

HOW DO I MAKE A COMMENT OR COMPLAINT AGAINST AN OFFICER ?

Often our members go beyond the call of duty to help others. To recognize outstanding service by a Rogers Police Department employee feel free to stop by or call the police department, mail in a Comment/Complaint form, or complete the form online at rogersar.gov/police

If you have concerns about police misconduct, you may notify the police department in the same manner. If you stop by the police department, an on-duty supervisor will meet with you, hear your concern and assist you with the comment form.

We take seriously the trust the community places in us, and to maintain that trust we investigate all allegations. After the investigation is complete, the Chief of Police or a staff member will contact you with the outcome. Although we prefer to have names to further legitimize a concern, we will accept an anonymous comment and will process each to its fullest extent.

Police interact with the public for many different reasons. They may think a person has committed- or has information about- a crime. Sometimes they believe that a person needs help, or they simply want to warn someone about a potentially dangerous situation. Remember, each situation is unique, and police officers must alter their response to fit the circumstances.



THE MISSION of the Rogers Police Department is to enhance the quality of life in the City of Rogers by working cooperatively with all people in our community, to enforce the law, preserve the peace, reduce the fear of crime, and provide a safe environment.

WE ARE PROUD TO SERVE the people of Rogers and we welcome your comments and concerns.

*Hayes Minor
Chief of Police*



**RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
WHEN INTERACTING WITH THE POLICE**

ROGERS POLICE DEPARTMENT

1905 S. Dixieland Road
Rogers, Arkansas 72758
(corner of S. Dixieland and New Hope Roads)

PHONE:
(479) 621-1172

NON-EMERGENCY:
(479) 636-4141

TIP LINE:
(479) 986-3699

WHEN CAN AN OFFICER STOP YOU ?

Under Arkansas State law, police officers have the right to stop and question you if they have reason to suspect that you have committed, are committing, or are about to commit a crime. There are also many circumstances when the police can ask you general questions, such as your name, as long as they can give you a reason why they are asking the question. If police officers reasonably suspect that you are carrying a weapon, they have the right to pat down your clothing to look for it. Police officers may stop your car if:

- You have committed a traffic violation, or
- if they reasonably suspect you have committed, are committing, or are about to commit a crime, or
- at a DWI or safety checkpoint.

Police officers are not permitted to use race, religion, or ethnicity as the only reason for taking police action.

WHAT SHOULD A POLICE OFFICER DO IF HE OR SHE STOPS YOU ?

- Explain why you are being stopped
- Give you their name and badge number upon request
- Be courteous and respectful

If you are stopped, police are entitled to ask your name, address, telephone number, and other identifying information without telling you what your rights are.

HOW SHOULD YOU BEHAVE WHEN INTERACTING WITH THE POLICE ?

- Remain calm
- Keep your hands visible
- Be courteous and respectful
- Do not physically resist arrest, even if you think the police are wrong



IF YOU ARE STOPPED IN YOUR CAR...

If asked,

- show your driver's license
- proof of insurance
- vehicle registration

WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS WHEN YOU ARE ARRESTED BY THE POLICE ?

You have the right to remain silent.

If you decide to speak with the police anything you say can be used against you in court..

You have the right to talk to an attorney before you answer any questions.

If you can not afford an attorney, the government will provide one for you.

These rights belong to non-citizens as well as citizens

IF THE POLICE WANT TO SEARCH YOUR HOME, BUSINESS, OR VEHICLE...

Generally, the police require a search warrant. However, there are exceptions (e.g. when an emergency exists or when a person gives consent to search). A search warrant is a legal document signed by a judge that authorizes the police to enter a particular home, business, or vehicle to search for specific evidence as part of a criminal investigation.

When executing a search warrant, the police must announce their authority and purpose, unless the warrant expressly authorizes entry without notice.

IF YOU ARE A CRIME VICTIM OR WITNESS...

In case of an emergency, you can dial 9-1-1 to get assistance from the police. Language interpreters are available 24 hours a day.

Call the Police Department NON-emergency line
(479) 636-4141

to make complaints about:

- loud noise
- disorderly conduct
- graffiti
- other quality of life crimes
- crimes that are not in progress
- Domestic Violence

You can make complaints in person at the police department. You are encouraged to cooperate with all police inquiries.



The police will not normally ask you about your immigration status if you are calling them for help.

The police will not normally ask you about your immigration status if you have been a victim of a crime or if you have witnessed a crime being committed.

If you are being investigated for illegal activity, you may be asked about your immigration status if it is relevant to the crime being investigated. The police are interested in keeping citizens' safe, protecting property, and providing assistance to crime victims. Generally, the police are not interested if you are an undocumented alien; your status as a victim of a crime is more important.