

WHAT IS AN OFFICER COMPLAINT?

An officer complaint is an allegation of any action or inaction by Division personnel that the individual considers being contrary to law, proper procedure, good order or in some manner prejudicial to the individual, the Police department or to the Community.

WHO HANDLES OFFICER COMPLAINTS?

Complaints about the quality of service provided will be assigned to the employee's immediate supervisor by the Chief of Police. Examples of these Complaints are:

- Discourtesy/Unprofessional Attitude
- Lack of Proper Service
- Improper Procedure (e.g. offense investigation, use of discretion, official law enforcement practices, etc.)
- Allegations of misconduct will be handled by the Chief of Police and/or the judicial system. Examples of these complaints are:
 - Criminal Conduct
 - Sexual misconduct
 - Use of excessive force
 - Unnecessary pointing of firearms at persons
 - Serious misconduct (severe nature or pattern of violations, lack of service, etc.)
 - Improper searches and seizures
 - Discrimination

HOW DO I FILE A COMPLAINT?

A complaint should be filed in writing, although they can be taken verbally. All complaints will be directed to a supervisor. A Frazeysburg Complaint Against Officer form should be completed by the complainant. Supervisors may complete the form when taking a verbal complaint.

WHAT INFORMATION DO I NEED TO PROVIDE?

On the form you will be requested to give your name, address, and phone number where you can be reached; and the names, addresses, and phone numbers of any witnesses. You will need to provide the date and facts of the incident. If you have the officer's name, badge number, and car number that should be put on the form.

HOW WILL MY COMPLAINT BE RESOLVED?

All complaints will be looked into by the Chief of Police, you may be contacted to be interviewed for serious allegation.

MAKING FALSE ALLEGATION OF PEACE OFFICER MISCONDUCT. ORC Section 2921.15

(A) As used in this section, "peace officer" has the same meaning as in section [2935.01](#) of the Revised Code.

(B) No person shall knowingly file a complaint against a peace officer that alleges that the peace officer engaged in misconduct in the performance of the officer's duties if the person knows that the allegation is false.

(C) Whoever violates division (B) of this section is guilty of making a false allegation of peace officer misconduct, a misdemeanor of the first degree.