

City of Milwaukee  
**FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION**  
INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

**DATE:** November 28, 2023  
**TO:** Leon W. Todd, Executive Director  
**FROM:** Mark E. Banks, Investigator  
**SUBJECT:** 2023 FPC Case Summary – To Date

<b>The FPC Total Complaints</b>	157
Milwaukee Police Dept.	129
Milwaukee Fire Dept.	11
No FPC Jurisdiction	17

Formal	15	(12 for MPD and 3 for MFD)
Case Status Closed vs. Open		(137 are Closed / 20 are Open)

Average Time to Close All 137 Cases was 8 days (Total 1096 days)  
Average Time to Close Formal Cases were 28 days (Total 422 days)  
Average Time to Close Informal Cases were 5.5 days (Total 674 days)

**Complaint Categories Combined Both Departments**

Department Services	114
Department Procedure	2
Discourtesy	3
Disparate Treatment	6
Unauthorized Use of Force	5
No FPC Jurisdiction	17 (Untimely, Another LE Dept, Private Citizen or Business)
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Total	157

**Main Type of Disposition for Complaints**

Exonerated: The Incident occurred, but was lawful and proper.  
Not Sustained: There is insufficient evidence either to prove or disprove the allegation.  
Sustained: There is sufficient evidence to prove the allegation made in the complaint.  
Unfounded: The allegation is false or not factual.  
Untimely: Did not fall within the 60-day (minor) or 6-month (major) complaint time frame.  
(Please note: When numbers don't match this is due to multiple violations and/or officers.)

**Milwaukee Police Department**

**Dispositions of Complaints for MPD**

FPC Dismissed	40 (Untimely, No Juris, Can't ID Employee, Complaint Process, 3rdParty)
Unfounded	33
Sustained	12 (Amend Report, Pol. Review, Verbal Counselling, Refer to Dist Capt.)
No COC Violation	10
Referred MPD/IAD	9
Exonerated	3
<u>Rapid Resolution</u>	<u>2</u>
109 out of 129 complaints	

**Milwaukee Fire Department**

**Dispositions of Complaints for MFD**

Disparate Treatment	2	(Coaching Sessions)
Fire Department Services	7	(Coaching, 1 Verbal Reprimand, 1 Ex-member)
Fire Department Procedures	0	
Fire Department Discourteous	2	(Coaching Session)
<u>Fire Department Code Conduct</u>	<u>0</u>	
11 out of 11 complaints		

**Commendations**

**MPD** (Six commendations received thus far this year)

1. Sgt. Jesus Gloria - Occurred on 04/29/2023 in the area of S. 27<sup>th</sup> and W. National Avenue.

The MPD officer was very helpful and friendly throughout the entire incident. He assisted us the entire time and genuinely looked eager to help. Because of this officer's help, we were able to get a man the help that he needed despite the language barrier. I would like the police officer to be recognized for his willingness to help and for going above and beyond

2. PO John Kuhlmann – Occurred on 05/18/2023, when he assisted a citizen at American Family Field who was locked out of vehicle.

Sgt. Jason Kotarak – Occurred in May of 2023, when Sgt. Kotarak assisted a UC-Santa Barbara College student on a Open Record Request for a PhD project that was being worked on. The citizen acknowledged the rapid and thorough response from Sgt. Kotarak.

3. PO Joshua Dummann – Occurred 06/02/2023 when a disabled citizen who also has been diagnosed with schizophrenia was locked out of his apartment building a apartment. A tenant was able to open the outside door for him but not the apartment. PO Dummann responded to the scene and went through great efforts to find the owner of building who was able to respond and open the apartment door. The citizen appreciated the officer's extra effort as it helped to keep his anxiety level low.

4. PO Hunter Tuchell and Sydney Lyon – Occurred 08/13/2023 when they happened upon

citizens who were in town for a wedding and the citizens noticed their vehicle had been stolen. Citizen stated they felt the officers would have told them to call the non-emergency number and wait for other officers to arrive and take report; but instead the officers were commended for providing service one would expect in a small town but not in a major metropolitan area where crime is more prevalent. Officers were described as kind, comforting and professional.

5. PO Lee – Occurred 08/30/2023, was acknowledged by citizen how he handled a mentally disturbed woman who had entered their boat at the Milwaukee Marina and caused property damage. The owners came across the woman while going to the boat and they notified MPD. PO Lee was professional and skilled in how he handled the situation.
6. PO Sisto Placencia – Occurred on 10/12/2023 when he assisted a citizen after a car accident. Officer waited with woman until the car was towed and her husband arrived on scene. Citizen stated officer demeanor made the situation less traumatic.

### **MFD**

To date the FPC has not received commendations for MFD.