

Figure 1. Complaints Reviewed by the Independent Review Committee, 2009-2010

CR Number	Date of Filing; Disposition	Complainant Race/Gender	Allegation	UCPD Disposition	IRC Disposition
08-03-02	3/6/08; 12/2/08	W/F	1. The complainant alleged that the officer told her to come back in 10 minutes to file a theft report because he was getting off work.	1. Sustained	1. Sustained
08-04-05	4/21/08; 10/22/08	Unk/M	1. The complainant alleged that an officer denied him entry to the emergency room. 2. The complainant alleged that he was called bitches and punks by the officer. 3. The complainant alleged that he was cursed at in public by the officer.	No further action possible	No further action possible
08-05-06	5/18/08; 4/11/09	B/F	1. The complainant alleged that the officer used unnecessary force during an attempt to handcuff her. 2. The complainant alleged that the officer twisted the her arms behind her back and threw her against a wall, injuring her hand and arm in the process.	1. Exonerated 2. Not sustained	1. Exonerated 2. Not sustained
08-10-14	10/5/08; 5/9/09	W/F	1. The complainant alleged that the officer approached her daughter at the Henry Crown Field House and asked her daughter for a date. 2. The complainant alleged that her daughter informed her that the accused asked her daughter for her routine (i.e., how often she came to the gym and where she worked). 3. The complainant alleged that the officer is harassing her daughter.	1. Not sustained 2. Not sustained 3. Not sustained	UCPD did not conduct an investigation into these allegations because the complainant did not sign an affidavit. The IRC recommends that UCPD conduct an investigation.
08-11-18	11/26/08; 12/4/09	B/M	1. The complainant alleged that the officer pushed him three times. 2. The officer was accused of shoving a gold badge in the complainant's face.	1. Not sustained 2. Not sustained	1. Insufficient evidence to make any determination 2. Insufficient evidence to make any determination

09-03-03	3/10/09; 2/18/10	B/M	<p>1. The complainant alleged that an unknown officer wearing a gray hoodie and driving an unmarked car cut him off in traffic.</p> <p>2. The complainant alleged that the accused officer stuck his (officer's) finger up, exited his vehicle and pulled out a Chicago Police badge, and began swearing at him while requesting to see his driver's license.</p>	<p>1. Outside of purview</p> <p>2. Outside of purview</p>	<p>1. Sustained</p> <p>2. Not sustained</p>
09-04-04	4/4/09; 2/18/10	B/M	<p>1. The complainant alleged that the officer verbally harassed her while she was getting into her vehicle.</p> <p>2. The complainant alleged that the officer attempted to entrap her by trying to provoke her into saying that she would not treat him if he came to the emergency room.</p> <p>3. The complainant alleged that the officer defamed her character.</p> <p>4. The complainant alleged that she was harassed by the officer when he falsified a written statement to her supervisor alleging that she refused him medical treatment.</p>	<p>1. Unfounded</p> <p>2. Unfounded</p> <p>3. Unfounded</p> <p>4. Unfounded</p>	<p>1. Not sustained</p> <p>2. Unfounded</p> <p>3. Unfounded</p> <p>4. Not sustained</p>
09-04-05	4/8/09; 2/20/10	B/F	<p>1. The complainant alleged that the officer's approach was wrong and that she was discriminated against.</p>	<p>1. Sustained</p>	<p>1. Sustained</p>
09-06-07	6/2/09; 2/18/10	Unk/F	<p>1. The complainant alleged that a young boy was bitten by a dog in a local shop where the officer was present.</p> <p>2. The complainant alleged that the officer rendered no assistance or medical help.</p>	<p>1. Exonerated</p> <p>2. Sustained</p>	<p>1. Exonerated</p> <p>2. Sustained</p>
09-06-08	5/29/09; 2/18/10	B/F	<p>1. The complainant alleged that she waited more than 20 minutes for an officer to provide an escort (umbrella coverage).</p> <p>2. The complainant alleged that the dispatcher refused to stay on the line while she waited for an escort.</p>	<p>1. Exonerated</p> <p>2. Exonerated</p>	<p>1. Exonerated</p> <p>2. Exonerated</p>

09-08-10	7/31/09; 2/18/10	B/M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The complainant alleged that the officer was condescending toward him. 2. The complainant alleged that the officer intimidated him by saying that she would be watching him. 3. The complainant alleged that the officer stopped him without justification. 	UCPD did not conduct an investigation because the complainant did not sign an affidavit.	The IRC accepts UCPD's determination that the allegations are not sufficiently serious to warrant investigation in the absence of a signed affidavit from the complainant.
2010-05	2/22/10; 5/20/10	B/M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The complainant alleged that the plainclothes officer spoke in a harsh manner, yelling at him, calling him stupid, and telling him to "call his handler." 2. The complainant alleged that the accused uniformed officers were present and that they kept him from leaving the location of the encounter. 3. The complainant alleged that he was racially profiled and racially discriminated against by 3 uniformed UCPD officers and 1 plainclothes officer. 4. The complainant alleged that one officer removed his bag from his shoulder, opened it, and searched it. 5. The complainant alleged that the same officer searched his pockets without lawful authority or permission. 6. The complainant alleged that he requested that the plainclothes officer provide his name and badge number, which were not provided. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sustained 2. Not sustained 3. Unfounded 4. Not sustained 5. Not sustained 6. Not sustained 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sustained 2. Not sustained 3. Unfounded 4. Not sustained 5. Not sustained 6. Not sustained
2010-06	2/24/10; 3/39/10	B/F	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The complainant alleged that the accused sergeant did not explain what was going on and was rude. 2. The complainant alleged that the accused sergeant did not explain why they (the students) had to leave the library. 3. The complainant alleged that the accused sergeant placed the arrestee in a choke hold and used excessive force. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sustained 2. Sustained 3. Sustained 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sustained 2. Sustained 3. Sustained*

* As the IRC wrote in its Regenstein Review, the question of excessive force turns on the frame within which it is engaged. The IRC agrees with the Sustained finding in the sense that could have been avoided. The IRC believes that that is the appropriate frame to judge the use of force. If, however, the frame were narrowed to the moment of resistance, the IRC cannot say whether or not the force used to accomplish the arrest was excessive, and would recommend a Not sustained finding.

Second, regardless of the frame, the evidence clearly does not support the allegation that the sergeant applied a choke hold. The IRC recommends that that particular allegation be classified as Unfounded.

Third, as we trust this report makes clear, responsibility for this incident extends beyond the sergeant.