



Kearney Police Department

Citizen Complaint

Our Mission: *With Duty, Honor, and Integrity, we will maintain the dignity and high quality of people's well-being, while protecting the rights of all people through professional police services and citizen support.*

Any person who witnesses or has direct knowledge of police employee misconduct may make a complaint with the Kearney Police Department. The Kearney Police Department will investigate any employee action that is contrary to department policy, is a violation of city, state or federal law, or involves the use of excessive force or discourteous treatment. The public has a right to expect and demand fair and impartial law enforcement. In providing these services, the police officer must be free to exercise his or her best judgment. While the mutual rights of the public and the police officer are normally respected, unusual situations do occur when these rights are violated. To protect the rights of the public and the police officer, it is necessary that every allegation of police misconduct be thoroughly investigated. Therefore, the department accepts records and promptly initiates an investigation of all complaints concerning police personnel.

There are several ways to file a complaint:

1. Telephone the on-duty KPD supervisor through the dispatch center at (308) 237-2104.
2. Come to the Kearney / Buffalo County Law Enforcement Center located at 2025 Avenue A in Kearney to file the complaint in person.
3. Fill out the Complaint Statement and either drop it off, mail it to the Law Enforcement Center, or e-mail to the Office of Professional Standards, kearneypolice@kearneygov.org.

Be prepared to furnish as much information as possible. When making a complaint, simply relate the facts as you know them.

In most cases, the supervisor of the employee will conduct an inquiry into the alleged misconduct. In more serious allegations, the complaint will be forwarded to the Office of Professional Standards. The investigation will include interviewing witnesses and other parties who can provide pertinent information. At the conclusion of the investigation, you will be contacted either by mail, in person or by telephone and told the disposition of your complaint.

There are four possible dispositions to a complaint:

Sustained: The investigation proved the allegation.

Not Sustained: The investigation failed to prove or disprove the allegation.

Exonerated: The investigation showed the act occurred but that the actions were justified, lawful and proper.

Unfounded: The investigation conclusively established that the act did not occur.



COMPLAINT FORM

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INCIDENT INFORMATION

Date of Incident	Time of Incident
Location of Incident	Incident Number (if known)

COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

Your Full Name		Date of Birth	Employer / School
Address	City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone	Other Phone
Email			

WITNESS INFORMATION

Full Name		Date of Birth	Employer / School
Address	City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone	Other Phone
Email			

Full Name		Date of Birth	Employer / School
Address	City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone	Other Phone
Email			

POLICE EMPLOYEES INVOLVED

Employee Name		Employee Name	
Badge No.	Vehicle No.	Badge No.	Vehicle No.

