

## ***“Being There When Needed”***

### ***Information concerning complaints against police personnel***

#### **WHEN SHOULD A COMPLAINT BE FILED?**

A complaint should be filed whenever you feel that there has been an improper action by a police employee.

#### **WHY FILE A COMPLAINT?**

The Perry Township Police Department’s mission is "Being There When Needed." For us to fulfill this goal, we need the support of the public. Many times difficulties with police employees are mainly problems in communication. Through the complaint process, the citizen gains a better understanding of law enforcement procedures, and we get a different perspective on how we are perceived.

#### **WHAT DOES THE COMPLAINT PROCESS INVOLVE?**

You will provide details of the incident to a supervisor or officer in charge. This information will be documented on a complaint against personnel form. You will receive a copy of the complaint to verify its accuracy.

#### **HOW IS THE COMPLAINT INVESTIGATED?**

The Police Commander assigned to the internal Affairs Function will assign personnel to investigate the allegations. Involved personnel and witnesses will be interviewed, and available evidence or documentation will be examined

#### **HOW LONG DOES THE PROCESS TAKE?**

Complaints are promptly investigated. At the conclusion of the investigation, you will receive notification of the findings. If not completed within thirty days of receipt, you will receive a report of the current status of the complaint.

#### **WHAT ACTIONS MAY RESULT FROM AN INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMPLAINT?**

Actions taken depend on all of the circumstances surrounding the reported incident. The final disposition will be determined to be unfounded, exonerated, not sustained, or sustained.

#### **ARE ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS ACCEPTED?**

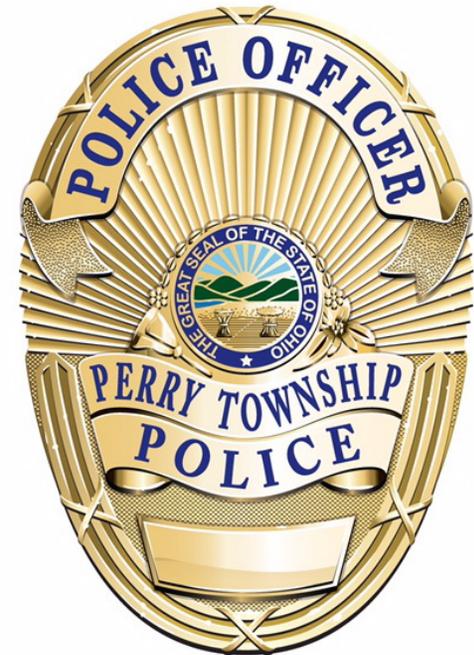
The Perry Township Police Department investigates all complaints, no matter how they are received. However, fairness to all is best served when investigation personnel can contact all parties who may have information related to the incident being investigated. Additionally, we cannot provide the complainant (if unknown) with other circumstances which may have contributed to the complaint. This process is intended to be a confidential Law Enforcement Investigatory Record. Statements herein are intended to be confidential, under Section 149.43 A2 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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