



## Police Accountability Board: Complaint Form

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**Police Accountability Board Statement:** Required by the Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021, the Police Accountability Board will receive citizens' complaints of alleged police misconduct and forward them to law enforcement for investigation. Once an investigation is complete, the Administrative Charging Committee will decide whether disciplinary action is warranted and offer recommendation for discipline in accordance with a state-mandated matrix.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

**Law Enforcement Agency-** a governmental police force, sheriff's office, security force or law enforcement organization of Worcester County or a municipal corporation within Worcester County that by statute, ordinance, or common law is authorized to enforce the general criminal laws of the State.

**Officer-** any employee of a law enforcement agency who is authorized to enforce the general criminal laws of the State, County or a municipal corporation.

**Police misconduct-** a pattern, practice, or conduct by a police officer or law enforcement agency that includes: (1) depriving persons of rights protected by the constitution or laws of the state or the United States; (2) a violation of a criminal statute; and (3) a violation of law enforcement agency standards and policies.

**Disclaimer:** Pursuant to State law, the Worcester County Police Accountability Board only accepts complaints regarding officers employed by law enforcement agencies for: Pocomoke City Police Department, Snow Hill Police Department, Ocean Pines Police Department, Berlin Police Department, Ocean City Police Department and the Worcester County Sheriff's Office.

*A complaint of police misconduct may not be filed for events preceding July 1, 2022. A claim of a pattern or practice of police misconduct may rely on events which occurred prior to July 1, 2022. A claim of a pattern or practice of police misconduct may rely on events up to 3 years prior. A complaint of police misconduct must be filed within 45 days of the event unless otherwise provided for by Maryland law.*

**Please drop off your completed form to:** Worcester County Government, Police Accountability Board, One W. Market St., Room 1103, Snow Hill, MD 21863. **Have questions?** Call 410-632-1194 or email [pab@co.worcester.md.us](mailto:pab@co.worcester.md.us)

**Complainant Name:**

**For Internal Use Only**

Incident Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Complaint Received: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Alleged Police Misconduct:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(MM/DD/YYYY)

**Complainant's Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (Suffix) (First) (MI)

**Date of Birth:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(MM/DD/YYYY)

**Phone Number:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Home)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Cell)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Work)

**Email Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

**Date of Incident:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(MM/DD/YYYY)

**Time of Incident:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (AM) (PM)

**Location of Incident:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

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Complaint Received: \_\_\_\_\_

**Officers Involved : Please list the name, badge number, and law enforcement agency, if known:**

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|----|--|--|--|
| 1. |  |  |  |
| 2. |  |  |  |
| 3. |  |  |  |

**Physical description of Officer(s)- hair and eye color, height, gender, race/ethnicity, uniform color, etc, if known:**

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|----|--|--|--|
| 1. |  |  |  |
| 2. |  |  |  |
| 3. |  |  |  |

**Describe Injuries- if none, skip the next question**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Location and Date of Treatment:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Hospital/ Doctor's Office)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Physician's Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date of Treatment MM/DD/YYYY)

**Witnesses-Contact Information: Name, Phone Number, Address**

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|----|--|--|--|
| 1. |  |  |  |
| 2. |  |  |  |
| 3. |  |  |  |

**Preferred Language of Communication**

\_\_\_\_\_

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby affirm that the information stated herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further understand that all information sworn to as true and correct, if proven to be false could be cause for criminal charges, a civil liability suit, or the dismissal of this complaint.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Sign Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**



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