

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Internal Affairs

In New Jersey, every state, county, and local law enforcement agency is required to establish a process for disciplining officers who commit misconduct or otherwise violate the agency's rules. Generally speaking, this disciplinary process is handled by the agency's "internal affairs" (IA) unit, which operates outside the normal chain of command and is responsible for investigating misconduct and recommending discipline to the agency's leaders.

Public approval plays a crucial role in determining a law enforcement agency's effectiveness. Law enforcement agencies must therefore provide formal procedures for the investigation of complaints as well as the administration of corrective options, such as discipline.

The establishment of such procedures instills confidence in the agency's integrity which, in-turn, engenders community support. Prevention is the primary means of reducing and controlling employee misconduct. To that end, it is the policy of the West Amwell Township Police Department to discover and correct organizational conditions which permit misconduct to occur by accepting and investigating all complaints of alleged agency or employee misconduct from any source, even an anonymous one.

The West Amwell Township Police Department accepts anonymous complaints, third-party complaints, and complaints from unaccompanied juveniles. Immigrants who seek to file complaints will NOT be asked about their immigration status.

A complaint should be filed when you witness or experience a personal encounter with any law enforcement personnel that involves criminal conduct, misconduct, abusive or discriminatory behavior, neglect of duty, corrupt activity, inappropriate conduct, or a violation of rules and regulations.

To file a complaint, click [here](#) to obtain a Citizen Complaint form and an Informational Sheet. Both of these documents have been translated into Arabic, Chinese, Haitian, Hindi, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. Complete the Citizen Complaint form. Once the form is complete, you may mail, drop off the form to the PD (150 Rocktown-Lambertville Road, Lambertville NJ 08530) or email the complaint form to watpd2621@westamwelltp.org or watpd2633@westamwelltp.org. You may also telephone the department with an anonymous complaint. Once the department receives your complaint, an Internal Affairs Officer will contact you. If you have any questions, please contact the Internal Affairs Unit at 609-397-1100.