

RIDGEFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT RIDGEFIELD, NEW JERSEY

Citizen Complaint Information Sheet

The members of the Ridgefield Police Department are committed to providing law enforcement services that are fair, effective, and impartially applied. It is in the best interests 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 law enforcement officers:

- Reports or Complaints of officer/employee misconduct must be accepted from any person, including anonymous sources, at any time.
- 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 might be asked to help in the investigation by giving a detailed statement about what happened or providing other important information.
- All complaints against law enforcement officers are thoroughly investigated. You will be advised in writing of the outcome of the investigation.
- If our investigation shows that a crime might have been committed, the county prosecutor will be notified. You might be asked to testify in court.
- If our investigation results in an officer being charged with a violation of department rules, you might be asked to testify in a departmental hearing.
- If our investigation shows that the complaint is unfounded or that the officer acted properly, the matter will be closed.
- All disciplinary hearings shall be closed to the public unless the defendant officer requests an open hearing.
- You may call Detective Sergeant Joseph Malanga #141 at (201) 943-5210 EXT 5024, Detective Dante Monterosso at (201) 943-5210 EXT 5021, with any additional information or any questions about the case.