

The Bethlehem PD misconduct directive

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Police Directive Allegations of Misconduct

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PURPOSE: To provide procedures and guidelines for allegations of misconduct and internal affairs concerning the Department or any of its employees.

POLICY: It is incumbent upon every professional law enforcement organization to thoroughly investigate all complaints or allegations of misconduct brought against the Department or any of its employees. The investigative procedure must be thorough and above reproach. All complaints or allegations, whether made anonymously, phoned, mailed, email, etc. against the Department or any of its employees shall be investigated.

NOTE: This Directive is for the internal use of the Bethlehem Police Department only and does not enlarge the Department's, an officer's, or other employee's civil liability in any way. This Directive should not be construed as creating a higher duty of care, in an evidentiary sense, with respect to third party civil claims against the Department, officers, or employees. A violation of this Directive, if proven, can only form the basis of a complaint by the Department for non-judicial administrative action in accordance with Department policy and controlling legal authority.

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