

San Francisco Department of Police Accountability



Second Quarter 2026 Report: April – June

Executive Director's Message

As we close the second quarter of 2026, I want to share some highlights of our work. This quarter, we received **263 complaints** about San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) officers, an increase of nearly 29 percent over the past three years, and **20 complaints** about San Francisco Sheriff's Office (SFSO) deputies. With data from the first half of the year, the shape of 2026 is coming into view: SFPD complaint volume held largely steady from the first quarter to the second (269 to 263) while staying well above the 2024 and 2025 levels. Steady, consistent demand is itself an indication that San Franciscans know where to bring their concerns and trust us to take them seriously.

This quarter the DPA **closed 214 SFPD cases** involving 402 allegations. After investigations, Proper Conduct was the most common outcome, accounting for 171 of the allegations we closed. In a small number of cases the evidence supported a sustained finding, most often related to the fundamentals of good police work such as accurate reporting and taking required action. We share those findings with the Department so the lessons can strengthen future practice. On the Sheriff's Office side, we closed **11 cases**, with 3 sustained findings.

Every finding we reach is determined on the evidence, with body-worn camera (BWC) footage often central to that work and guided by a single obligation: to follow the facts to a fair, objective conclusion.

One development worth noting this quarter is the ongoing growth of our Sheriff's Office oversight. SFSO cases opened have risen from 15 in the second quarter of 2025 to 20 this quarter, and our pending SFSO caseload now stands at 55. This shows both an expanding mandate, including oversight of in-custody deaths, and growing community participation with the process. Because our investigators handle both SFPD and SFSO matters, meeting our commitments on both fronts takes real focus, and I am proud of how this team continues to deliver. Our oversight jurisdiction over the Sheriff's Office has expanded every year since 2018.

This quarter too brought several matters of significant public interest. The DPA closed an officer-involved shooting investigation and opened two new major cases, one involving a warrant in Oakland and another involving a massage establishment. We also received a volume of complaints arising from arrests during the Pride celebration, and we are seeking witnesses to those interactions with the Police Department. Anyone with information is encouraged to come forward. Despite numerous complex investigations, DPA continues to maintain 100 percent compliance with our statutory deadlines while improving the efficiency and timelines of completing our investigations.

Going forward, the DPA will continue to invest in the partnerships that make this work possible: the Mayor's Office, the Police Department, the Sheriff's Office, the Police Commission, the Sheriff's Department Oversight Board, and the communities we serve in common. I am grateful for those working relationships, and for the opportunity to keep building upon them in the future.



— Paul David Henderson

Executive Director, San Francisco Department of Police Accountability

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SFPD San Francisco Police Department

Key Findings: In Q2 2026, the San Francisco Department of Police Accountability (DPA) received **263 SFPD complaints** involving **536 allegations** and closed **214 cases** involving 402 allegations, with an average processing time of 73 days and full compliance with statutory deadlines. The largest share of complaints (42.2%) were submitted online. Consistent with prior quarters, most closed allegations did not result in a finding of misconduct: Proper Conduct was the most common outcome, and the sustained rate was 2.99% (12 allegations across 7 cases). The DPA's independent review serves the public and the officers it examines alike, clearing officers where complaints are not substantiated and, where concerns are identified, producing findings and recommendations that help the SFPD strengthen its policies, training, and service to the community.

263

SFPD COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

↑ 13.9% increase from Q2 2025 (231 complaints)

402

Allegations Investigated (Closed)

SFPD - Q2 2026

214

Cases Closed

SFPD - Q2 2026

12

Sustained Allegations

2.99% sustained rate

73

Avg Processing Days

59% below 180-day target

SFSO San Francisco Sheriff's Office

SFSO Key Findings: In Q2 2026, the DPA received **20 SFSO complaints** involving 66 allegations and closed **11 cases** within its Sheriff's Office oversight authority. Following independent investigation, most closed allegations were resolved without a finding of misconduct, and the DPA sustained 3 allegations. As with its SFPD work, the DPA's aim is a fair and thorough process that supports both accountability and constructive improvement across jail operations and other SFSO activities.

20

SFSO COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

Cases within DPA's SFSO oversight authority - Q2 2026

38

Allegations Investigated (Closed)

SFSO - Q2 2026

11

Cases Closed

SFSO - Q2 2026

3

Sustained Allegations

7.9% sustained rate

2026 Quarter-over-Quarter: SFPD

Because 2026 now has two quarters of data, the cards below compare the prior quarter (Q1 2026) with the current quarter (Q2 2026, highlighted).

Q1 2026		Q2 2026	
Complaints	269	Complaints	263
Allegations Received	550	Allegations Received	536
Cases Closed	266	Cases Closed	214
Sustained Allegations	15	Sustained Allegations	12
Avg Processing Days	94	Avg Processing Days	73

2026 Year-to-Date Breakdown (SFPD)

SFPD metrics by 2026 quarter with year-to-date totals (Q1–Q2)			
Metric	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	2026 YTD
Complaints	269	263	532
Allegations Received	550	536	1,086
Cases Closed	266	214	480
Sustained Allegations	15	12	27
Sustained Rate *	3.07%	2.99%	3.03%
Avg Processing Days	94	73	—

*Sustained rate is calculated on closed allegations (489 in Q1, 402 in Q2; 891 year-to-date). Average processing days cannot be summed across quarters and is shown per quarter only.

Three-Year Comparison and Trends

DPA Performance Metrics - SFPD Focus

This section compares Q2 SFPD data across three consecutive years (2024, 2025, 2026) for complaint volume, investigation outcomes, and DPA performance.

DPA Performance Metrics - 3-Year Trends

Core SFPD performance metrics comparison: Q2 2024-2026 showing complaint volume, allegations, cases closed, sustained cases, and processing times

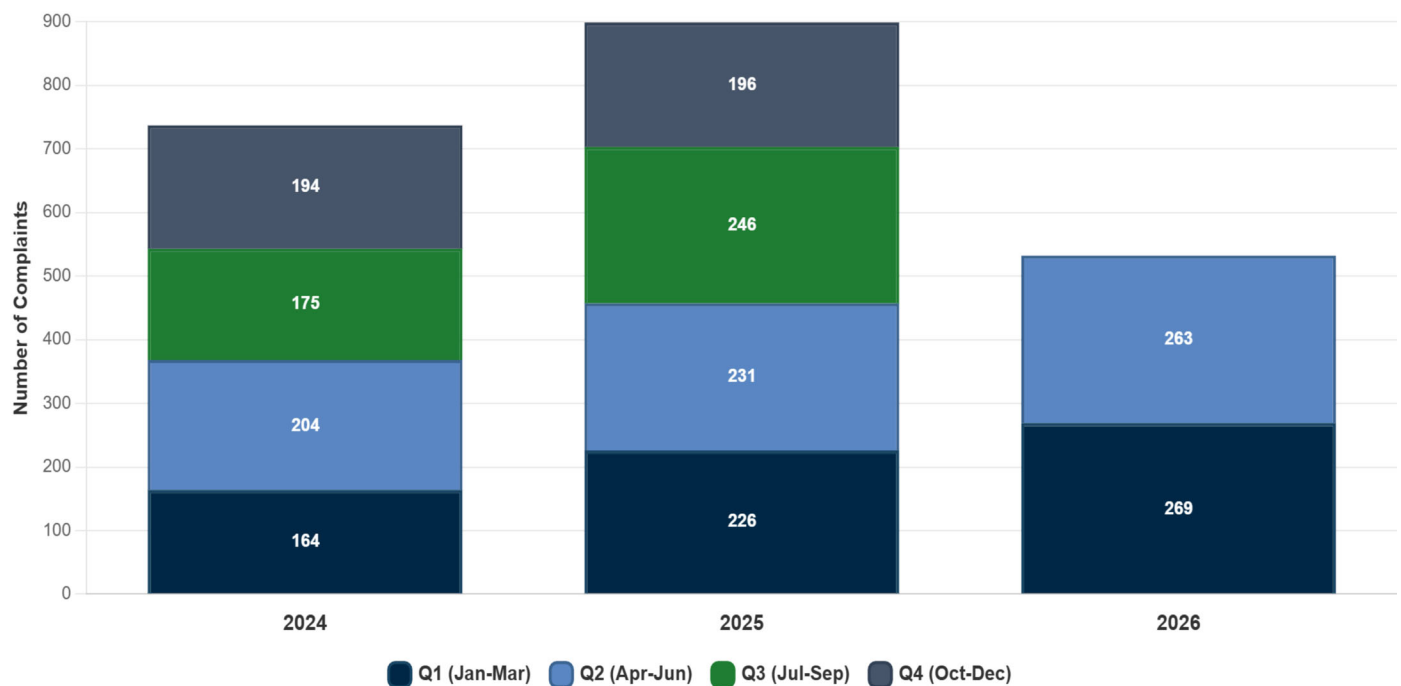
Metric	Trend	Q2 2024	Q2 2025	Q2 2026	YoY Change (2026 vs. 2025) *
Complaints Opened*		204	231	263	+13.9%
Allegations Received		356	472	536	+13.6%
Cases Closed		266	238	214	-10.1%
Sustained Allegations		51	41	12	-70.7%
Sustained Rate		8%	7%	3%	-57.1%
Avg Processing Days		127	101	73	-27.7%
Cases Pending		215	217	256	+18.0%
Identified Complainant Rate		98%	87%	89%	+2.3%

* All changes shown as year-over-year percent change (Q2 2026 vs. Q2 2025). "Complaints Opened" refers to SFPD-related complaints filed with DPA.

Trend Analysis: Q2 2026 shows 263 complaints, a 13.9% change from Q2 2025 (231 complaints) and a 28.9% change from Q2 2024 (204 complaints). Q2 cases closed across the three years: 266 (2024), 238 (2025), 214 (2026).

DPA

Quarterly Trends - 3-Year Comparison (2024-2026)



Trend Analysis: Key Insights

Complaint Volume Changes: Q2 SFPD complaints by year: Q2 2024 = 204; Q2 2025 = 231 (+13.2%); Q2 2026 = 263 (+13.9% YoY, +28.9% from 2024). Q2 cases closed: 266 (2024) → 238 (2025) → 214 (2026).

Complaint and Investigation Analysis

Complaint Submission Methods - Combined Analysis

SFPD complaints favor online and phone submissions (76.8%), while SFSO complaints in Q2 2026 were primarily received through referrals (75.0%), with the remainder arriving via other channels (20.0%) and online (5.0%).

Complaint submission methods by department: SFPD and SFSO Q2 2026 showing distribution across online, phone, referral, and other channels

Submission Method	SFPD	SFSO	Combined Total
Online	111 (42.2%)	1 (5.0%)	112 (39.6%)
Phone	91 (34.6%)	0 (0.0%)	91 (32.2%)
In Person	27 (10.3%)	0 (0.0%)	27 (9.5%)
Other	14 (5.3%)	4 (20.0%)	18 (6.4%)
Referral	9 (3.4%)	15 (75.0%)	24 (8.5%)
SFPD Referral	4 (1.5%)	0 (0.0%)	4 (1.4%)
Mail	7 (2.7%)	0 (0.0%)	7 (2.5%)
Letter	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Total	263 (100.0%)	20 (100.0%)	283 (100.0%)

Complainant Submission Method Analysis

SFPD Patterns: Online 42.2%, phone 34.6%, in-person 10.3%, other 5.3%, referrals 3.4%, mail 2.7%, SFPD referral 1.5%, letter 0.0%.

SFSO Patterns: With 20 complaints, SFSO submissions came primarily through referrals (75.0%), other methods (20.0%), and online (5.0%).

Combined Total: The DPA received 283 complaints across both departments in Q2 2026.

Complainant Demographics

Identified and Anonymous Complaints - Combined

Of the **283 complaints** received across both departments, **251 (88.7%)** were filed by identified complainants, while **32 (11.3%)** were submitted anonymously. **SFPD**: 233 identified (88.6%), 30 anonymous (11.4%). **SFSO**: 18 identified (90.0%), 2 anonymous (10.0%).

Gender Demographics - Combined Data

Gender demographics of complainants: SFPD and SFSO Q2 2026 showing distribution by gender identity

Gender	SFPD	SFSO	Combined Total
Male	88 (33.5%)	13 (65.0%)	101 (35.7%)
Declined to State	117 (44.5%)	5 (25.0%)	122 (43.1%)
Female	57 (21.7%)	1 (5.0%)	58 (20.5%)
Genderqueer/Non-binary	1 (0.4%)	1 (5.0%)	2 (0.7%)
Transgender	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Total	263 (100.0%)	20 (100.0%)	283 (100.0%)

Race/Ethnicity Demographics - Combined Data

Race and ethnicity demographics of complainants: SFPD and SFSO Q2 2026 showing diversity of complaints

Race/Ethnicity	SFPD	SFSO	Combined Total
Declined to State	131 (49.8%)	8 (40.0%)	139 (49.1%)
White	47 (17.9%)	3 (15.0%)	50 (17.7%)
Black or African American	33 (12.5%)	7 (35.0%)	40 (14.1%)
Other	27 (10.3%)	0 (0.0%)	27 (9.5%)
Asian	7 (2.7%)	2 (10.0%)	9 (3.2%)
Hispanic or Latinx	18 (6.8%)	0 (0.0%)	18 (6.4%)
Total	263 (100.0%)	20 (100.0%)	283 (100.0%)

Categories reflect the SFPD/DPA intake form options. "Other" includes complainants who selected categories outside those shown (such as Native American/Indigenous, Pacific Islander, Multiracial, or Middle Eastern/North African) or who provided a self-described identity.

Age Demographics - Combined Data

Age demographics of complainants: SFPD and SFSO Q2 2026 showing distribution by age range

Age Range	SFPD	SFSO	Combined Total
Declined to State	127 (48.3%)	6 (30.0%)	133 (47.0%)
31-40	37 (14.1%)	7 (35.0%)	44 (15.5%)
41-50	34 (12.9%)	2 (10.0%)	36 (12.7%)
51-60	29 (11.0%)	1 (5.0%)	30 (10.6%)
20-30	19 (7.2%)	3 (15.0%)	22 (7.8%)
61-70	9 (3.4%)	1 (5.0%)	10 (3.5%)
Over 80	3 (1.1%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (1.1%)
17-19	2 (0.8%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (0.7%)
71-80	2 (0.8%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (0.7%)
1-13 (by an adult)	1 (0.4%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.4%)
Total	263 (100.0%)	20 (100.0%)	283 (100.0%)

In Q2 2026 the 14–16 age category recorded no complaints and is omitted from the table; all other age ranges are shown.

Demographic Analysis

Key Observations: Q2 2026 SFSO complaints (n=20): 65.0% male, 5.0% female, 25.0% declined to state gender; 35.0% identified as Black or African American and 15.0% as White. Approximately half of complainants declined to provide demographic information (49.8% of SFPD; 40.0% of SFSO). Because nearly half of complainants declined to provide gender data, distributions among those who responded should not be read as representative of all complainants. *Note: "Identified" complainants are individuals who provided their name when filing a complaint, as opposed to "anonymous" complaints where no identifying information was provided.*

SFPD Allegation Types and Investigation Outcomes

Key Findings Analysis

Investigation Findings: 171 of 402 closed allegations (42.5%) were Proper Conduct. **Sustained Findings:** 12 allegations (2.99% of 402 closed) were sustained as "Improper Conduct," broken down as: Neglect of Duty (10), Conduct Unbecoming (2). **Policy Failure:** 3 allegations. See the Glossary of Terms at the end of this report for finding definitions.

402 Total Allegations Closed in Q2 2026	171 Proper Conduct 42.5% of closed allegations
12 Sustained Allegations Improper conduct findings	3 Policy Failures Policy failure findings

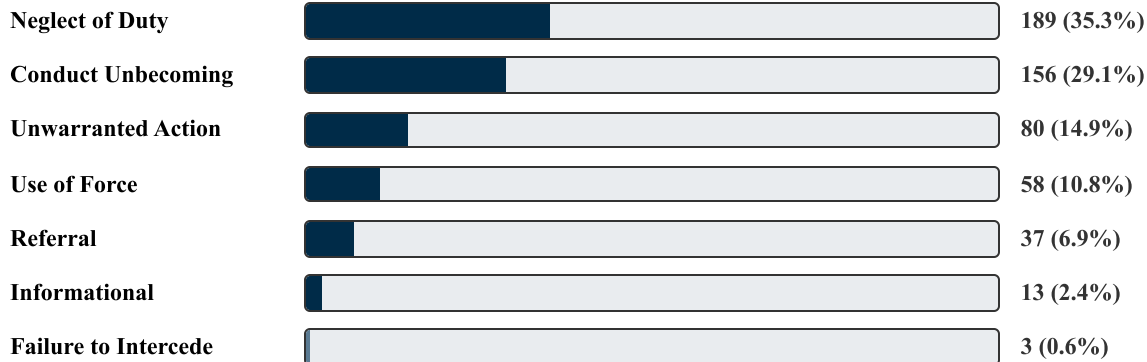
SFPD Processing Time Achievement

Performance: The DPA's average SFPD case processing time in Q2 2026 was **73 days**, about 59% below the 180-day target. The DPA maintained **100%** compliance with the Government Code 3304 one-year deadline for completing investigations.

SFPD Allegation Types and Findings

During Q2 2026, the DPA received 536 allegations. Neglect of Duty was the most frequent allegation type, accounting for 35.3% of all allegations received.

SFPD Allegation Types - Q2 2026 (n=536)



Policy/Procedure is an additional allegation type, tracked alongside the seven shown above. No Policy/Procedure allegations were received or closed in Q2 2026. This allegation type is distinct from the **Policy Failure** finding: in Q2 2026 a Policy Failure finding was reached on 3 closed allegations.

Investigation Outcomes by Allegation Type

The DPA closed 402 allegations during Q2 2026, with findings ranging from "Proper Conduct" to "Improper Conduct" (sustained). The overall sustained rate was 2.99% (12 of 402 closed allegations), and Neglect of Duty was the most frequent allegation type among sustained allegations. The table below shows how each type of allegation was resolved, providing transparency into the investigative process and outcomes. **Closed allegations include cases opened in prior quarters**, so the closed counts in this table are not directly comparable to the received counts in the chart above.

Investigation findings by allegation type in Q2 2026: Complete breakdown of 402 closed allegations showing outcomes across all allegation categories

DPA Finding	Conduct Unbecoming	Informational	Neglect of Duty	Policy/Procedure	Referral	Unwarranted Action	Use of Force	Total
Improper Conduct (Sustained)	2	0	10	0	0	0	0	12
Proper Conduct	46	0	77	0	0	36	12	171
Unfounded	35	0	22	0	0	2	5	64
Insufficient Evidence	16	0	14	0	0	1	0	31
Policy Failure	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Mediated	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Referral to Other Agency	4	1	2	0	41	0	0	48
Informational	0	10	1	0	0	0	0	11
No Finding	10	0	26	0	0	2	1	39
Withdrawal	6	0	3	0	0	0	0	9
Other	1	0	11	0	0	0	0	12
Total	123	11	168	0	41	41	18	402

Sustained findings indicate officer misconduct was determined. See the **Sustained Cases** section below for detailed case summaries and DPA recommendations.

Sustained Cases

Cases Where Improper Conduct Was Found

During Q2 2026, the DPA sustained 12 allegations of improper conduct across 7 cases. See the Glossary of Terms at the end of this report for the definition of "Improper Conduct (Sustained)." Each case summary below provides context while protecting privacy.

Sustained cases with detailed findings in Q2 2026: Seven cases (12 sustained allegations) with misconduct findings and DPA disciplinary recommendations

#	Police Station	Case Summary	DPA Recommendations
1	Richmond	An officer visited a driver's home late at night after issuing a citation and asked the driver to call the officer's personal cellphone, violating policy on proper communication equipment.	2-Day Suspension.
2	Southern	An officer failed to arrest a subject after the complainant reported being punched and repeatedly requested a private person arrest. The officer also failed to prepare an incident report.	1-Day Suspension.
3	Southern	An officer failed to prepare a required incident report after responding to a collision involving a car and a bicycle with minor property damage and no injuries.	1-Day Suspension.
4	Central	An officer used a personal vehicle for police business and parked in a no-parking zone during an overtime shift.	Written Reprimand.
5	Ingleside	An officer prepared an inaccurate collision report.	Admonishment.
6	Taraval	An officer failed to thoroughly investigate a battery incident, accept a private person arrest, and prepare an incident report.	Written Reprimand.
7	Unknown	The officer conducted a traffic stop and issued the complainant a citation. The complainant reported that the officer's face was obscured by a ski mask during their interaction. The officer admitted that he was wearing a neck gaiter because people in his office were sick.	Admonishment.

SFPD Station Distribution

SFPD Complaints and Allegations by SFPD Station

In Q2 2026, the DPA received 263 SFPD complaints involving 536 allegations. The table below shows how each metric distributed across SFPD stations and bureaus. This data should not be interpreted as a measure of station or officer performance. Among district stations (excluding Airport Bureau and unassigned categories), Southern, Central, and Tenderloin generated the highest allegation counts.

SFPD complaints and allegations in Q2 2026 by station: Distribution across SFPD stations and bureaus, sorted by allegation count

SFPD Station	Complaints	Allegations
Southern	43 (16.3%)	92 (17.2%)
Central	34 (12.9%)	86 (16.0%)
Tenderloin	33 (12.5%)	76 (14.2%)
Mission	26 (9.9%)	54 (10.1%)
Bayview	14 (5.3%)	41 (7.6%)
Northern	20 (7.6%)	34 (6.3%)
Park	17 (6.5%)	32 (6.0%)
Ingleside	10 (3.8%)	22 (4.1%)
Not Applicable	19 (7.2%)	21 (3.9%)
Airport Bureau	8 (3.0%)	17 (3.2%)
Richmond	7 (2.7%)	17 (3.2%)
Taraval	14 (5.3%)	16 (3.0%)
Unknown	12 (4.6%)	15 (2.8%)
Out of Town	6 (2.3%)	13 (2.4%)
Total	263 (100.0%)	536 (100.0%)

Geographic Pattern Analysis

Allegation Distribution: Southern (92), Central (86), and Tenderloin (76) generated the highest allegation counts among district stations, together accounting for 47.4% of all SFPD allegations (254 of 536). **Complaint Volume:** Southern recorded the most complaints (43), followed by Central (34) and Tenderloin (33). **Note:** Allegation counts reflect a point-in-time snapshot and will continue to change as cases progress. The allegations associated with a complaint can be added to or revised until the case is closed.

SFPD Cases Closed and Pending by Quarter

Quarterly trend data for SFPD cases closed and cases pending at end of quarter, 2024-2026.

Quarter	2024		2025		2026	
	Closed	Pending	Closed	Pending	Closed	Pending
Q1	195	278	229	228	266	239
Q2	266	215	238	217	214	256
Q3	185	208	227	227	—	—
Q4	182	226	244	190	—	—
Year Total Closed	828	—	938	—	480	—

Mediation Division

DPA Mediation Division metrics for Q2 2026 showing case eligibility, offers, declines, and outcomes

Mediation Metric	Q2 2026	YTD
Cases Referred	13	33
New Eligible Cases	12	32
Cases Mediated	2	6
Officer Ineligible	0	4
Officers Offered	2	2
Officers Declined	0	1
Complainants Offered	12	32
Complainants Declined	7	14
Cases Returned	0	0
Mediations Pending	3	6

Activity counts reflect work performed during the quarter and do not necessarily map one-to-one to the new eligible cases referred. Mediations completed, declined, or pending in Q2 2026 may involve cases referred in earlier quarters. YTD figures are cumulative for 2026 (Q1–Q2).

Mediation Analysis

Q2 2026 Mediation Activity: 12 new eligible cases were referred to [mediation \(https://www.sf.gov/departments--department-police-accountability--mediation-division\)](https://www.sf.gov/departments--department-police-accountability--mediation-division). 2 cases were mediated. 12 complainants were offered mediation; 7 declined. 2 officers were offered mediation and none declined. 3 mediations were pending at quarter end.

Investigations Division

Q2 2026 Investigations Activity

In Q2 2026, the San Francisco Department of Police Accountability (DPA) received **263 complaints** involving **536 allegations** against sworn members of the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD). The DPA received multiple high-profile complaints, including one involving arrests during the Pride celebration.

The DPA closed **214 SFPD cases**, involving **402 allegations** during the quarter, with an average completion time of **73 days**. The largest share of the SFPD complaints (**111**, 42.2 percent) were submitted online. The DPA sustained **7 cases**, involving **12 sustained allegations**.

The DPA closed one (1) officer-involved shooting (OIS) investigation in Q2 2026. The DPA continues to investigate several prominent cases and is seeking witnesses to interactions with SFPD during the Pride celebration.

Going forward, the DPA is updating its case summary reports to better align with industry standards under the guidance of the City Attorney’s Office.

SB 1421 / SB 16 Division

Q2 2026 SB 1421 / SB 16 Activity

In Q2 2026, the DPA maintained its focus on implementing California's police transparency laws by reviewing and preparing qualifying records for public release while continuing to respond to routine [public records requests \(https://sfdpa.nextrequest.com/\)](https://sfdpa.nextrequest.com/). Staff assessed both newly eligible and archived cases involving officer-involved shootings, in-custody deaths, dishonesty, unlawful searches, biased conduct, and excessive force to determine whether disclosure requirements had been met. Records associated with sustained findings remain unavailable for release until the disciplinary process, including any appeals, has concluded. As transparency laws and disclosure obligations continue to develop, the DPA remains committed to providing the public with timely access to records required by law.



Pages Disclosed by Category

SB 1421 / SB 16 pages disclosed by record category in Q2 2026

Category	Pages Disclosed
Officer-Involved Shooting	2,144
Great Bodily Injury	99
Total	2,243

In addition to the pages disclosed above, the Division reviewed 678 cases for disclosure eligibility during Q2 2026.

Audit Division

Q2 2026 Audit Activity

In April 2026, the DPA initiated an audit of SFPD's compliance with requirements governing its use of automated license plate reader (ALPR) systems. The audit is in the planning phase, and the DPA will provide status updates during the DPA Director's Report portion of future Police Commission meetings.

Policy Division

Q2 2026 Policy Activity

In Q2 2026, the Policy Division continued its review of SFPD General Orders, Bureau Orders, and Department Notices, providing recommendations to the Police Department, the Police Commission, and the Chief of Police. The Division also convened meetings with government and nonprofit stakeholders on a range of policy issues; provided guidance to DPA interns on a policy project focused on the development of a future Department General Order governing the use of artificial intelligence (AI) by law enforcement; and began planning for revisions to DPA's Policy and Procedures Manual.

Training Division

Q2 2026 Training Activity

In Q2 2026, the Training Division kept DPA employees informed of upcoming trainings offered by agencies such as the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) and the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council (PAC). In-house DPA trainings included an overview of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) from SFPD for DPA's summer interns. Additionally, SFPD is designing an Active Attacker Training for DPA employees, to be held in Q3.

SFSO Oversight

SFSO Overview

The DPA has investigated certain types of serious complaints against deputies of the San Francisco Sheriff's Office (SFSO) since 2018, ensuring independent oversight, reinforcing transparency, and promoting accountability across jail operations, courthouse security, and broader SFSO activities. Through formal agreements and evolving mandates, including oversight of in-custody deaths and the use of military equipment, the DPA has expanded its role to support investigations, critical incidents, and community engagement.

SFSO DPA Current Jurisdiction

Under a Letter of Agreement (LOA) with the San Francisco Sheriff's Office, DPA investigates serious misconduct cases involving SFSO deputies. DPA's oversight authority covers:

In-custody deaths, and complaints involving any of the following:

- Use of force resulting in injury or death
- Use of a weapon or control device
- Sexual misconduct
- Reckless disregard for health or safety
- Pattern or practice of harassment, bias, or retaliation by SFSO deputies
- Additional misconduct at SFSO discretion

DPA submits investigative findings to the SFSO and provides quarterly reports to the SFSO's Oversight Board on complaint statistics and investigation status.

SFSO Key Metrics - Q2 2026

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Complaints Received

Q2 2026

11

Cases Closed

Q2 2026

55

Cases Pending

End of Q2 2026

20

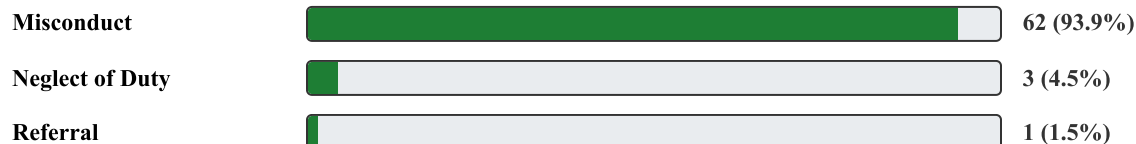
Total Complainants

18 identified, 2 anonymous

SFSO Allegations and Findings

SFSO complaints in Q2 2026 generated 66 total allegations across the 20 complaints received.

SFSO Allegations by Type - Q2 2026 (n=66)



SFSO Case Findings

The disposition of SFSO cases closed in Q2 2026 is summarized below. There were **3 Improper Conduct (sustained)** findings against SFSO personnel. The 38 allegations tabulated here are those within the 11 SFSO cases closed this quarter; remaining allegations from the 66 SFSO

allegations received in Q2 are still pending.

SFSO findings by allegation type in Q2 2026: Cross-tabulation of 38 allegations by finding and allegation category

Allegation Type	Exonerated - SFSO	Improper Conduct (Sustained)	Unfounded	No Finding	Policy Failure	Referral to Other Agency	Other	Withdrawal	Total
Misconduct	11	0	17	1	0	0	1	1	31
Neglect of Duty	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
Unacceptable Job Performance	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Referral	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Grand Total	12	3	18	1	1	1	1	1	38

SFSO Findings Analysis

Sustained: 3 of 38 allegations (7.9%). **Unfounded:** 18 of 38 (47.4%). **Exonerated:** 12 of 38 (31.6%). **Referral to Other Agency:** 1 (2.6%). **No Finding:** 1 (2.6%). **Policy Failure:** 1 (2.6%). **Other:** 1 (2.6%). **Withdrawal:** 1 (2.6%). See the Glossary of Terms at the end of this report for finding definitions.

SFSO Cases Closed by Year Filed

The 11 SFSO cases closed in Q2 2026 were originally filed across two years (2025-2026), reflecting the longer investigative timelines characteristic of the serious-misconduct categories under DPA's SFSO oversight authority.

SFSO cases closed in Q2 2026 by year filed: Distribution showing how many of this quarter's closed cases were filed in each year

Year Filed	Cases Closed	% of Total
2025	7	63.6%
2026	4	36.4%
Total	11	100.0%

SFSO Complaints by Facility

The 20 SFSO complaints received in Q2 2026 originated from the following facilities and locations:

SFSO complaints received in Q2 2026 by facility: Distribution across detention facilities, court, and related locations

Facility/Location	Complaints	Percentage
County Jail #3	11	55.0%
County Jail #2	5	25.0%
County Jail #1	4	20.0%
Total	20	100.0%

SFSO Allegations by Facility

The 66 SFSO allegations received in Q2 2026 originated from the following facilities and locations:

Facility/Location	Allegations	Percentage
County Jail #3	36	54.5%
County Jail #2	16	24.2%
County Jail #1	14	21.2%
Total	66	100.0%

All 20 SFSO complaints and 66 allegations received in Q2 2026 originated from the three county jail facilities (County Jail #1, #2, and #3) under DPA's SFSO oversight authority.

SFSO Cases Opened, Closed, and Pending - Q2 Comparison

Q2 SFSO complaint volume has grown year over year, with pending cases also increasing as the DPA's SFSO oversight role has expanded. SFSO cases opened in Q2 have risen from 12 (2024) to 20 (2026), while closing pace has not kept up, driving the pending caseload up to 55.

SFSO cases opened, closed, and pending by Q2 across years 2024-2026

Year	Q2 Cases Opened	Q2 Cases Closed	Q2 Cases Pending (End of Quarter)
2024	12	15	22
2025	15	17	39
2026	20	11	55

SFSO Analysis

Allegation Patterns: SFSO allegations in Q2 2026: Misconduct 93.9% (62 of 66), Neglect of Duty 4.5% (3), Referral 1.5% (1). 20 complaints generated 66 allegations.

Facility Distribution: County Jail #3 generated the most complaints (11, 55.0%), followed by County Jail #2 (5, 25.0%) and County Jail #1 (4, 20.0%). All Q2 SFSO complaints originated from the three county jail facilities under DPA's SFSO oversight authority.

More details for SFSO can be found at <https://www.sf.gov/departments--office-sheriffs-inspector-general> (<https://www.sf.gov/departments--office-sheriffs-inspector-general>).

Glossary of Terms

Definitions used throughout this report for allegations and findings, separated by oversight jurisdiction.

SFPD Allegations & Findings

Allegation

A way to describe an individual act of potential misconduct. Complaints usually have more than one allegation to investigate. The primary categories of allegations tracked in this report are Unwarranted Action, Neglect of Duty, Use of Force, and Conduct Unbecoming, with additional administrative classifications for Referral, Informational, Failure to Intercede, and Policy/Procedure.

Complaint

Complaints are also called cases or investigations.

Conduct Unbecoming an Officer

Type of allegation that an officer's rude or inappropriate behavior undermines public confidence or reflects poorly on the Police Department. (Replaced and combined the historical categories of conduct reflecting discredit, discourtesy, racial slurs, and sexual slurs.)

Failure to Intercede

Type of allegation that an officer failed to intervene to stop or prevent another officer's misconduct when the officer had the opportunity and duty to do so.

Findings

Investigative conclusions are called findings. Each allegation is resolved with a finding that indicates whether or not the allegation was proven.

Improper Conduct (Sustained)

Finding indicating that the evidence gathered during an investigation proved that an officer broke a rule or law by doing something improper or by failing to complete a task.

Informational

Finding indicating that the allegations were not rationally within DPA's investigative jurisdiction.

Insufficient Evidence

Finding indicating that there was not enough evidence to prove or disprove an allegation.

Mediated

Finding indicating that an allegation was voluntarily resolved through mediation.

Neglect of Duty

Type of allegation that an officer failed to complete a required task.

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Misconduct

Violation of any department rule or regulation, policy or procedure, or law, or conduct unbecoming a sworn employee or reflecting adversely on the department.

No Finding

A "No Finding" outcome occurs when an involved officer cannot reasonably be identified or is no longer employed by SFPD and therefore cannot be disciplined.

Policy Failure

Finding indicating that, although an officer's actions complied with police rules, DPA recommends that the rules be changed.

Policy/Procedure

Administrative allegation type used when an allegation concerns a written department policy or procedure rather than an individual officer's conduct. Tracked separately from the primary allegation categories, and distinct from the Policy Failure finding.

Proper Conduct

Finding indicating that an officer's actions complied with police rules, training, and applicable laws.

Referral

Finding indicating that an allegation was referred to an agency with jurisdiction.

Supervision or Training Failure

Finding indicating that an officer's improper actions or failure to complete a required task were the result of inadequate supervision or training.

Unfounded

Allegations are unfounded when a complaint is made about something that did not occur or when an officer specifically identified by the complainant was not actually involved.

Unwarranted Action

Type of allegation that an officer's actions were unnecessary or unrelated to a legitimate police purpose.

Use of Force

Type of allegation that an officer used more force than was reasonably needed to perform a necessary police action.

Withdrawal

A withdrawn finding indicates that DPA discontinued investigating a complaint that was voluntarily withdrawn.

Criminal Misconduct

Violation constituting a misdemeanor or felony crime. Criminal misconduct cases are also referred to the appropriate criminal prosecution agency.

Gratuities / Rewards

Improperly accepting or soliciting any gratuity, gift, loan, fee, or any other thing of value arising from or offered because of employment, or any activity connected with the department, without authorization.

Harassment / Discrimination

Harassment or discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition, marital status, sexual orientation, sex, or age, including retaliation against a person for making a harassment complaint.

Impermissible Behavior

Any rude, insolent, impertinent, antagonistic, discourteous, or disrespectful conduct, whether written, oral, or by gesture, toward a supervisor of higher rank that is outside the definition of insubordination. Failure to treat supervisors, subordinates, and peers with respect, or to maintain courtesy and civility at all times.

Insubordination

Failure or deliberate refusal of any employee to obey a lawful order given by a superior officer.

Neglect of Duty

Type of allegation that a deputy failed to complete a required task.

Truthfulness

Type of allegation that requires all deputies to be truthful at all times, whether under oath or not.

Unacceptable Job Performance

Type of allegation that a deputy failed to adhere to the job responsibilities set forth in the Office's objectives.

Use of Force

Type of allegation that a deputy used more force than was reasonably needed to perform a necessary law enforcement action.

Sustained

Finding indicating that evidence from the investigation supports a misconduct finding by a preponderance of the evidence.

Not Sustained

Finding indicating that evidence from the investigation is insufficient to support a misconduct finding.

Exonerated

Finding indicating that evidence from the investigation proves the complained conduct was justified, lawful, and proper within policy.

Unfounded

Finding indicating that evidence from the investigation proves the complained conduct did not occur.

Referral

Finding indicating that an allegation was referred to an agency with jurisdiction.

No Finding

Finding indicating that the complainant did not provide additional requested evidence, the complainant requested withdrawal of the complaint, the deputy could not reasonably be identified, or the deputy is no longer with SFSO and is therefore no longer subject to SFSO discipline.

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