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**POLICE
ACCOUNTABILITY
BOARD**

MONTHLY REPORT

AUGUST 2025

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Complaints received during the reporting period: 15

Reporting Period: 8/1/25 - 8/31/25

Date Issued: 10/02/25 (Revised)



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

CURRENT SCOPE OF PAB's WORK

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:

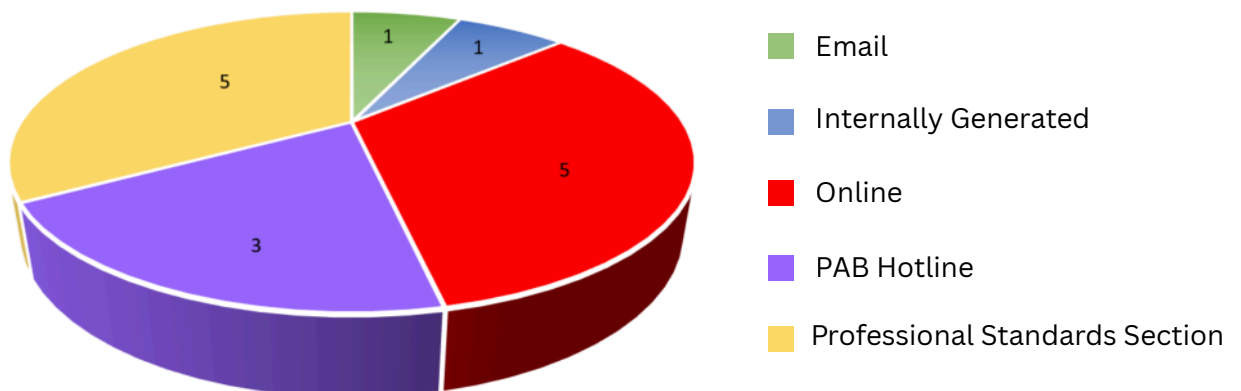
- Accepting and documenting public complaints
- Reviewing complaints to identify systemic issues
- Conducting oversight investigations focused on policy-level concerns
- Publishing formal Proposals for Change to inform public policy
- Leading citywide community engagement and public education initiatives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

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

In August 2025, the Police Accountability Board received 15 complaints through various channels, including the online portal, phone, email, Professional Standards Section (PSS) notification, and internal generation. The online portal was the most frequently used submission method, accounting for 33% of all complaints received.

One complaint was internally generated, while four were received as notifications from RPD's Professional Standards Section.

METHOD OF COMPLAINT RECEIVED



Complaint Language

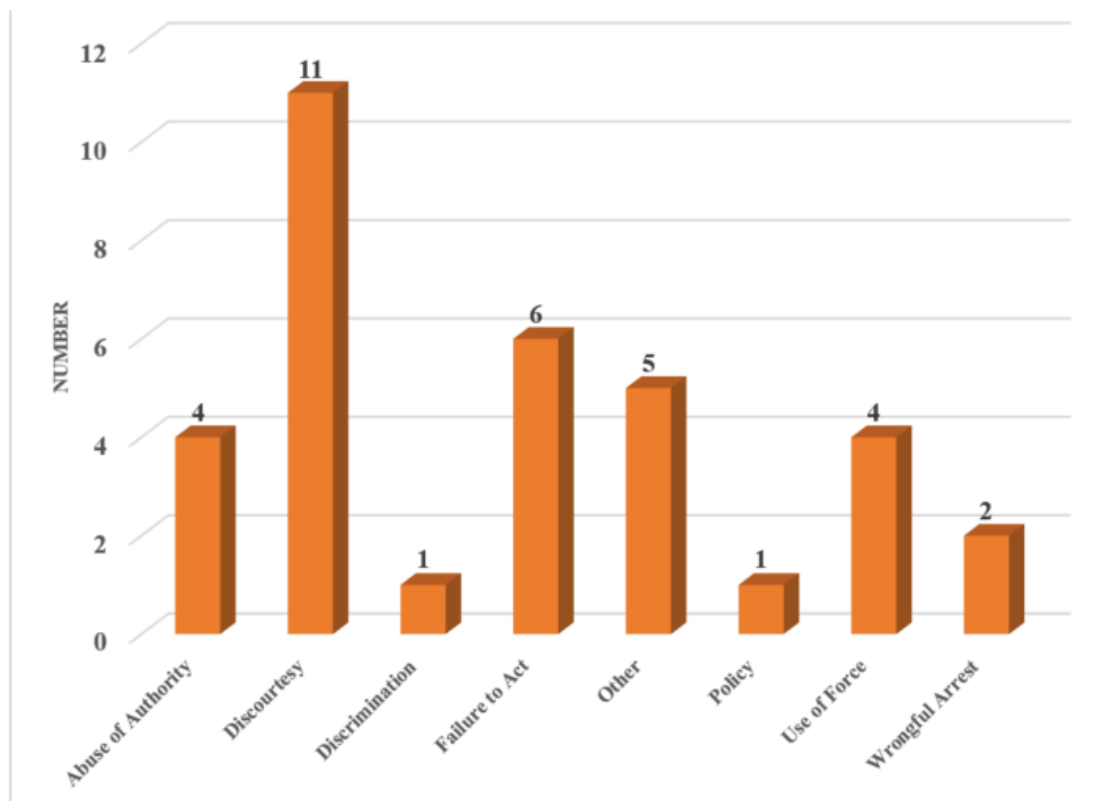
The Police Accountability Board is committed to providing accessible services to all members of the Rochester community. In August 2025, we received 15 complaints in English, none in American Sign Language, and none in Spanish.

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 Discourtesy (11), followed by Failure to Act (6) and Other (5).

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 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 (34) is greater than the number of complaints received this month (15). For more information regarding complaint categories, please see the definitions at the conclusion of this report.

Public Tracking Numbers

Each of the 15 complaints received by the Board in the month of August was assigned a Public Tracking Number (PTN), listed in the table below.

2025-0086	2025-0094
2025-0087	2025-0095
2025-0088	2025-0096
2025-0089	2025-0097
2025-0090	2025-0098
2025-0091	2025-0099
2025-0092	2025-0100
2025-0093	

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In August 2025, the Community Engagement Team participated in 32 outreach activities, reaching 880 community members:

Name	Address	Event Type	Date	Contacts
Luncheon at Community Alternatives	130 Andrews St, Rochester, NY 14604	Intro/Relationship	8/4/2025	15
Charlotte Community Association	180 Beach Ave, Rochester, NY 14612	Networking/Tabling	8/5/2025	50
Charlotte Community Uplift Event	4800 Lake Ave, Rochester, NY, 14613	Networking/Tabling	8/5/2025	46
National Night Out	200 Genesee St, 14611	Networking/Tabling	8/5/2025	34
Maplewood Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting	1127 Dewey Ave, Rochester, NY, 14613	Intro/Relationship	8/6/2025	8
RCSD	131 W Broad St, Rochester, NY 14614	Intro/Relationship	8/7/2025	2
Community Place	145 Parsells Ave, Rochester, NY 14609	Intro/Relationship	8/7/2025	1
ARC of Monroe	2060 Brighton Henrietta Town Line Rd, Rochester, NY 14623	Intro/Relationship	8/8/2025	2
Jordan Health Front Porch Festival	82 Holland St, Rochester, NY, 14605	Networking/Tabling	8/9/2025	50
Lyell/Otis Block Party Uplift Event	945 Emerson St, Rochester, NY 14606	Networking/Tabling	8/9/2025	23
Dominican Day	828 North Clinton Ave, Rochester, NY, 14605	Networking/Tabling	8/10/2025	52
Lyell/Otis Community Association Meeting	956 Lyell Ave, Rochester, NY 14606	Intro/Relationship	8/11/2025	18
Community Alternatives	130 Andrews St, Rochester, NY 14604	General Presentation	8/12/2025	15
Community Connection Breakfast	1000 Winton Rd, Rochester, NY, 14609	Intro/Relationship	8/12/2025	10
NYCLU	121 Fitzhugh St N, Rochester, NY 14614	Event Collaboration	8/13/2025	1
Community Place Family Day	145 Parsells Ave, Rochester, NY 14609	Networking/Tabling	8/14/2025	16
Youth Advocacy Program	1150 University Ave, suite 200, Rochester, NY 14609	Intro/Relationship	8/14/2025	2
Edgerton Neighborhood Association Meeting	41 Backus Street, Rochester, NY, 14608	Intro/Relationship	8/14/2025	1

Annual SNUG Day	50 Beach Ave, Rochester, NY 14612	Networking/Tabling	8/15/2025	31
South Wedge Fest	South Ave and Gregory St	Networking/Tabling	8/16/2025	18
Charles House Block Party Uplift	554 Smith Street, Rochester, NY, 14608	Networking/Tabling	8/16/2025	29
Roc the Plaza	828 N Clinton Ave, Rochester, NY 14605	Networking/Tabling	8/17/2025	47
Edgerton Neighborhood Association Block Party	1 Edgerton Park, Rochester, NY 14608	Networking/Tabling	8/18/2025	25
Calls for Service Canvassing	Various Locations	Info/Marketing Distribution	8/19/2025	23 locations
Maplewood Neighborhood Block Party Uplift	250 Maplewood Ave, Rochester, 14613	Networking/Tabling	8/21/2025	16
Calls for Service Canvassing	Various Locations	Info/Marketing Distribution	8/22/2025	12 locations
Clarissa St Reunion	Clarissa St (several blocks)	Networking/Tabling	8/23/2025	117
Calls for Service Canvassing	Various Locations	Info/Marketing Distribution	8/26/2025	31 locations
Judicial Process Commission Event	115 South Ave, Rochester, NY, 14604	Networking/Tabling	8/27/2025	14
East High Back to School	1801 E Main St, Rochester, NY, 14609	Networking/Tabling	8/28/2025	53
Reentry Association of Western NY	188 N Water St, Rochester, NY, 14604	Intro/Relationship	8/29/2025	1
RCSO Back to School Drive	491 West Ave, Rochester, NY, 14611	Networking/Tabling	8/29/2025	117
Total:				880

POLICY & OVERSIGHT

Although the division did not publish new policy proposals in August, the board voted to close one Oversight Investigation related to Rochester Police Department's Budgeting practices.

Additionally, the Policy and Oversight division drafted investigative plans and sent information requests 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.

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, 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