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Filing Complaints of Police Misconduct with Cincinnati Citizen Complaint Authority

The Cincinnati Citizen Complaint Authority (CCA) investigates citizen complaints regarding police officers relating to the discharge of firearms, deaths in custody, use of excessive force, improper pointing of firearms, improper search and seizures, as well as other types of misconduct. Any citizen can file a complaint concerning a Cincinnati Police Officer. You will need to provide the date, time and facts of the incident. If you have the officer's name, badge number, unit of assignment or car number, it would be helpful (but is not necessary). You should also provide your name, address, phone numbers where you can be reached, and the name, address and phone numbers of any witnesses.

The investigator will contact the complainant, witnesses, involved officers, and collect evidence. An investigative report will be prepared and assembled including a summary of statements and/or evidence obtained.

CCA investigations do not result in the award of damages, but can result in discipline for an officer who is found to have committed misconduct. The investigation carried out by CCA is often helpful in gathering facts necessary for a civil case.

Complaints may be filed in person, by telephone, by mail or on CCA's [website](#). Police personnel at the front desk of each district police station are also authorized to take complaints.

- **In Person:** Go to 805 Central Ave., Suite 610, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Telephone:** 513-352-1600
- **Email:** email your complaint to CCA-complaints@cincinnati-oh.gov. Be sure to include your name, phone number, and mailing address.
- **Online Form:** <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/ccia/complaint-form/>