

St. Mary's County

Police Accountability Board & Administrative Charging Committee

Legislation & Authority:

Public Safety Article § 3-102
Public Safety Article § 3-104
Public Safety Article § 3-106
St. Mary's County Resolution 2022-15

Police Accountability Board

5—9 members: all appointed by Commissioners of St. Mary's County

Following receipt of complaint of police misconduct, forwards complain to appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation

Other Duties:

- Reviews ACC determinations
- Annually reports state of local law enforcement relations to CSMC
- Appoints ACC / Trial Board members

Administrative Charging Committee 5 members: 2 appointed by Commissioners of St. Mary's County, 2 by PAB

Once investigation completed by law enforcement agency, ACC reviews file and recommends whether or not officer should be administratively charged

IF CHARGED:

Officer accepts offered discipline

Officer
appeals to
Trial Board

Law enforcement may offer stricter discipline than recommended by ACC, but not less

Trial Board

3 members: 1 circuit court, district court, or administrative law judge; 1 civilian appointed by PAB; 1 officer of equal rank appointed by local law enforcement agency

Trial Board presides over appeal of decision to administratively charge/ recommended discipline. Except as required by law, hearing shall be open to public.

If charging/discipline is upheld by Trial Board, officer may appeal to Circuit Court within 30 days