

VISION STATEMENT

To be a model civilian oversight agency, focused on enhancing the culture of policing in the community through professionalism and police-community partnerships built on openness, equity, trust and accountability.

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The mission of the Civilian Investigative Panel is to provide the community with independent and impartial oversight of the City of Miami Police Department through monitoring and analysis of police practices, policies and procedures, investigation into allegations of misconduct and extensive community outreach.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

The CIP wants the community to know about civilian oversight in the City of Miami. Please contact us if you are interested in receiving outreach materials or would like to arrange a presentation for your organization or community-based group/forum.

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WHAT IS A COMPLAINT?



WHAT IS THE CIVILIAN INVESTIGATIVE PANEL?

The Civilian Investigative Panel (CIP) was formed in November 2001 by an overwhelming vote from the citizens of Miami that called for an unbiased forum for the community to file complaints alleging police misconduct.

“We are here to ensure that all members of the community have the right to file a complaint of wrongdoing against the City of Miami Police Department and trust that it will receive a fair investigation and hearing.”

The CIP is an open and public organization independent of the Miami Police Department and City Administration. We listen to the evidence, determine the facts and make recommendations based upon our findings to the City Manager and Chief of Police.

WHO IS THE CIVILIAN INVESTIGATIVE PANEL?

The CIP is comprised of 13 volunteers from the community that fairly represent the diverse culture of the citizens of Miami. Panel members review the findings from the complaint investigations on a case-by-case basis during monthly meetings held at Miami City Hall.

“These meetings are open to the public.”

AN ALLEGATION OF WRONGDOING MADE BY A PERSON IN THE COMMUNITY AGAINST AN OFFICER OF THE MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Examples:

- Excessive use of force
- Use of discourteous or demeaning language
- Improper stop, arrest or search and seizure
- Inadequate investigation
- Racial profiling
- Improper procedures
- Misuse or abuse of authority
- Negligence

WHEN TO SUBMIT A COMPLAINT?

To file a complaint you must have personal knowledge of the misconduct, either as a victim, guardian of a victim who is a minor or witness. The complaint may be filed against any sworn officer of the City of Miami Police Department.

HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT?

A complaint can be filed by completing a CIP complaint form. Forms may be obtained at the CIP Office, Miami City Hall, Neighborhood Enhancement Center (NET) Offices, City of Miami Police Department or downloaded from the CIP Website:

www.miamigov.com/cip

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact our offices and we will make arrangements to mail or fax the complaint form.

The complaint form must be submitted to the CIP office located at:

**155 South Miami Avenue, PH-1B
Miami, FL 33130
tel: 305-579-2444**

Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

The office is closed on weekends and holidays.

The complaint form may also be submitted by fax to:

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