## THE CITY OF BELLVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## FILING A COMPLIMENT OR COMPLAINT WITH THE BELLVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Most contacts between citizens and Bellville police officers are positive and professional, but complaints do arise from time to time. Confusion, different perceptions or timeliness of information can result in different accounts of the same incident. These differences need to be addressed quickly. You are entitled to efficient, fair and impartial service, and the Bellville Police Department takes you concerns seriously. We investigate all misconduct allegations and quickly respond to inquiries about employee actions or department policy.

Texas Government Code requires that all complaints against police officers be in writing and signed by the person making the complaint. Making a false complaint is a violation of the Texas Penal Code, and can result in a fine and time in jail.

Since the relationship between the community and our officers is based on confidence and trust, our effectiveness is greatest when we and the community work together to reach this goal. Your input makes a difference.

If the allegations are sustained, appropriate action will be taken. The action may involve training, verbal or written reprimand, suspension from duty or termination. You will receive a letter informing you of the findings.

You can file a compliment or complaint through email, US mail, in person or by fax.

The email address is: jsmalley@bellvillepd.org

The fax, office phone and mailing address are listed above.

Bellville Police Department Compliance with Senate Bill 1849(Racial Profiling)

This department supports the mandate prohibiting racial profiling in Texas. Our police officers work under a department policy that is consistent with all state and federal laws. The policy includes provisions for citizens to contact us if they have a complaint about a Bellville police officer.