Complaints

Steps to Filing a Citizen Complaint

- 1. If you wish to make a complaint about the actions of a Lacy Lakeview Police Officer or any aspect of the Lacy Lakeview Police Operations, or if you feel you are a victim specifically of **racial profiling** please:
 - Come to the Police Department, 503 East Craven, and tell anyone in the Records Division, or Communications Division that you want to make a complaint, or ask to talk with a supervisor, or
 - Call the Police Department, 254-799-2479 and tell the person answering the telephone that you want to make a complaint, or
 - Write your complaint and mail it to:

Chief of Police John Truehitt Lacy Lakeview Police Department PO Box 154549, Waco, Texas 76715

- 2. Any Lacy Lakeview Police Supervisor will assist you in completing a complaint. You will be asked to identify yourself and then give specific details about your complaint.
- 3. Your complaint will then be investigated. You may be contacted and asked for additional information about your complaint. Please be aware of the following:
 - In order for administrative action to be taken against an employee the complaint must be in writing and signed per Texas Law.
 - Texas Law also requires that a copy of the written complaint be given to the Officer.
 - An unsigned complaint will still be investigated but no administrative action will be taken against the employee.
- 4. If the complaint involves extended investigation, you will receive a letter explaining approximately how long it will take.
- 5. When your complaint has been investigated, the Chief of Police will review the investigation and write you a letter explaining the results.

Guiding Legislation

State of Texas: Government Code

§ 614.022 COMPLAINT TO BE IN WRITING AND SIGNED BY COMPLAINANT

To be considered by the head of a state agency or by the head of a fire department or local law enforcement agency, the complaint must be:

(1) in writing; and

(2) signed by the person making the complaint

§ 614.023. COPY OF COMPLAINT TO BE GIVEN TO OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE

(a) A copy of a signed complaint against a law enforcement officer of this state or a fire fighter, detention officer, county jailer, or peace officer appointed or employed by a political subdivision of this state shall be given to the officer or employee within a reasonable time after the complaint is filed.

(b) Disciplinary action may not be taken against the officer or employee unless a copy of the signed complaint is given to the officer or employee.