

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How was the Citizens' Police Oversight Board (CPOB) established?

The CPOB was established after the passage of issue 10 that amended the City of Akron charter by a 62% voter margin in November of 2022, following the death of Jayland Walker on June 27th, 2022. The nine-member board was seated in March 2023.

2. What is the mission/purpose of the CPOB?

The mission of the CPOB is to strive to improve police and community relations through external and independent review of local policing practices.

The Citizens' Police Oversight Board provides external and independent overview of Akron policing practices. They also oversee the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA).

3. Is the Citizens' Police Oversight Board a part of the City of Akron Police Department?

No, the CPOB is an independent and external agency empowered by the City of Akron Charter Amendment.

4. Is the office of the City of Akron Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) a part of the City of Akron Police Dept?

No, the OIPA is independent of the City of Akron Police Department. The Citizens' Police Oversight Board hires and oversees this office per the City of Akron Charter Amendment.

5. How do I file a complaint?

First, gather as much information about the incident as possible. For example: the officer's name, badge number, car number, time and place of the incident. If witnesses are available, collect statements and contact information from them. Complaints may be filed in person at, **APD 217 S. High St, Akron, OH 44308**. By emailing the Independent Police Auditor at: Officepoliceauditor@akronohio.gov and/or by calling the OIPA at **330-375-2705**. Contact the Citizens' Police Oversight Board by email at cpob@akronohio.gov.

6. What happens when I file a complaint?

The complaint is taken and once filed the investigation process begins. The complaint is forwarded to the police investigator. There is a waiting period of 30 to 90 days to determine the outcome of the complaint. Once the investigation is completed, both the auditor and complainant will get a letter of findings resulting from the investigation.

7. Can the CPOB or OIPA accept complaints from other jurisdictions outside of the City of Akron?

No, the CPOB and the OIPA can only accept complaints from City of Akron residents who are complaining against City of Akron Police.

8. Are use-of-force complaints investigated?

Yes, all use-of-force complaints are investigated.

9. Where can you access Akron Police Department policies and procedures?

You can access policies and procedures online at the APD transparency hub at: https://www.akronohio.gov/departments/police/transparency_hub.php

10. How can I get involved and/or participate in Citizens' Police Oversight Board activities?

Get involved by attending the CPOB scheduled meetings held in the City of Akron Council Chambers at 166 S. High St., 3rd Floor, Akron, OH 44308 or attending any sub-committee meeting which are announced on the CPOB webpage at: [Akron, OH \(akronohio.gov\)](http://Akron, OH (akronohio.gov)). On our webpage there's a calendar with dates and times of the scheduled CPOB meetings.