

**IF YOU THINK
YOU HAVE
experienced
OR *observed*
POLICE
MISCONDUCT
FILE A
COMPLAINT
WITH THE
SAN DIEGO CITIZENS'
REVIEW BOARD ON
POLICE PRACTICES
(CRB)**

**HOW YOU CAN FILE
ANY COMPLAINT ABOUT
POLICE MISCONDUCT**

- In person at the Citizens' Review Board Office, M-F 9AM - 4PM
**CITY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
202 "C" STREET, MAIL STATION 9A
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92101**
 - Mail to the Citizens' Review Board Office
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 - By telephone to the Citizens' Review Board, M-F 9AM - 4PM
(619) 236-6296
 - Complaint form available on Internet at
www.sandiego.gov/citizensreviewboard
 - Via E-mail to
citizensreviewboard@sandiego.gov
 - With San Diego Police Department at any SDPD facility in person, by mail, or by telephone; or with SDPD Communications by telephone:
**(619) 531-2000
(858) 531-2000**
- SDPD Chief's Hotline:
(619) 531-2672

**SHOULD YOU FILE A COMPLAINT EVEN
IF YOU DO NOT KNOW THE NAME OR
BADGE NUMBER OF THE OFFICER?**

YES! IA investigators are able to identify accused officers based on the location and time of day given in the complaint. Include as many identifying details as possible.

**ATTEND MONTHLY CRB
OPEN-TO-THE-PUBLIC MEETINGS**

FOURTH TUESDAY, JANUARY - NOVEMBER

**CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR LOCATION,
TIME AND AGENDA:**

WWW.SANDIEGO.GOV/CITIZENSREVIEWBOARD

**What
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THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

**CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD
ON POLICE PRACTICES**

- CRB reviews complaints *against* San Diego Police Department.
- CRB is *independent* and *impartial*.
- CRB is *NOT* part of San Diego Police Department.

This IS **THE CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD**

THE CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD (CRB) REVIEWS THE FIVE MOST SERIOUS COMPLAINTS:

1. False or unnecessary arrest, insufficient probable cause for an arrest
2. Excessive or unnecessary force, more force than reasonably required
3. Discrimination, any unequal treatment due to a person's sex, sexual orientation, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability, mental disability, age, or political beliefs
4. Slur, any derogatory term based on a person's sex, sexual orientation, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability, mental disability, age, or political beliefs
5. Criminal Conduct, violation of Federal, State, County or City laws

WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR COMPLAINT AGAINST SDPD?

THE INVESTIGATION

The investigation into your complaint can take many months. A full investigation is made by SDPD Office Internal Affairs (IA). The IA investigator gathers all possible evidence, including statements from witnesses and officers. You will be asked to participate, to be interviewed and make a statement about what happened. Your input is VERY IMPORTANT! Your complaint can be resolved best with your statement.

Whatever way you file a complaint, **PLEASE** give a current phone number, Email address, or regular mail address so the investigator can contact you to schedule your in-person statement.

The IA investigator will write a report documenting the information discovered during the investigation. This report includes all relevant information and audio recordings of your in-person statement as well as statements by other witnesses and officers. The report makes conclusions based on this information. Sometimes the investigation ends with a finding of officer misconduct and sometimes it does not.

HOW COMPLAINTS ARE RESOLVED

CRB REVIEW

The investigation report is subjected to intense scrutiny by a team of three CRB members. During this review cycle, the team looks carefully to ensure the investigation was thorough, that it was handled fairly and impartially, and that the stated findings are consistent with the facts of the case. Sometimes the CRB team agrees with the IA findings and sometimes it does not. When there is disagreement, the CRB team confers with the IA investigator and Commanding Officer, and the CRB Executive Director to resolve the difference of opinion. Finally, the CRB team writes a report detailing their evaluation of the investigation, and presents this report to the full 23-member CRB in closed session. If CRB and IA fail to agree on findings, the complaint is presented to the Mayor who makes the final determination.

DISCIPLINE

When the IA investigation concludes that an officer committed misconduct, and CRB agrees with that assessment, the case is sent to the SDPD Chief of Police who has sole responsibility to impose discipline.