
POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

Case Summary Data #6

January 2016

OVERVIEW

Complainant alleges Officer was rude to multiple pedestrians while directing traffic at a parking garage. The Complainant alleges the officer provided no guidance to pedestrians and was sarcastic and rude when pedestrians would take the natural right way. Complainant alleges he could not see his badge number, but when asked gruffly responded “why”.

THE COMPLAINT

Inappropriate Attitude – Complainant alleges Officer was rude to multiple pedestrians while directing traffic at a parking garage. The Complainant alleges the officer provided no guidance to pedestrians and was sarcastic and rude when pedestrians would take the natural right way. Complainant alleges he could not see his badge number, but when asked gruffly responded “why”.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

1. OPCR § 172.20(2) – INAPPROPRIATE ATTITUDE
2. MPD P&P § 5-105(14) – PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT: Employees shall not use any derogatory language or actions which are intended to embarrass, humiliate, or shame a person, or do anything intended to incite another to violence.

COMPLAINT PROCESSING

Following receipt of the complaint via the online system, an intake was conducted, and the matter was put before the joint supervisors for review. Upon review, the supervisors moved the matter to coaching; Complainant was notified of the decision via certified mail.

EVIDENCE

1. Complaint

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

Complaint: Complainant alleges that the officer was rude to multiple pedestrians while directing traffic at a parking garage. The Complainant alleges that the officer provided no guidance to pedestrians and was sarcastic and rude when pedestrians would take the natural right way. Complainant alleges he could not see the officer’s badge number, prompting him to ask the officer for his badge number. Upon being asked, the officer asked gruffly “why”.

COACHING

Prior to the coaching, the precinct supervisor attempted to contact Complainant with no success. Later, the precinct supervisor met with the officer regarding the matter. The officer did not recall the incident but apologized if he offended anyone. After the interview, no policy violation was found, but the officer was coached about “taking care when speaking to others while in uniform.”