

Cambridge Civilian Review Board

The Police Review & Advisory Board provides a prompt, impartial and fair investigation of complaints brought by individuals against members of the Cambridge Police Department. The Police Review & Advisory Board consists of five civilian residents of Cambridge who are representative of the racial composition, social composition, and economic composition of the city.

The Police Review & Advisory Board was established by Cambridge City Ordinance in 1984 to:

- Provide for citizen participation in reviewing Police Department policies, practices, and procedures;
- Develop programs and strategies to promote positive police/community relations and to provide opportunities for expanded discussions, improved understanding, and innovative ways of resolving differences.
- Provide a prompt, impartial and fair investigation of complaints brought by individuals against members of the Cambridge Police Department concerning, but not limited to
 - Excessive use of force
 - Use of discourteous or demeaning language
 - Improper stop, arrest, search and seizure
 - Inadequate investigation or improper police reports
 - Discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, sex, religion, disability, or national origin or any other criteria defined in federal and state guidelines.
 - Harassment
 - Improper police procedures
 - Improper traffic citation or towing of a car by the police