

City of Milwaukee
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION
INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

DATE: June 6, 2024
TO: Leon W. Todd, Executive Director
FROM: Mark E. Banks and Maritza Ugarte, FPC Investigators
SUBJECT: 2024 FPC Complaint Summary – To Date

FPC Total Complaints	91	
Milwaukee Police Dept.	72	(Three complaints 911/Call Takers)
No FPC Jurisdiction	16	
Milwaukee Fire Dept.	3	

Formal vs. Informal Complaints/Investigations

Informal complaints typically there will be no need to interview the member and a determination can be reached by review of the BWC and Investigative Reports or the complaints are No FPC Jurisdiction. The allegations are Not Sustained, Unfounded, Exonerated or FPC Dismissed.

Formal complaints typically will involve the need to interview the member(s), may include the review of more BWC footage and if the allegation(s) are Sustained may have a Referral for FPC Trial or Referral to MPD for possible criminal charges.

Thus far this year the FPC has had No Formal Investigations

(Please Note: More times than not, most complaints are marked Informal during the Intake Process but can change to Formal as the investigation unfolds.)

Current Case Status Closed vs. Open

75 Cases have been Closed and 16 cases are Open

Average Time to Close the 75 Cases was 14 days
Average Time to Close 0 Formal Cases were NA

Complaint Categories Combined Both Departments

Department Services	56	
Department Procedure	11	
Discourtesy	1	
Disparate Treatment	6	
Excessive Use of Force	1	
No FPC Jurisdiction	16	(Untimely, Another LE Dept or Agency, Citizen or Business)
Total	91	

Main Type of Dispositions for Complaints

Exonerated:	The Incident occurred, but was lawful and proper.
Sustained:	There is sufficient evidence to prove the allegation made in the complaint.
Not Sustained:	There is insufficient evidence either to prove or disprove the allegation.
Unfounded:	The allegation is false or not factual.
Untimely:	Did not fall within the 60-day (minor violation) or 6-month (major violation) complaint time frame.

Milwaukee Police Department

Dispositions of Complaints for MPD

FPC Dismissed	29 (Untimely, No Juris, Can't ID, Complaint Process, Withdrew)
Unfounded	7
Sustained	6 (Pol. Review-BWC and Amend Report, Verbal Counselling)
Not Sustained	1
No COC Violation	18
Referred MPD-IAD	9
<u>Exonerated</u>	<u>5</u>

75 out of 75 closed complaints

(Please note: If numbers don't match this is due to multiple violations and/or officers.)

Milwaukee Fire Department

Dispositions of Complaints for MFD

Discourteous	1	No Code of Conduct (COC) Violation
Fire Department Services	2	1 No COC and 1 awaiting results
Fire Department Procedures	0	

Citizen Commendations Received

MPD

Has had four commendations received thus far this year.

1. MPD D7 PO Scott Davis and PO Justin Declene - Occurred on 01/6/2024

The FPC received a commendation from a resident who wanted to share her gratitude to MPD District 7 officers, P.O. Scott Davis and P.O. Justin Declene. P.O. Davis and P.O. Declene had to deliver a notification to a resident that her brother had passed away. The resident mentioned that the officers did a great job of showing empathy and checking on her when she became distraught after learning the tragic news.

2. MPD D6 P.O. Michael Ward and P.O. Fabian Garcia – Occurred on 02/14/2024

The FPC received a commendation from a resident who wanted to share her gratitude to

MPD District 6 officers, P.O. Michael Ward and P.O. Fabian Garcia. P.O. Ward and P.O. Garcia responded to a traffic incident that this resident was a part of and she noted that the officers were very patient with her, answered all her questions and were overall mannerly.

3. MPD D7 P.O. Derick McKennon and P.O. Ryan Monette– Occurred 03/13/2024

FPC received a commendation regarding “the amazing work that Officer McKennon and Officer Monnette did” responding to a call at a local Milwaukee High School. A staff member called in what she refers to as a “challenging situation with a student expressing suicidal ideation”. The officers were personable, compassionate, and extremely patient with the student. The officers were also very collaborative with our school’s administration and support staff. I strongly believe both officers positively impacted the student by offering support and encouragement to be safe. I am deeply grateful for their approach to a challenging situation.

4. MPD D6 P.O. Daniel Sida and P.O. Eric Laux– Occurred 04/06/2024

FPC received a commendation to commend P.O. Sida and Laux on the way they handled a hit-and-run incident that this resident was a victim of. The resident was struck and called 911 for assistance, officers arrived within less than five minutes. The officers checked with the resident to see if he needed medical assistance and began to investigate the hit-and-run. The resident wrote “I want to commend Officers Sida and Laux for their outstanding professionalism and service. They represented the Milwaukee Police Department in first-class fashion and went well beyond any reasonable expectation.”

MFD

Has had one commendation received thus far this year.

1. MFD Firefighter Christensen and Firefighter Taczala – occurred on 02/02/2024

MFD members, Firefighter Christensen and Firefighter Taczala, responded to a car accident that the resident was involved in and the car was immobilized. The two firefighters were very helpful, assisting with calling for additional assistance since she didn’t have a phone and was waiting until police arrived to further assist. The resident states she was “pretty shook up” due to the accident and was grateful that these two firefighters were very helpful.