



General Information about Filing Complaints with the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)

The POST Board's authority to investigate complaints and impose discipline is limited to certain areas and taking action against an officer's license.

Local Agency: The first and best step for a member of the public to take is to file a complaint with the law enforcement agency that the officer works for. That agency will provide you with all the information you will need to make your complaint. Minnesota law requires that all law enforcement agencies have a policy on Allegations of Misconduct that outlines the acceptance, investigation and resolution of citizen complaints.

POST Board: If you believe that an officer has violated a POST Board standard of conduct, you may use this form to file a complaint with POST, in addition to filing a complaint with the agency of the officer.

After you have filed a complaint with us, our staff will review the complaint, then bring it before our Complaint Investigation Committee to determine if it falls within the POST Board's jurisdiction. If your complaint falls within the POST Board's jurisdiction, additional information will be gathered. The Board may order an investigation conducted by an outside agency.

If your complaint is determined to NOT be in POST Board jurisdiction, no further action will be taken and we will notify you. If your complaint is not in POST Board jurisdiction, we encourage you to contact the officer's agency and file a complaint with them if you have not already done so.

The following pages contain additional more detailed information regarding the jurisdiction of the POST Board that should help you determine whether or not your particular complaint falls within our authority to investigate and take action.

Additionally, we have created a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document that you can access at this link: [POST Board Complaints FAQ](#).

If you still have questions regarding the information in this complaint packet or the FAQ document or are having difficulty determining if your complaint is appropriate for POST Board action, do not hesitate to contact us at 651-643-3060 or send an email to postboard.agency.docs@state.mn.us and ask to speak with a Standards Coordinator.

You can also use the following link to view the complaints page on our website: [POST Board Complaints Page](#).

MINNESOTA BOARD OF PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING

COMPLAINT ADVISORY

The POST Board's authority to impose discipline on a peace officer's license is limited by Minnesota Statutes [626.8431](#), [626.8432](#), and [626.845](#). These statutes provide that the POST Board may take action against the license of a peace officer who has violated any of the following standards of conduct by a licensee that constitute grounds for disciplinary action:

Check the violation(s) that apply to your complaint.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Obtaining a license from the Board by fraud or cheating, or attempting to subvert the examination process.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Being convicted of a felony or gross misdemeanor in this state, or in any other state or federal jurisdiction.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Having been the subject of revocation, suspension, or surrender of a peace officer license or certificate by another jurisdiction.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failing to report the revocation, suspension, or surrender of a license or certificate by another jurisdiction.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Being convicted of a state or federal narcotic or controlled substance law.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Being adjudicated by a court in this or any other state as incapacitated, lacking the capacity to serve as a peace officer, chemically dependent, mentally ill and dangerous to the public, having a psychopathic personality, or required to register as a predatory offender.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Violating any order issued by the Board.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Practicing law enforcement duties without a license.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Making an intentional false statement or misrepresentation to the Board.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Engaging in sexual penetration or contact without consent as defined in MSS 609.341 to 609.3451; or engaging in conduct that violates MSS 617.23 (Indecent Exposure).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Being convicted of: DWI, Violation of an Order for Protection, Assault, Domestic Assault, Mistreatment of Persons Confined, Mistreatment of Residents or Patients, Criminal Sexual Conduct, Misconduct of a Public Officer or Employee, Presenting False Claims to Public Officer or Body, Medical Assistance Fraud, Theft, Receiving Stolen Property, Violation of a Restraining Order, or Failure to Report Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failing to cooperate with an investigation of the Board.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Engaging in sexual harassment as defined by MSS 363A.03, subdivision 43.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Using deadly force when not authorized by MSS 609.066.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Being convicted of solicitation, inducement or promotion of prostitution.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failing to intercede and report unlawful use of force by another officer, MSS 626.8475 (Duty to Intercede and Report).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Failing to meet licensure requirements.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chief Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) Only: Failed in his/her duties as the CLEO to implement and enforce legislatively mandated policies . Highlighted policies include: Use of Force, Avoiding Racial Profiling, Professional Conduct of Peace Officers, and Investigation of Sexual Assault.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING

COMPLAINT FORM

- If you need assistance with completing this form for any reason please contact one of our Standards Coordinators: postboard.agency.docs@state.mn.us
- We recognize that you may not have some of the information requested on this form. Please complete the sections using the information that you do have.
- If you have documents, audio or video recordings, or other supporting information to add to this complaint, contact one of our Standards Coordinators to discuss what formats POST can accept.

Agency/Agencies:	
Officer(s):	

COMPLAINANT

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Cell Phone	Alternate Phone	Email	

WITNESS *(If more than one witness, attach additional pages)*

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Cell Phone	Alternate Phone	Email	

INCIDENT

Date	Time	Location
Name(s) of Principle Officer(s) <i>(If unknown, provide a physical description)</i>		
Badge Number(s)	Squad Number(s)	
Law Enforcement Agency/Agencies	Citation or Case Number	

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



NOTICE

Private or confidential information you provide on this form, and in later communications or proceedings, will be used by POST Board staff and/or designated investigators to process and investigate your complaint. The information may also be used for statistics. You are not required to submit this form or provide all of the information requested on the form. However, if you do not provide all of the information, we may not be able to fully investigate the claim or contact you with additional questions. During the investigation we will not identify you as the complainant unless you authorize us to do so below. In some cases we will not be able to investigate your complaint if you do not authorize us to identify you.

Do you authorize the POST Board to share your name and the facts contained in your complaint with the subject of your complaint? Please check Yes or No.

YES I hereby authorize the POST Board to release my name as the complainant to the subject of the complaint and to any other person as necessary for purposes of furthering the underlying investigation. I also authorize the POST Board to release to the subject of the complaint a copy of my complaint and the facts contained therein as the department deems necessary to assist in furthering the course of the investigation.

NO I do not authorize the POST Board to release my name as the complainant, or a copy of the complaint, to the subject of the complaint. I understand that the board may not be able to investigate my complaint if the investigation will require the board to disclose information that would identify me.

Signature or Typed Signature of Complainant

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Printed Name

Date

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