



**PAB**

**POLICE  
ACCOUNTABILITY  
BOARD**

# **MONTHLY REPORT**

**MARCH  
2026**

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**Complaints received during the reporting period: 10**

**Reporting Period: 3/1/26 – 3/31/26**

**Date issued: 4/2/26**

## 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](http://www.rocpab.org)

## CURRENT SCOPE OF PAB’S WORK

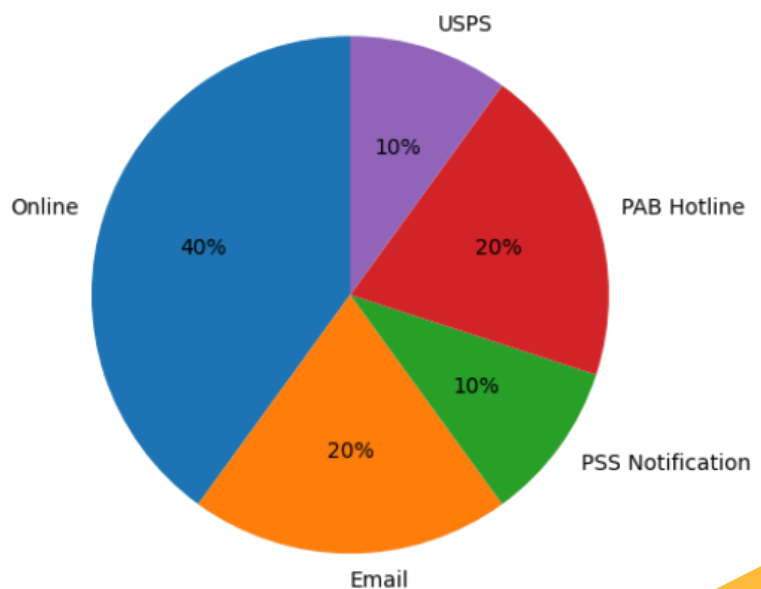
Due to the court decision dated April 28, 2025, affirmed on March 20, 2026, the Police Accountability Board’s authority to independently investigate individualized allegations of police misconduct, issue subpoenas, and recommend discipline has been invalidated. Despite these limitations, the PAB remains 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 March 2026, the Police Accountability Board received 10 complaints submitted through various channels, including the online portal, email, US Postal Service, PSS Notification, and the PAB hotline.

### METHOD OF COMPLAINT RECEIVED



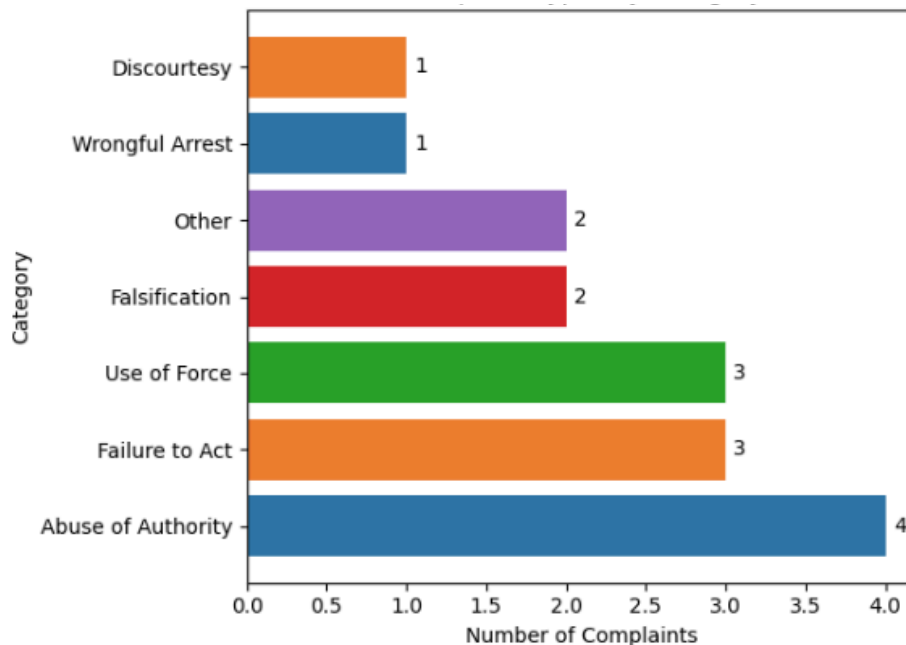
## Complaint Language

The Police Accountability Board is committed to providing accessible services to all members of the Rochester community. In March 2026, we received 10 complaints in English, none in American Sign Language, and none in Spanish.

## Complaint Category

Each complaint received by the PAB is categorized according to the form of misconduct alleged in the complaint. In the month of March, the categories with the greatest number of complaints received were Abuse of Authority (4), followed by Failure to Act (3), Use of Force (2), Other (2), Falsification (2), Wrongful Arrest (1), and Discourtesy (1).

### COMPLAINTS BY CATEGORY



**Note:** a single complaint can be assigned 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 in the table below (16) 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.

## PUBLIC TRACKING NUMBERS

Each of the 7 complaints received by the Board in the month of March was assigned a Public Tracking Number (PTN), listed in the table below.

<b>2026-0021</b>	<b>2026-0026</b>
<b>2026-0022</b>	<b>2026-0027</b>
<b>2026-0023</b>	<b>2026-0028</b>
<b>2026-0024</b>	<b>2026-0029</b>
<b>2026-0025</b>	<b>2026-0030</b>

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In March 2026, the Community Engagement Team participated in 13 outreach activities, reaching 270 community members:

Name	Address	Event Type	Date	Contacts
Charlotte Community Association	188 Beach Ave, Rochester, NY 14612	Network/Tabling	3/2/2026	25
Refugee Safety Coalition	Digital Meeting	Intro/Relationship	3/3/2026	9
Maplewood Community Association	1127 Dewey Ave, Rochester, NY 14613	Network/Tabling	3/4/2026	21
Beechwood Neighborhood Meeting	530 Webster Ave, Rochester, NY 14609	Network/Tabling	3/5/2026	28
Teen Empowerment	616 N Goodman St, Rochester, NY 14609	Intro/Relationship	3/10/2026	16
Celebration of Life Community Meeting	1000 N Winton Rd , Rochester, NY 14609	Network/Tabling	3/10/2026	12
Lyell/Otis Community Association	956 Lyell Ave, Rochester, NY 14606	Network/Tabling	3/11/2026	14
Policing & Community Surveillance Presentation	530 Webster Ave, Rochester, NY 14609	P&O Presentation	3/12/2026	62
REOC Presentation	161 Chestnut St, Rochester, NY 14604	Know Your Rights	3/13/2026	33
NEMNU Presentation	1933 E Main St, Rochester, NY 14609	General Presentation	3/16/2026	12
N Winton Village	1124 Culver Rd, Rochester, NY 14609	Network/Tabling	3/23/2026	14
United Way	Digital Meeting	Network/Tabling	3/24/26	7
Elders and Allies Presentation	Digital Meeting	P&O Presentation	3/31/26	17
<b>Total Contacts:</b>				<b>270</b>

## POLICY & OVERSIGHT

The Policy & Oversight (P&O) Division launched a Proposal for Change on Policing and Community Surveillance: Your Right to Privacy on March 2, 2026. The report describes the use of surveillance technology at the Rochester Police Department, including blue light cameras, drone cameras, and KingFish cellular transceivers. P&O will continue to collect feedback on this draft report until April 3, 2026. After analyzing and incorporating community input, the PAB will submit the final policy recommendations to the RPD, the Mayor, and City Council.

To read the report, please visit: <https://www.rocpab.org/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.

**Professional Standards Section (PSS):** The internal affairs section of 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 court decision dated April 28, 2025, affirmed on March 20, 2026, 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](mailto:PABFeedback@CityofRochester.gov)