

The Boulder Police Department - Professional Standards Review Panel



(Boulder Police Department – 2015 Professional Standards Review Panel members)

Professional Standards Review Panel – Information & Requirements

The Boulder Police Department established the Police Professional Standards Review Panel in 1993 to review investigations into allegations of serious misconduct filed against members of the police department. The 12-member panel includes both police employees and members of the public.

The panel has the authority to provide input and recommendations to the Chief of Police on the following issues:

1. Was the investigation conducted fairly, completely and reported accurately?
2. Based on the material contained in the case file, what is the panel's recommended disposition?

The police chief appoints six members of the panel from the department, and those members include both commissioned and non-commissioned staff. The city manager appoints six community members. All panel members must be willing to serve a minimum of a two-year term.

The Boulder Police Department issues a media release when there are open community positions on the panel. Applicants must be able to meet three objectives:

- To maintain the integrity of the department by reviewing complaints of member misconduct.
- To protect the community from member misconduct.
- To protect department members from false or malicious allegations.

Applicants must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- Resident of the city of Boulder for the past three years
- 21 years of age or older
- No felony convictions
- No misdemeanor convictions during the past five years
- Must be willing to submit to a criminal history check
- Qualified applicants who reflect Boulder's diversity are encouraged to apply
- Qualified CU community members are encouraged to apply

Time requirements are based on the number of investigations that need to be reviewed. All applicants must attend a nine-hour training course upon selection to the panel. Training topics include Introduction, Values, Philosophies, Ethics, Professional Standards/Discipline Process; Use of Force General Order; Legal Issues; Taser Overview; Defensive Tactics; Officer Safety/Survival; Firearms Training and Use of Deadly Force; Tour of the Department.