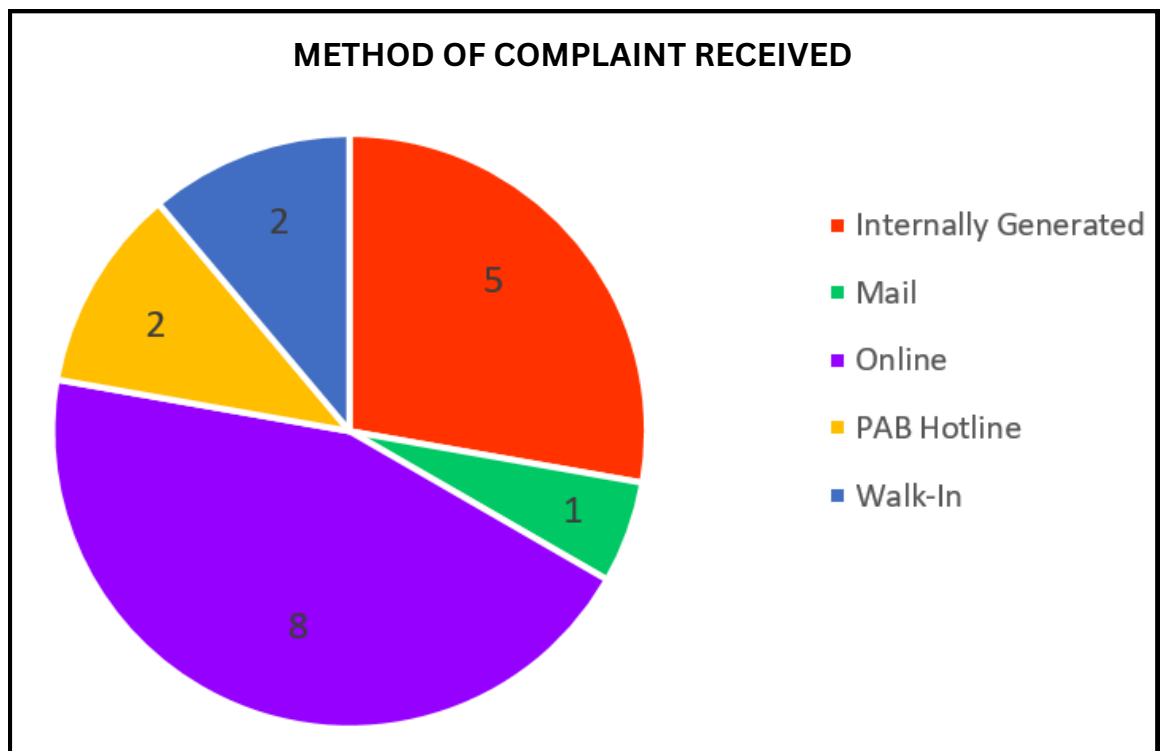
- Accepting and documenting public complaints
- Reviewing complaints to identify systemic issues
- Conducting oversight investigations focused on policy-level concerns
- Publishing formal Proposals for Change to inform public policy
- Leading citywide community engagement and public education initiatives
- Advancing data transparency and institutional accountability

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

In June 2025, the Policy & Oversight Division remained focused on advancing key components of the Board's 2025–2027 Policy Agenda. Staff are actively developing proposals in the following priority areas:

In July 2025, the Police Accountability Board received 18 complaints through various channels, including the online portal, phone, mail, walk-ins, and internal generation. The online portal was the most frequently used submission method, accounting for 44% of all complaints received.

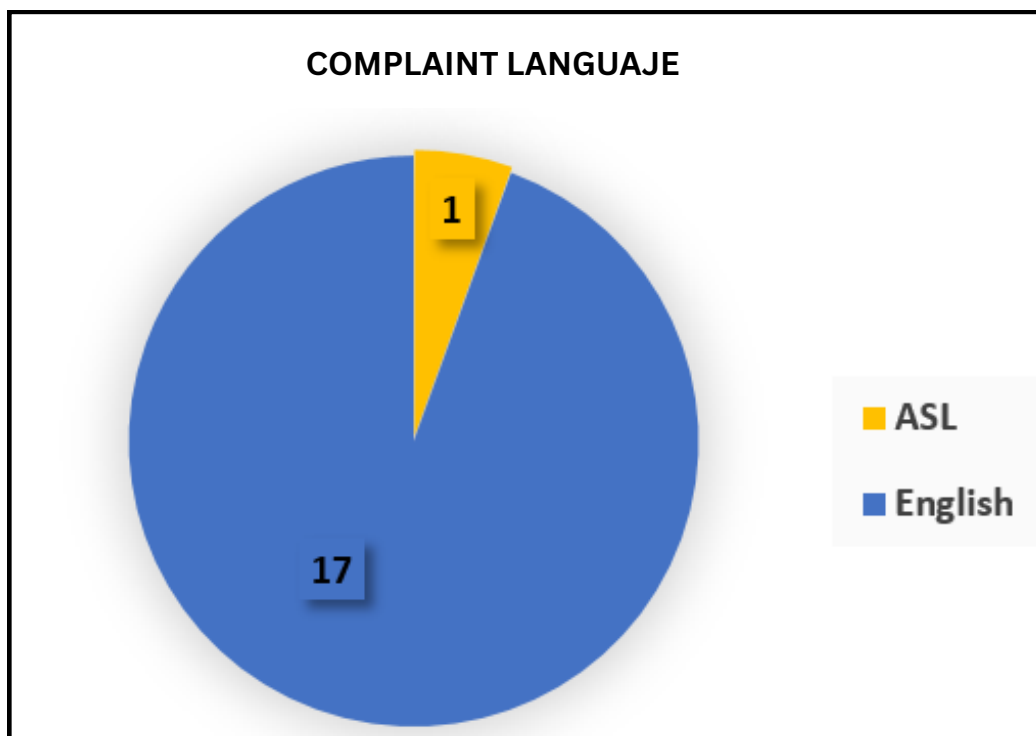
Five complaints were internally generated, three of which were connected to active Policy & Oversight projects.



Complaint Language

The Police Accountability Board is committed to providing accessible services to all members of the Rochester community. In July 2025, we received 17 complaints in English and one in American Sign Language.

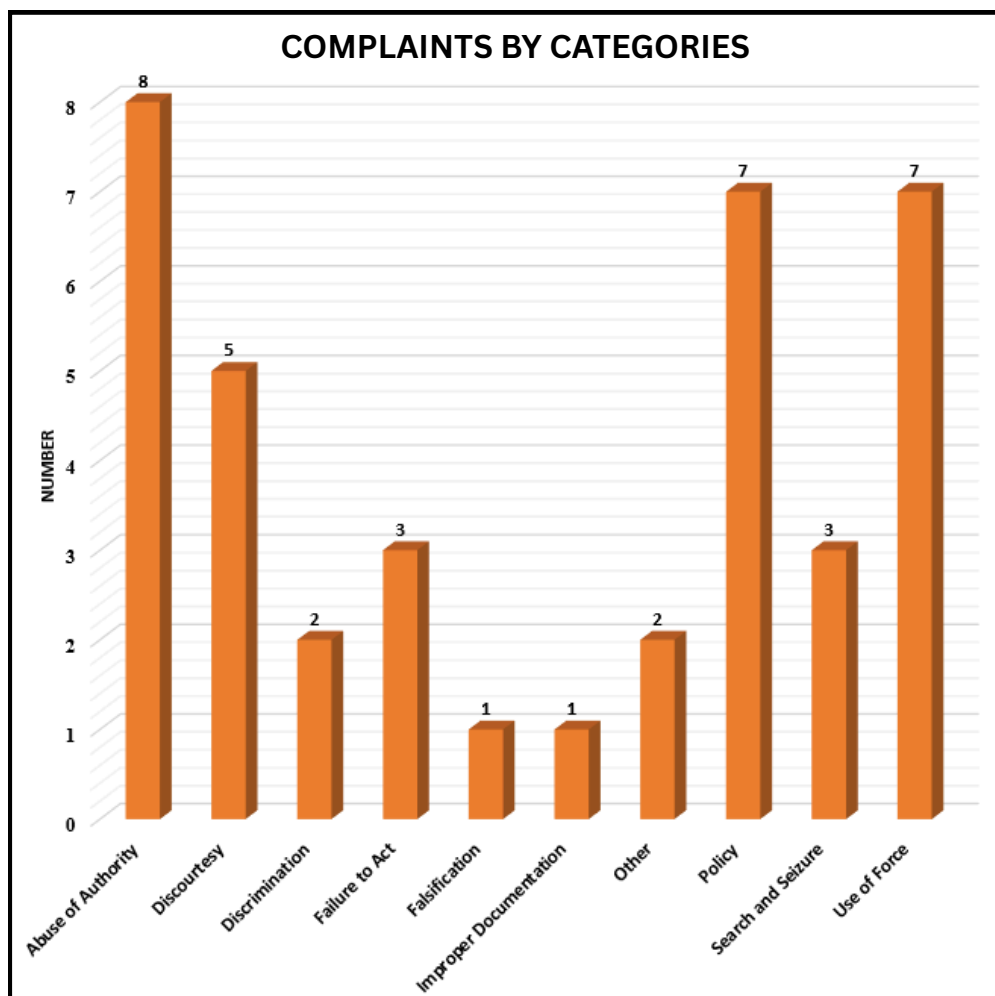
No complaints were submitted in Spanish during this reporting period. While not inherently a concern, this data point may warrant ongoing monitoring to ensure equitable access for Spanish-speaking residents.



Complaint Category

Each complaint received by the PAB is categorized according to the form of misconduct alleged in the complaint. In the month of July, the category with the greatest number of complaints received was Abuse of Authority (8), followed closely by Use of Force (7) and Policy (7).

Note: a single complaint can be assigned multiple categories, depending on the substance of the associated incident. For example, a complainant may allege both Discrimination 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 in the table below (39) is greater than the number of complaints received this month (18). For more information regarding complaint categories, please see the definitions at the conclusion of this report.



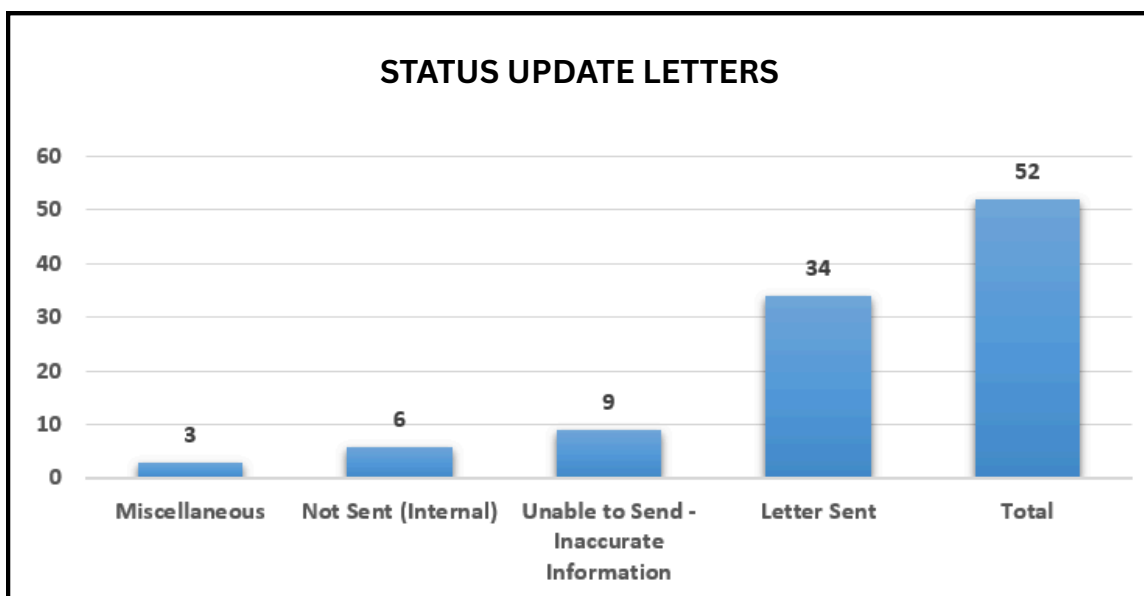
Public Tracking Numbers

Each of the 18 complaints received by the Board in the month of July was assigned a Public Tracking Number (PTN), listed in the table below.

2025-0068	2025-0077
2025-0069	2025-0078
2025-0070	2025-0079
2025-0071	2025-0080
2025-0072	2025-0081
2025-0073	2025-0082
2025-0074	2025-0083
2025-0075	2025-0084
2025-0076	2025-0085

Status Update Letters

Throughout the month of July, the Case Managers of the Accountability & Transparency Division continued to manage the transition of all cases in accordance with the April 28, 2025 Supreme Court (Locust Club II) decision. This month, 52 cases that remained outstanding at the end of June were accounted for, and the table below provides a snapshot of the update letters distributed this month.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In July 2025, the Community Engagement Team participated in 23 outreach activities, reaching 514 community members:

NAME	ADDRESS	DATE	ATTENDEES
Measures For Justice	421 University Ave, Rochester, NY 14607	7/2/2025	2
Trillium	259 Monroe Ave, Rochester, NY 14607	7/8/2025	3
Citizen Action	1392 Culver Rd, Rochester, NY 14609	7/8/2025	8
Willow	693 East Ave, Rochester, NY 14607	7/9/2025	2
Dimitri House	102 Union St N, Rochester, NY 14607	7/9/2025	1
HOPE 585	111 N Chestnut St, Rochester, NY 14604	7/10/2025	2
Clean Sweep	Dewey Ave	7/10/2025	6
Neighborhood Summer Bash (Connected Communities)	Grand Ave Park	7/12/2025	19
Deaf Refugee Advocacy	260 E Main St #3500, Rochester, NY 14604	7/15/2025	2
SE NSC	320 N Goodman St, Rochester, NY 14607	7/15/2025	1
Roc The Block	City of Rochester Public Market	7/16/2025	71
Deaf Wellness Center	150 N Chestnut St, Rochester, NY 14604	7/18/2025	1
Rochester Gay Pride	Highland Park	7/19/2025	150
Asbury	1050 East Ave, Rochester, NY 14607	7/22/2025	1
West Side Market	831 Genesee St, Rochester, NY 14619	7/22/2025	43
Urban League Canvassing Outreach (Cameron Communities)	49 Cameron Street	7/23/2025	20
Big Brother Big Sister	1 S Washington St Suite 405, Rochester, NY 14614	7/25/2025	1
Roc The Peace	Jones Park	7/26/2025	107
Black Culture Festival	Parcel 5	7/27/2025	28
Gospel Jubilee	Rochester Public Market	7/27/2025	42
Rochester Center for Independent Living	497 State St, Rochester NY, 14608	7/30/2025	2
Pathways to Peace	57 St Paul St, Rochester, NY, 14604	7/31/2025	1
Meeting w/ Rev Myra Brown	121 N Fitzhugh St, 14614	7/31/2025	1

POLICY & OVERSIGHT

Although the division did not publish new policy proposals in July, the board voted to close one Oversight Investigation related to Rochester Police Department's handling of calls for service.

Additionally, the Policy and Oversight division drafted investigative plans and sent information request to RPD related to three projects pertaining to RPD practices and procedures.

The division continues to assess complaints forwarded from the Accountability and Transparency Unit for inclusion in ongoing oversight investigations or Proposals for Change. The Policy & Oversight Division remains actively engaged in its ongoing efforts, with regular updates available on the PAB website [PAB Policy & Oversight](#).

DEFINITIONS

Abuse of Authority: This wide-ranging category pertains to an officer's conduct that is harmful and that serves no lawful or appropriate law enforcement purpose. It may include using a position of power for personal and unprofessional purposes.

Board: The Police Accountability Board; such Board is a public agency within the meaning of New York Civil Rights Law §50-a.

Case Management Review: The report is under review by the case management division or is awaiting assignment to a division for review.

Complaint: A written or oral report regarding police misconduct made by any individual or group of individuals.

Discourtesy: This category pertains to verbal and non-verbal communication by officers, which is characterized by harsh, profane, insolent, or intentionally insulting language.

Disposition: The status of a case, and if concluded, the outcome.

Discrimination: The unlawful targeting or treatment of a person or persons due to their membership in a protected class, such as discrimination based on race.

Failure to Act or Respond: This category pertains to complaints regarding an officer's failure to respond to a call for help, an officer's failure to identify themselves upon request, or failure to intervene when there is a duty to do so, such as when a person in custody requires medical attention.

Falsification and Improper Documentation: This category includes allegations that officers made inaccurate statements orally or in writing. These complaints may allege that an officer made material misstatements of fact or law, failed to document an incident that should have been documented, or documented the incident improperly, whether in writing or orally, in a police report, official statement, or other document.

Intake: PAB's case management team initially handles reports from the public. Case management takes reports that come via live phone calls, voicemails, an online complaint form, or email.

Misconduct: Any acts or omissions by an officer of the Rochester Police Department that are unlawful, contrary to Rochester Police Department policy, or otherwise inappropriate.

Non-Investigable: When the PAB is unable to obtain sufficient information from a reporter, determines the report is outside of PAB jurisdiction, or if the report does not contain an allegation of officer misconduct or RPD policy recommendations, the case is closed as non-investigable.

Officers: The sworn officers of the RPD, including but not limited to the Chief, deputies, captains, lieutenants, commanders, and all other sworn law enforcement professionals.

Other Misconduct: This catchall classification concerns any type of alleged misconduct that does not fit into any of the other categories.

Oversight Investigation: The Policy and Oversight Division is conducting a policy-level investigation that addresses a specific subject or aims to answer a particular question.

Policy: This category of complaint concerns systemic patterns, practices, policies and procedures of RPD.

Policy and Oversight Review: The complaint is under review by the Policy and Oversight Division for a Proposal for Change or Oversight Investigation.

Proposal for Change: The Policy and Oversight division is preparing a Proposal for Change, which is a community and data-driven process where the PAB makes formal recommendations to change policies and practices that impact the Rochester Police Department.

Response to Protests: This category of complaint pertains to incidents of police activity during protests or other public assemblies such as parades and festivals, which may affect large groups of people, rather than a single individual.

Request for Information: The Investigations Division has submitted a request for evidence from RPD and other relevant agencies.

Search and Seizure: This category is concerning the search of a person or property including but not limited to their home, vehicle, business, or items in their constructive, actual or presumed possession.

Sexual Misconduct: This category includes allegations of assault, coercion, or harassment of a sexual nature.

Use of Force: This category includes any physical force or threat of physical force used by RPD officers.

Wrongful Arrest: This category includes incidents in which someone may have been arrested or charged with a crime without legal or factual basis.

**Note: Due to the recent Court decision dated April 28, 2025, several definitions have been removed or revised to reflect the current limitations on the Police Accountability Board's authority. As the PAB is not currently legally permitted to conduct investigations of individualized allegations of police misconduct, hold panel reviews, issue findings, or make disciplinary determinations, any language implying these functions has been updated to align with the Board's current work.*

The PAB is committed to producing monthly reports that are valuable to the public and welcomes feedback on how to make its data more accessible. Feedback can be submitted via email to PABFeedback@CityofRochester.gov