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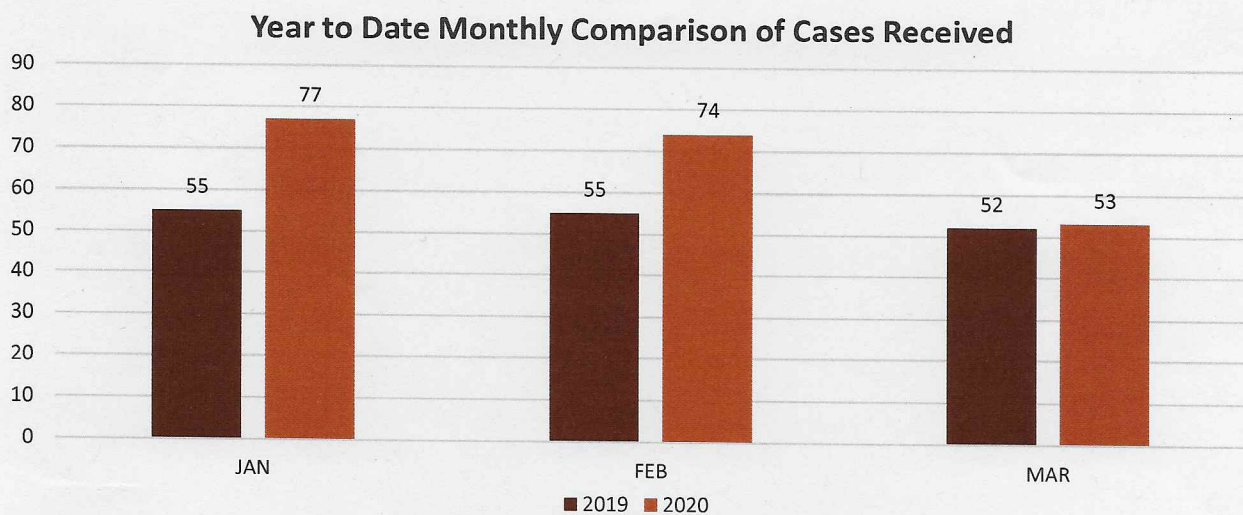
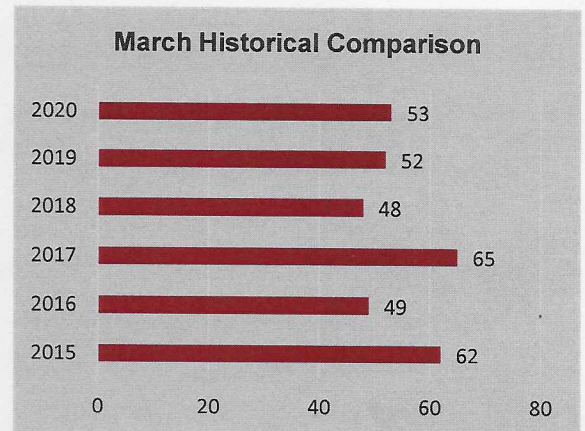
Re: **San Francisco Department of Police Accountability March 2020 Monthly Statistical Report**

Dear President Robert Hirsch and San Francisco Police Commissioners:

Summary of Complaints Received in March 2020

The Department of Police Accountability received **53** cases in **March 2020**, compared with **52** cases in the same period last year. The **March 2020** case total is **4%** lower than the five-year average and **2%** higher than the previous year.

From January through **March**, the DPA received a total of **204** new cases, compared with the **162** cases filed during the same period in 2019. The **March** year to date case total represents a **26%** increase in new complaints over last year.



Most complaints were received over the phone, in person, and online.

Complaint Method



Please find the attached table, which summarizes cases received in **March 2020**. The table is prepared in compliance with San Francisco City Charter section 4.136 and Police Commission Resolution number 97-04, which require the Department of Police Accountability (DPA) to provide the Police Commission with a monthly summary of cases received, including the number and type of complaints filed.

Sincerely,

Paul Henderson
Executive Director

Attachments (1)

Summary of Cases Received

CASE	RECEIVED	SUMMARY
00044436-20	3/13/2020	The complainant stated the officer who stopped her for a traffic violation behaved and spoke inappropriately. The complainant said the officer asked if she was on parole or bail, which the complainant found to be unnecessary and offensive. The complainant also stated the officer became aggressive and verbally abusive when he asked her if she were accusing him of being a liar. The complainant further stated the officer tried to bait her into a fight to arrest her.
00044439-20	3/15/2020	The complainant stated that he was trying to file a report regarding an auto break-in. He did not feel comfortable handing his Identification Card to the Police Service Aid, so he instead held it up, at which point the Police Service Aid refused to assist him further. The complainant asked for a supervisor, and that sergeant was rude and aggressive.
00044440-20	3/16/2020	The complainant stated he was sunbathing in his underwear when an officer lunged at him and threw him to the ground without warning. The officer then lied about the complainant's condition, issued him citations without cause, and had the complainant taken away in an ambulance.
00044442-20	3/17/2020	The complainant stated that his neighbors are harassing him and reporting him to the police as a pedophile. He believes the neighbors are trying to manipulate the police to evict him.
00044443-20	3/12/2020	The complainant stated that the officer was unfriendly, unprofessional, and used bullying tactics when attempting to obtain surveillance footage related to a robbery.
00044446-20	3/13/2020	An officer arrested the complainant and seized his cellphone. The complainant did not receive his cell phone upon release.
00044447-20	3/18/2020	The complainant stated someone stabbed her son inside her house. She called 911, reporting the incident. The complainant stated the responding officers wrote an inaccurate report by saying that her other son was the suspect and that the later attacked her with a knife.
00044449-20	3/18/2020	The complainant, a student, was upset that officers were using amplified sound to instruct the public to shelter in place. He said he was upset because the continuous noise is disruptive to his studies and personal time.
00044450-20	3/19/2020	An officer made an inappropriate comment when speaking to the hospital staff.
00044451-20	3/19/2020	The complainant stated an officer arrested him for sunbathing in his underwear.
00044452-20	3/19/2020	The complainant was singing in a park when an officer kicked him out.
00044453-20	3/20/2020	The complainant stated that the named officer makes racist comments on Facebook.
00044454-20	3/20/2020	The complainant stated that she called the police because a man was following her, and the responding officers refused to make contact with the man.
00044457-20	3/24/2020	The complainant alleges that SFPD refuses to give him the incident report for an assault he suffered. He also states that the SFPD refused to provide him with the name of the assailant.
00044458-20	3/24/2020	The officer kicked a suspect while the suspect was handcuffed and lying on the ground.
00044459-20	3/25/2020	The complainant stated he approached a patrol car to ask for assistance on a parking ticket issued at another location. He said he barely rolled down his window when the officer accused him of spitting on his face and yelled for him to stand back.
00044460-20	3/26/2020	The complainant stated he went bank to open an account, and the bank called the police. Officers responded to the bank, and the complainant spoke to a lieutenant. The complainant stated the lieutenant lied to him, telling the complainant he was going to be taken to three different hotels to pick up his belongings. The complainant stated he was detained on a 5150 psychiatric detention for six days until he was released. The complainant said the 5150 detention was without cause.
00044463-20	3/26/2020	The complainant stated she went to the police station and spoke with an officer. The complainant stated the officer refused to take any action and told the complainant she had to leave the station. An argument ensued between the complainant and the officer when a second officer intervened. The complainant stated the second officer did not come to her defense and did not help her.
00044465-20	3/27/2020	The complainant stated officers detained him at gunpoint and used excessive force to take him into custody. He stated the officers were in civilian clothing and did not identify themselves as the police. He said the officers released him after they determined he was not the subject. He also stated that the officers did not apply the same level of force used on him with any other detainee.
00044466-20	3/2/2020	The complainant stated officers wrote an inaccurate incident report. She further stated the investigator should have recused herself from the investigation because she was friends with the victim.
00044467-20	3/27/2020	The complainant stated that officers responded improperly to a civilian video-recording their activities.
00044469-20	3/29/2020	An officer failed to record the complainant's statement of a vehicle accident, failed to mention that the road was covered all over with loose gravel, and misstated the weather claiming it had rained. The complainant further stated the officer's conclusion of unsafe speed was not right.
00044470-20	3/30/2020	The complainant asked an officer for a report form, and the officer asked him why the complainant wanted the form before providing a form.
00044471-20	3/31/2020	The officers approached the complainant, took photographs and personal details, and made the complainant miss his bus.
00044472-20	3/31/2020	The complainant makes irrational claims; there are significant problems with the President's Budweiser that the complainant brought at a store, and the Federal Bureau Investigation is trying to send the complainant to jail.

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00044397-20	3/2/2020	The complainant stated she was talking to her sister on the phone when she heard someone yelling at her sister in a threatening manner. The complainant said her sister told her it was a police officer.
00044398-20	3/3/2020	An officer abused his power and harassed the complainant because he is an African American male.
00044400-20	3/3/2020	The complainant reported a crime, and the responding officers let the suspect go. The officers also asked the complainant to sign a document without telling him why and would not provide him with a copy of the document upon request. Additionally, one of the officers accused the complainant of being drunk.
00044401-20	3/3/2020	The complainant stated that an officer continued to question a public defender client after the client invoked his right to counsel.
00044403-20	3/4/2020	The complainant stated that officers conducted a search without probable cause, exhibited racial bias, and made dishonest statements.
00044404-20	3/4/2020	An officer pulled the complainant over for making an illegal U-Turn. The complainant stated his visor was on the window side, and the officer punched the visor into the car, hitting the complainant in the face. The officer then yelled at him to step out of the vehicle. The officer told the complainant to calm down and to give him his driver's license. The complainant said he was too scared to reach and grab his driver's license and instead handed the officer his passport. The officer issued the complainant a citation and recommended deactivation of his account. The complainant believed the officer's aggression was racially motivated.
00044405-20	3/4/2020	An officer failed to take action during a loud street, "sideshow." The complainant stated that during the "sideshow," his neighbor was beaten up.
00044406-20	3/4/2020	The complainant was upset that the Princess Cruise Ship was allowed to dock.
00044407-20	3/3/2020	An officer took a picture of the complaint with his personal cell phone without cause.
00044408-20	3/4/2020	The complainant stated that the officer would not allow him inside a store and behaved in a threatening and unprofessional manner. The complainant also said the officer is arbitrarily profiling people and not offering an explanation for why they are not allowed in the store.
00044409-20	3/5/2020	The complainant stated that the officer prepared an inaccurate report, which resulted in the impounding of his vehicle.
00044410-20	3/3/2020	An officer forced senior citizens to leave a children's park. The complainant stated an officer pushed him out of the park because he hesitated to go.
00044411-20	3/5/2020	The complainant stated that an officer placed an individual at risk by providing factually dubious information to the press.
00044412-20	3/4/2020	The complainant alleged that the Human Resources Department at San Francisco Police Department and the Human Resources Department have blocked him from the online application and are neglecting his employment rights.
00044413-20	3/3/2020	The complainant stated that several police officials have been pursuing him with sexual advances and using his identity.
00044414-20	3/6/2020	The complainant stated that the officer violated the confidentiality of a relative's sensitive relationship with law enforcement.
00044418-20	3/8/2020	This complaint raises matters outside the DPA's jurisdiction
00044419-20	3/8/2020	This complaint raises matters outside the DPA's jurisdiction
00044420-20	3/9/2020	The complainant raises matters not rationally within the Department of Police Accountability's jurisdiction.
00044423-20	3/9/2020	The officer arrested the complainant unfairly.
00044424-20	3/9/2020	The complainant went into a district station to file a report. She asked for the CAD number associated with the incident, but the officer did not provide a CAD number.
00044425-20	3/10/2020	The complainant called the San Francisco Police Department and asked for them to move a homeless encampment blocking access to his business. Despite making several calls over 24 hours, no officers responded.
00044426-20	3/10/2020	The complainant states that an officer used excessive force to arrest a person for a minor offense causing the person pain.
00044428-20	3/11/2020	The complainant alleges the named officer refused to draft an incident report.
00044430-20	3/11/2020	The complainant alleges the named officers stopped her because she is African American. She claims she suffered a medical emergency while detained by the officers and the officers failed to provide her with adequate assistance.
00044429-20	3/11/2020	The complainant alleges the named officer refused to draft an incident report.
00044431-20	3/11/2020	The complainant alleges the named officers failed to properly investigate a traffic accident.
00044435-20	3/13/2020	The complainant stated she was sleeping in her car at a Safeway parking lot. The complainant said she called the police to remove her brother from her vehicle. The complainant stated she did not want him in her vehicle. The complainant stated the police responded, but they failed to take required action and remove him. The complainant also stated an officer appeared annoyed with her that she regularly calls the police for help regarding her brother. The complainant further said that the officer told her that she needed to leave the parking lot and go live in her car in the Tenderloin area.