



CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORM **Marfa Police Department**

A Message from the Department:

The Marfa Police department is a Citizen dedicated law enforcement agency. The core values of integrity and professionalism define our character and guide our interactions. We operate on the principle that all persons we deal with deserve to be treated equally and fairly. Therefore, we welcome both criticism and praise and take it seriously. The men and women of the Marfa Police Department work hard each day on behalf of all Citizens by enforcing our State's laws and City Ordinances. Marfa Police Department is committed to protecting our community and crime victims. Recognizing our responsibility as public servants to maintain order while affording dignity and respect to every individual, our objective is to improve the quality of life through a community partnership that promotes safe, secure neighborhoods. The Marfa Police Department values people, leadership, service, performance, respect, and mutual understanding. The Texas Government Code (see Section 614.022 below) requires our agency to accept signed, notarized statements (originals) only. All signed complaints are reviewed at the executive level. If you wish to be contacted and/or notified of the status of your complaint, you may call 432-729-1841.

We value your input. Thank you for taking the time to help us serve you better.

Marfa Police Department

GOVERNMENT CODE

Chapter 614. PEACE OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS

Subchapter B. COMPLAINT AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR FIRE FIGHTER

Sec. 614.021. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), this subchapter applies only to a complaint against: (1) a law enforcement officer of the State of Texas, including an officer of the Department of Public Safety or of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission; (3) a peace officer under Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, or other law enforcement officer who is appointed or employed by a political subdivision of this state; ...

Sec. 614.022. COMPLAINT TO BE IN WRITING AND SIGNED BY COMPLAINANT. To be considered by the head of a state agency or by the head of a fire department or local law enforcement agency, the complaint must be: (1) in writing; and (2) signed by the person making the complaint.

Complainant Information

To file a complaint against a peace officer of the Marfa Police Department, please provide all the information requested on this form. Briefly describe the incident involving you and the officer. The Marfa Police Chief or his designee will review the completed form. To ensure a fair and thorough investigation, additional information may be required. Also, it may be necessary to speak with you directly about this matter. NOTE: By law, this form must be notarized.

Your Name

Date

Address

City / State

Zip Code

Date of Birth

Sex

Driver's License No. & State

Phone: Home

Work

Cell

Email Address

Provide as much information as you can about the circumstances of your complaint.

Incident and Officer Information

Date of Incident

Time of Incident

Location

Officer's Name

Officer's Badge No. & Rank

Witness Information

Your Name

Date

Address

City / State

Zip Code

Date of Birth

Sex

Driver's License No. & State

Phone: Home

Work

Cell

Email Address

Office Use Only:

Date/Time Received: _____ Initials: _____

IMPORTANT – Please read the following statement:

Texas Penal Code Title 8, Sec. 37.02. PERJURY.

(a) A person commits an offense if, with intent to deceive and with knowledge of the statement's meaning:

(1) he (she) makes a false statement under oath or swears to the truth of a false statement previously made and the statement is required or authorized by law to be made under oath;

(b) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

Describe the incident and the nature of your complaint below.

[Empty rectangular box for additional text or signatures]

Use an additional page(s), if necessary.

Affiant

Subscribed and sworn before me by _____
on this _____ day of, _____ 20 _____.

Notary Public for the State of Texas

Mail this form to:
Marfa Police Department
P.O. Box 787
Marfa, Tx 79843

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