



COCKRELL HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT COMPLAINT/COMMENDATION FORM



The Cockrell Hill Police Department takes people's concerns seriously. We believe the public is entitled to efficient, fair, and impartial service. We investigate all allegations of employee misconduct, respond to inquiries about employee actions or department policy, and document all commendations received from the public.

We investigate allegations and inquiries for these reasons:

- To protect citizens from actual misconduct by an employee.
- To protect the Department and those employees who conduct themselves appropriately.
- To identify policies and procedures that may need review or change, and to find ways to improve the quality of our service to the community.

The Government Code of the State of Texas requires that in order for a complaint against a law enforcement Officer in the State of Texas to be considered by a Chief or head of a Police Department, the complaint must be placed in writing and signed by the person making the complaint. A copy of the signed complaint must be presented to the affected Officer or employee within a reasonable amount of time after the complaint is filed and before any disciplinary action may be taken against the affected employee. In some cases, the Chief of Police could become the initiator of the complaint due to the serious nature of the allegation(s) should the complainant refuse to file the complaint in the manner mandated by statute.

There may be criminal penalties for making a complaint that is known to be false. Complaints must contain factual information. The Penal Code of the State of Texas, Sec. 37.08, states the following:

FALSE REPORT TO PEACE OFFICER OR LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEE.

(a) A person commits an offense if, with intent to deceive, he knowingly makes a false statement that is material to a criminal investigation and makes the statement to:

(1) a peace officer conducting the investigation; or

(2) any employee of a law enforcement agency that is authorized by the agency to conduct the investigation and that the actor knows is conducting the investigation.

(b) In this section, "law enforcement agency" has the meaning assigned by Article 59.01, Code of Criminal Procedure.

(c) An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.

PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR COMPLAINTS OR COMMENDATIONS:

