

INTERNAL AFFAIRS INFORMATION

- < The members of the Washington Township Police Department are committed to providing law enforcement services that are fair, effective and impartial. Should you have a concern or a complaint regarding an officer or situation, the following process is put into place so that all matters can be reviewed and handled appropriately. It is in the best interest of everyone that your complaint about the performance of an individual officer is resolved fairly and promptly. The police department has formal procedures for investigating your complaint. These procedures ensure fairness and protect the rights of both citizens and police officers. As an accredited police agency, we follow all directives and guidelines regarding Internal Affairs as is put forth by the New Jersey Attorney General and the Morris County Prosecutor's Office.
- < To file an internal Affairs Complaint, complete the Internal Affairs Complaint/Report. This can be emailed to Lt. Chris Bratus cbratus@wtpdmorris.org or mailed to Washington Twp. Police Department Internal Affairs Unit 1 East Springtown Rd. Long Valley, NJ 07853. You may also respond to police headquarters and file your complaint.
- < Your complaint will be sent to a superior officer or a specially trained internal affairs officer who will conduct a thorough and objective investigation.
- < You may be asked to help in the investigation by giving a detailed statement about what happened or providing other important information.
- < All complaints against police officers are thoroughly investigated. You will be advised in writing of the outcome of the investigation.
- < The county prosecutor reviews all complaints. If a matter is determined to be criminal, they will be the lead agency and you may be asked to testify in court. If deemed not criminal, an administrative investigation will take place within the department.
- < If our investigation results in an officer being charged with a violation of department rules, proper action will be taken by the department.
- < If our investigation shows that the complaint is unfounded or that the officer acted properly, the matter will be closed.
- < Washington Township Police conforms to the applicable Early Warning System Directives as set forth by the state and county. A copy of the departmental policy is available upon request.

It is unlawful to provide information in this matter, which you do not believe to be true.

You may call the Washington Township Police Department, Internal Affairs Officer at 908-876-3232 with any additional information or any questions about the case.