



*"Individual Commitment  
to Group Effort"*

## **LIBERTY TOWNSHIP POLICE**

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Youngstown, Ohio 44505  
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Police Chief Toby Meoro  
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### **CITIZEN COMPLAINTS**

The Liberty Police Department is committed to providing fair and impartial law enforcement to all members of the public. You have the right to make a complaint against a police officer for any alleged misconduct or wrongdoing. It is the policy of the Liberty Police Department that all complaints of misconduct will be appropriately investigated and promptly determined. The citizen complaint system is designed to provide citizens with a system to address their concerns about police service. Complaints should be filed as soon as possible after the incident, as this improves the department's ability to gather accurate and complete factual information about the event,

#### **To file a complaint, contact the Liberty Township Police Department.**

Complete a Citizen Complaint form on the township website or at the police station located at 1315 Churchill Hubbard Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44505. A complaint may be filed anonymously, however if you would like to receive a response, your name, address, and telephone number should be provided.

Each Citizen Complaint Form will be placed in a sealed envelope, stamped with the date and time received, and given to the Police Chief or Police Captain, if the Chief is not available, for review and investigation. The Police Chief or Police Captain will review each citizen complaint. After preliminary review, the Police Chief or Police Captain will attempt to resolve non-serious complaints informally. The Chief or Captain may be able to explain the employee's actions to your satisfaction.

If the complaint needs more formal investigation, the Police Chief will assign it to an investigator.

Most investigations are completed within 30 days. If the complaint requires an extensive investigation, it may take longer. The Liberty Township Police Chief or Captain will contact you regarding your complaint, will update you on the progress of the investigation as necessary, and will notify you of the final disposition of the Complaint. If you have any questions, you may contact the Chief of Police or the Captain at 330-759-1315 between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM weekdays.

Based upon the findings of the investigation, a policy or procedure may be reviewed or changed, or an employee disciplined in accordance with the Liberty Township Police Department policy and collective bargaining agreement. The Police Chief or the Captain will notify you of the findings and whether any action was taken, although not the specific nature of any disciplinary action.

**NOTE:** Complaints about the reason for a traffic citation or criminal arrest must be resolved by the court and cannot be investigated as a complaint against a Liberty Township Police Officer.

**It is against the law to knowingly make a false complaint against a peace officer. Ohio Revised Code 2921.15 (B) provides: "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.**

