



## **WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP POLICE**

*"Come Home to Weathersfield"*

**1451 Prospect Street**

**Mineral Ridge, Ohio 44440**

Phone: (330) 652-6486 Fax: (330) 652-1717

Non-Emergency: (330) 675-2730 Emergency: 911

[www.weathersfieldtwp.org/police-department](http://www.weathersfieldtwp.org/police-department)

Chief Michael J. Naples, Jr.  
Captain Kristopher W. Hodge

### **Citizen Complaints**

The Weathersfield 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 Weathersfield Township 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 Weathersfield Township Police Department.**

A Citizen Complaint Form is available on the township website or at the police station located at 1451 Prospect Street, Mineral Ridge Ohio 44440. A complaint may be filed anonymously, however if you would like to receive a response, your name, address, and telephone number should be provided.

The Police Chief will review each citizen complaint. After a preliminary review, the Police Chief will attempt to resolve non-serious complaints informally. The Chief may be able to explain the employee's actions to your satisfaction. The Weathersfield 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 during regular business hours.

**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 Weathersfield 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 if the person knows that the allegation is false. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree.