



# Atlanta Citizen Review Board



The Atlanta Citizen Review Board is an independent investigative agency of the city of Atlanta. The agency is authorized to receive, investigate, mediate, and adjudicate citizen complaints against Atlanta police and corrections officers. The ACRB also conducts community engagement and education related to issues and concerns involving interactions with law enforcement. As the community's voice for the transparency of officer accountability, the board and staff are committed to fairness and respect for all.



# 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 raid. 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** Authority to investigate:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) abusive language</li> <li>(2) false arrest</li> <li>(3) false imprisonment</li> <li>(4) harassment</li> <li>(5) use of excessive force</li> <li>(6) serious bodily injury</li> <li>(7) death by police or corrections officer</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(8) a wide range of discrimination</li> <li>(9) discriminatory references</li> <li>(10) abuse of authority</li> <li>(11) an officer's conduct</li> <li>(12) retaliation</li> <li>(13) failure to provide identification</li> <li>(14) violations of APD &amp; ACD Standard Operating Procedures (APD &amp; ACD SOPs)</li> </ul> |
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**Fact 6** Powers:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 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</li> <li>➤ Meet with Chiefs of Atlanta police and corrections officers or designees</li> <li>➤ Receive, investigate, mediate, &amp; adjudicate citizen complaints</li> <li>➤ Hold public hearings</li> <li>➤ Select appropriate individual incidents to review and broader issues to study</li> <li>➤ 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</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 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.</li> <li>➤ Full access to relevant police department and corrections personnel for interview and relevant documents and records</li> <li>➤ Subpoena power</li> <li>➤ 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)</li> <li>➤ Accept anonymous complaints</li> <li>➤ Accept use of force complaints involving serious bodily injury or death without signature</li> <li>➤ Issue public reports</li> </ul> |
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**Fact 7** Outreach: ACRB conducts an aggressive awareness program with participation in over 100 community events a year.

**Fact 8** Citizen Engagement: ACRB is accessible whether in your community or in its office. It provides volunteer opportunities; conducts surveys, focus groups, trainings; and participates in numerous meetings, discussions, and interviews. Your voice matters!

**Fact 9** Meetings: Board meets the second Thursday of every month in City Hall. We hold three meetings at community locations every year. You are always welcome to attend a meeting!

**Fact 10**

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