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Complaints Against the Chief of Police Q4 2025

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Introduction

This report provides quarterly information about the status of complaints filed with OPA against the Chief of Police (COP), as required by Ordinance. Specifically, this data includes complaints from the fourth quarter of 2025, as well as 2025 totals.

Complaints Received

In Q4 of 2025, OPA and OIG received five COP complaints. OPA and OIG received 20 COP complaints in 2025.¹

Intakes Completed

During Q4 of 2025, OPA and OIG reviewed ten cases after intake process. These intakes were classified as follows:

- Ten cases were classified as a contact log
- No cases were certified as an expedited investigation
- No cases were classified for further investigation

Sixteen cases remain at the intake stage.

Investigations and Certifications

Case Type	Q4 Full Certification Rate	Q4 Total Cases Certified	2025 Full Certification Rate	2025 Total Cases Certified
Expedited Investigation	N/A	0	N/A	0
Investigation	N/A	0	100%	2
Total	N/A	0	100%	2

After conducting an intake, when a viable allegation of a Seattle Police Department (SPD) policy violation is made, OPA and OIG classify the case for either expedited investigation or investigation. When a case is classified as an expedited investigation, OPA and OIG agree findings can be reached based solely on information from the intake investigation, and no further investigation is necessary. If, after the intake stage, it is not believed an intake investigation is sufficient for fact-finding, the case is classified as an investigation. All OPA investigations, regardless of whether they are expedited, are reviewed by OIG for certification to determine whether the cases are thorough, timely, and objective. Likewise, OIG reviews all OPA classification decisions to ensure appropriate classification.

¹ While 20 COP complaints were received, 21 cases were opened in 2025 due to a case from a previous year containing allegations against both the COP and other officers. The COP allegation is being handled separately, under a new case number, which was generated in 2025.

OPA and OIG did not complete any expedited investigations or investigations involving the Chief in Q4 of 2025. OIG certified two OPA COP investigations in 2025 and had a full certification rate of 100% of COP cases.

Closed and Outstanding Cases

At the end of 2025, OIG and OPA had 23 COP Cases open. Of those cases, sixteen are at intake, five are completed but not closed, and two are currently classified for full investigation. All open complaints against the current Chief are at the intake stage.² In 2025, OIG and OPA closed 34 COP cases by the end of the year.

	As of 12/31/2025
Cases at Intake	16
Cases Under Investigation	2
Cases Completed Awaiting Closure	5
Total Open Cases	23
Percentage of Open Cases Pertaining to Current COP	8.7%
Total Cases Closed	34

² Only about 8.7% of open cases pertain to the current COP.