

Citizen Compliment/Complaint Form

We, the Overton Police Department are committed to providing the highest quality of police services by empowering our members and the community to work in partnership with the goal of improving the quality of life within Overton, while at the same time maintaining respect for individual rights and human dignity.

Our goal is to ensure that our employees are guided by the principals that every individual has infinite dignity and worth, and that we must show respect for the citizens we serve and for the men and women of the department.

A citizen compliment or complaint, and its subsequent investigations, cause the police to examine the service that we provide to our community and to make necessary improvements in the way we provide those services.

Each complaint will be investigated and appropriate follow up actions taken. You will be informed of the results of the investigation initiated by your complaint.

If you have a complaint or you would like to compliment an employee, you can fill out this form and either mail it or drop it off to the Chief of Police or Captain. Please call (903) 834-3145 if you have any questions or need assistance filling out the form.

Any citizen can file complaints on the actions of employees of the Overton Police Department.

Thank you for taking your time to let us know how the Overton Police Department can better improve the service we provide to the community. Community policing depends on a working partnership between the police and citizens we serve. We would rather not get to know our citizens as crime victims or complainants, but when problems arise it is our goal to resolve the issue quickly, competently, and professionally.

Overton Police Department
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Overton Texas, 75684
903-834-3145

PENAL CODE

Sec. 37.02. PERJURY.

(a) A person commits an offense if, with intent to deceive and with knowledge of the statement's meaning:

(1) he makes a false statement under oath or swears to the truth of a false statement previously made and the statement is required or authorized by law to be made under oath; or

(2) he makes a false unsworn declaration under Chapter 132, Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

(b) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

Sec. 37.03. Aggravated Perjury

(a) A person commits an offense if he commits perjury as defined in Section 37.02, and the false statement:

(1) is made during or in connection with an official proceeding; and

(2) is material.

(b) An offense under this section is a felony of the third degree.

In addition, the following provisions apply to complaints against law enforcement officers:

Sec. 614.022. COMPLAINT TO BE IN WRITING AND SIGNED BY COMPLAINANT.

To be considered by the head of a state agency or by the head of a fire department or local law enforcement agency, the complaint must be:

(1) in writing; and

(2) signed by the person making the complaint.

Sec. 614.023. COPY OF COMPLAINT TO BE GIVEN TO OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE.

(a) A copy of a signed complaint against a law enforcement officer of this state or a fire fighter, detention officer, county jailer, or peace officer appointed or employed by a political subdivision of this state shall be given to the officer or employee within a reasonable time after the complaint is filed.

(b) Disciplinary action may not be taken against the officer or employee unless a copy of the signed complaint is given to the officer or employee.

(c) In addition to the requirement of Subsection (b), the officer or employee may not be indefinitely suspended or terminated from employment based on the subject matter of the complaint unless:

(1) the complaint is investigated; and

(2) there is evidence to prove the allegation of misconduct.

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To serve and Protect with Honor and Respect

For further assistance, contact the Chief of
Police at (903) 834-3145.

(Circle One)

Citizen Compliment

Citizen Complaint

Instructions:

1. Fill out form completely. Please print or type legibly.
2. Complaints alleging police misconduct must be sworn to and submitted to the Department within 30 days of the incident.
3. Submit/mail this form to the Chief of Police or the Captain.
4. You will be contacted for a follow up interview.
5. Attach additional sheets as needed.

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____ Race: _____

Home phone: _____

Work phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Location or address where incident occurred:

Date of Incident: _____

Time of Incident: _____

Incident # (if known) _____

Witness name: _____

Witness phone #(s): _____

Witness address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of officer(s) involved:

_____ ID#

_____ ID#

Describe what happened:

What did the officer(s) do?

Sworn to or affirmed as the facts by my undersigned signature:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

(Please read this form, in its entirety, prior to completion and signing)