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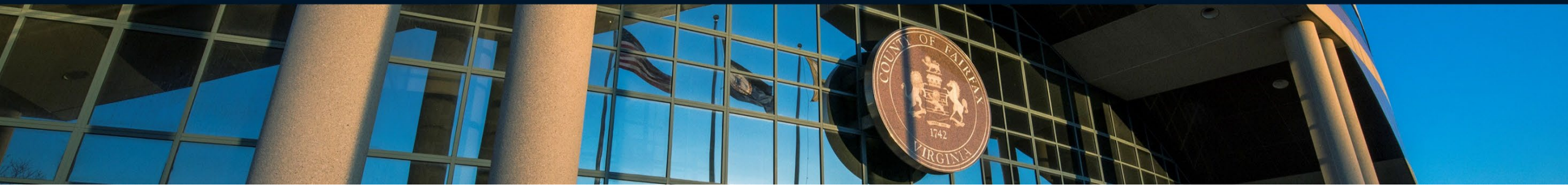


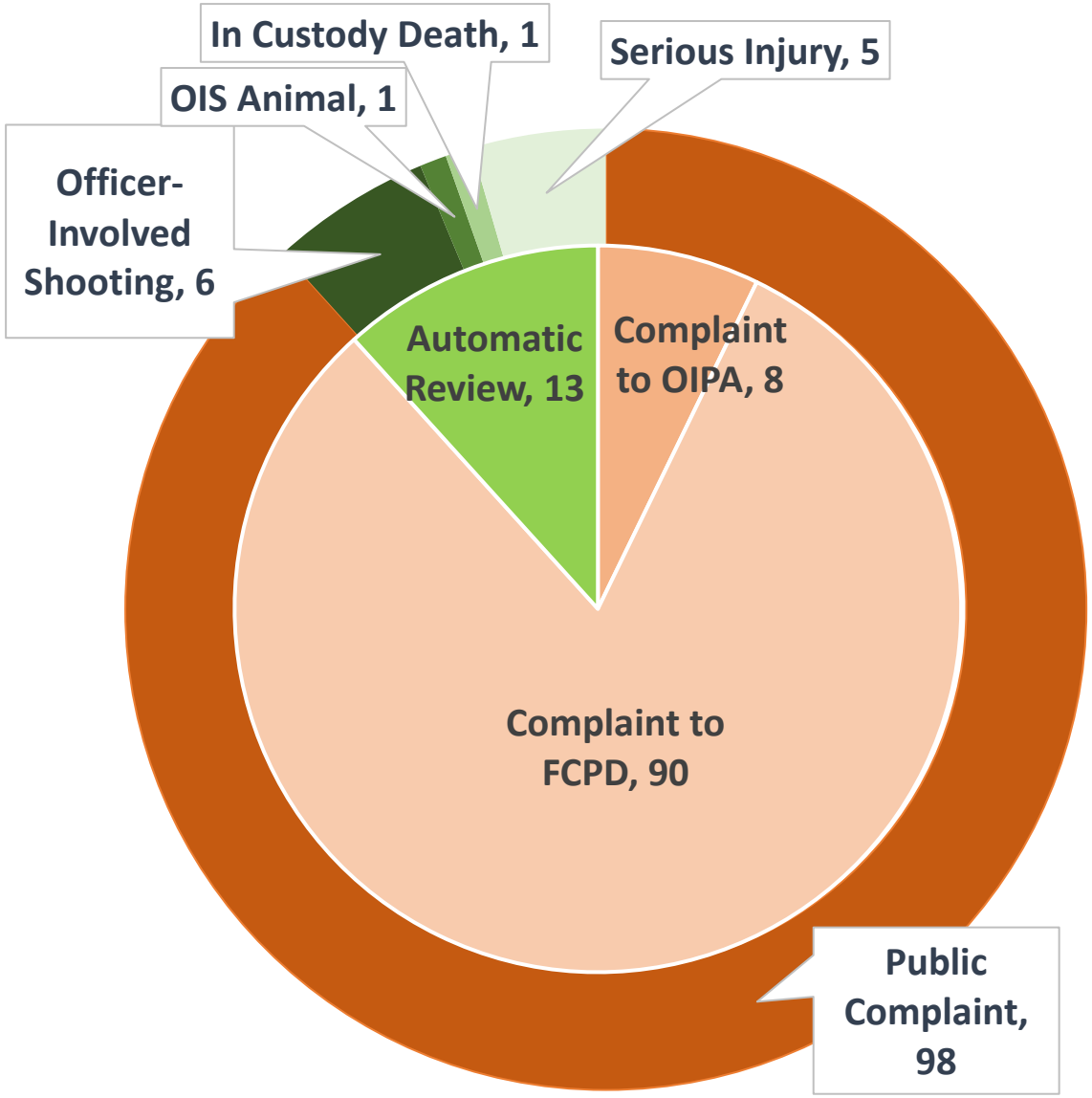
Independent Police Auditor

OIPA 2025 Annual Report

Richard G. Schott, Independent Police Auditor

April 7, 2026

111 Active Case Reviews in 2025



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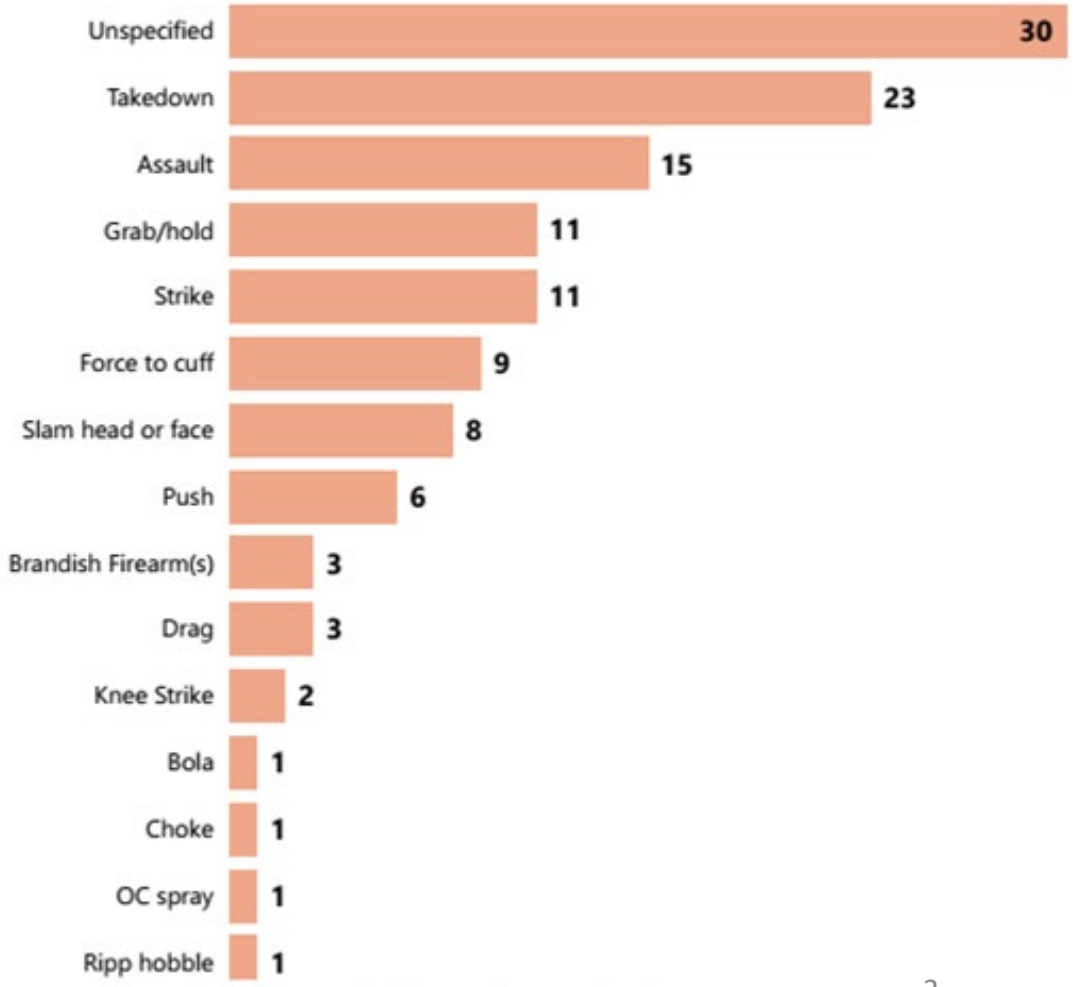


* Each complaint may include more than one allegation.

2025 Reviews Closed: Officer-Involved Shootings and Injuries

OIPA Case #	Incident Date	Type	Description	Location	IPA Review Start Date	Report Date
IPA-22-13	12/7/2022	OIS – Domesticated Animal	Automatic	Herndon	12/9/2022	8/6/2025 Report
IPA-23-01	2/22/2023	Officer-Involved Shooting	Foot pursuit after asset protection report of shoplifting at mall	Tysons Corner Center, McLean	2/22/2023	4/7/2025 Report
IPA-23-02	4/5/2023	Officer-Involved Shooting	Assist Virginia State Police in vehicle pursuit starting in Fairfax County	I-95 in Prince William County	4/14/2023	6/11/2025 Report
IPA-23-08	5/11/2023	Officer-Involved Shooting	Pedestrian stop; stolen U-Haul investigation	Richmond Highway, Alexandria	5/11/2023	6/11/2025 Report
IPA-23-20	9/5/2023	Serious Injury (ECW)	Automatic	Oakton	10/2/2023	9/16/2025 Report

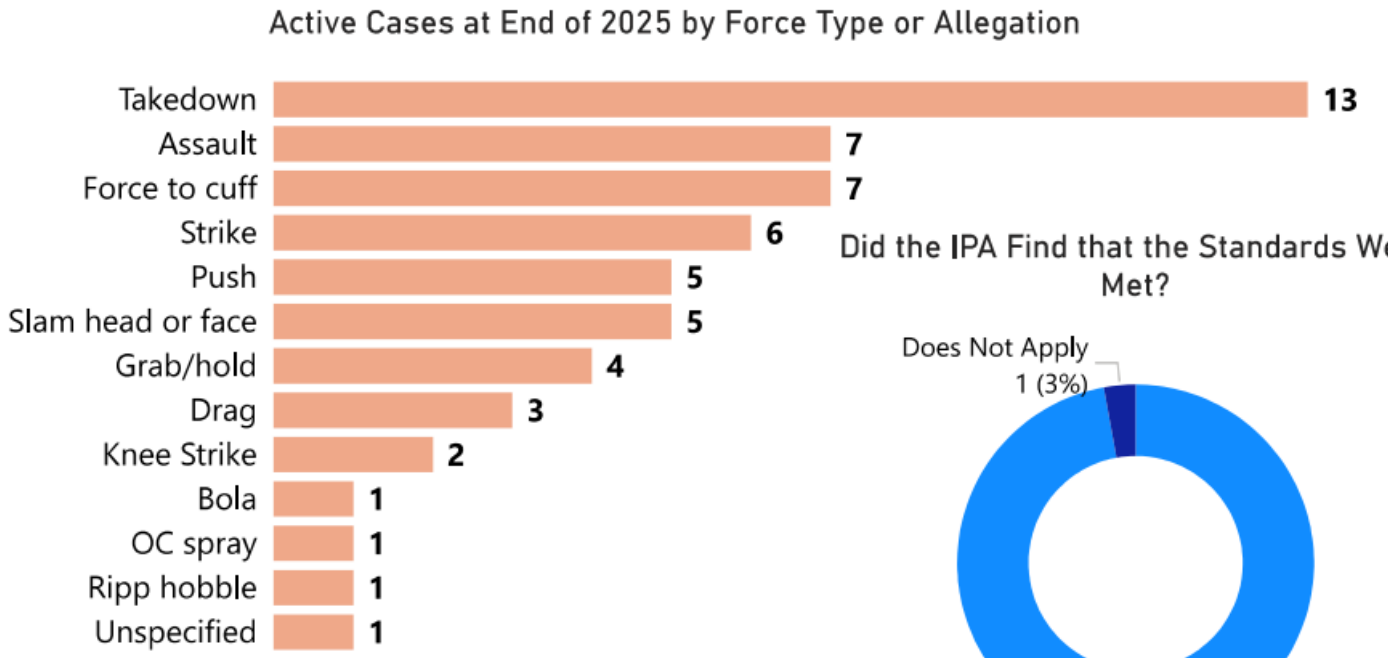
2025 Reviews Closed: Complaints

35

Complaints Closed in 2025

Initiated by	No of Cases
Complaint to FCPD	31
Complaint to OIPA	4
Total	**35**

Incident Year	# Cases
2018	7
2019	8
2020	5
2021	4
2022	8
2024	2
2025	1



Case Type & Incident Date	Auditor Recommendation	Status (as determined by the IPA)
IPA-22-13 12/7/2022	**FCPD G.O. 540 VII. E. should include both domesticated and non-domesticated animals and read as follows: "Use of Deadly Force Against Animals: Officers may use deadly force to incapacitate domesticated or non-domesticated animals that are attacking or threatening to attack any human or another animal, or that appear to be rabid."**	**Status Pending (under review)**
IPA-23-01 2/22/2023	**The FCPD should eliminate any fleeing felon or misdemeanant language (i.e., G.O. 540 VII. B) from its use of force G.O.**	**Not Implemented**
IPA-22-08 OIS 7/7/2022	Include criminal factors (including the Graham factors) and add non-criminal factors—using the explicit language from the Miracle case—in G.O. 540 to consider when determining whether force was objectively reasonable during a non-criminal situation, or when the individual was experiencing a medical or mental health crisis while also engaged in criminal activity.	Not Implemented
IPA-23-17 Complaint 3/1/2023	Engage in discussion with the FCSO to allow BWC recording while FCPD officers are in the ADC, regardless of whether a use of force is happening or anticipated.	Partially Implemented
IPA-22-10 OIS 8/2/2022	Monitor national trends in policy and practice on police pursuit of fleeing vehicles and consider engaging the County Attorney's Office and the County's Legislative Affairs Office to examine the possibility of formally requesting the General Assembly to add the act of fleeing from police to the list of offenses which already allow for the forfeiture of vehicles in the Commonwealth of Virginia.	Not Implemented
IPA-22-10 OIS 8/2/2022	Equip at least some officers and unmarked police vehicles with recording equipment for use in undercover operations.	Implemented

Other 2025 Activities

- Participation on FCPD Performance Review Board and the One Fairfax Community Roundtable Foot Pursuit Equity Action Team ("EAT")
- Partnered with the Office of the Police Civilian Review Panel
  - Launched new online complaint form
- Community outreach
- Professional development and engagement with national organizations
- Reviewed IAB complaint status to ensure timely and adequate responses to complainants

QUESTIONS