



Fact Sheet

Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB) Jurisdiction: Atlanta police and corrections officers



- Fact 1** Subpoena Power since 2010
- Fact 2** Created 2007 after 92-year-old Kathryn Johnston was killed by Atlanta police officers during an illegal “no knock” warrant. Agency Highlights: **Independent, Transparent, and Fair**
- Fact 3** Composition: 15 **citizen Board members** and **14 staff**, including **4 investigators**
- Fact 4** Core Functions: **Investigations, Mediations, Community Engagement**
- Fact 5** **Type of Complaints the Agency can Investigate:**
 - (1) abusive language
 - (2) false arrest
 - (3) false imprisonment
 - (4) harassment
 - (5) use of excessive force
 - (6) serious bodily injury
 - (7) death by police or corrections officer
 - (8) a wide range of discrimination
 - (9) discriminatory references
 - (10) abuse of authority
 - (11) an officer's conduct
 - (12) retaliation
 - (13) failure to provide identification
 - (14) violations of APD & ACD Standard Operating Procedures (APD & ACD SOPs)
- Fact 6** **Powers:**
 - advise the mayor, the president of city council, city council members and the chief of police and the chief of corrections on policies and actions of the police and corrections departments
 - Meet with Chiefs of Atlanta police and corrections officers or designees
 - Receive, investigate, mediate, & adjudicate citizen complaints
 - Hold public hearings
 - Select appropriate individual incidents to review and broader issues to study
 - Review specific complaints or incidents of misconduct against individual police officers; including those involving language related to race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability
 - Issue public reports
 - Initiate studies upon request to the board by any member of the public or the police department and the department of corrections, or at the board's own discretion.
 - Full access to relevant police department and corrections personnel for interview and relevant documents and records
 - Subpoena power
 - Power to recommend that the chiefs of police and corrections take certain actions (such as changes in training, policies, preservation of records, and in counseling available to officers) or specific actions directed at individual officers (including, but not limited to, hiring, firing, promotion, demotion, punishment, or commendation)
 - Accept anonymous complaints
 - Accept use of force complaints involving serious bodily injury or death without signature
- Fact 7** **Outreach:** ACRB participates in over 100 community events a year. It regularly conducts Know Your Rights trainings throughout the community.
- Fact 8** **Citizen Engagement:** ACRB provides volunteer opportunities, conducts surveys, focus groups, trainings and participates in panels and discussions.
- Fact 9** **Meetings:** Board meets the second Thursday of every month in City Hall. We hold three meetings at community locations every year.
- Fact 10** **Contact:**
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