

Missoula Police Commission Hearing Process and Agenda

The Missoula Police Commission has scheduled a hearing regarding a complaint (#XXXXXX) by XXXX XXXXX against officers XXXXX and XXXX of the Missoula Police Department (MPD). The hearing will take place at XX PM on XXXX, 2025 in the Jack Reidy Conference Room (140 W. Pine, Missoula). In keeping with the legal guidance provided by the City Attorney's Office, this hearing is closed to the public.

This is a commission hearing, not a trial. The hearing will focus exclusively on the narrow question of whether or not the complaints filed against the MPD officers were properly investigated and whether, in the opinion of the Missoula Police Commission, the MPD officers' actions and the disposition of the complaints were appropriate. It is not the purpose of this hearing to determine anyone's guilt or innocence of any offense or the validity of the laws associated with the incident under review.

The commission's findings are not binding on the MPD. The Missoula Police Commission is an advisory group that answers only to the Mayor of the City of Missoula.

Dan Doyle, the Chair of the Missoula Police Commission will preside over the hearing, consulting with the other two commissioners as necessary.

The agenda for the hearing will be as follows:

1. All present will be introduced.
2. The presider will give a short explanation regarding the role of the Police Commission and how the process will work and address any questions about that process.
3. The complainant will be given 25 largely uninterrupted minutes to present his side. The presider reserves the right to interrupt if the presentation by the complainant goes off topic.
4. The Missoula Police Department representative will be given the same amount of time to present its side. Again, the presider will have the right to interrupt if the presentation goes off topic. While either side can raise questions during its presentation, neither the complainant nor the MPD representative will be allowed to cross examine the other side.
5. The complainant then will be given 10 minutes to rebut the presentation by the MPD and address any questions raised by the MPD, if the complainant wishes to do so.
6. If the complainant rebuts, the MPD will be given 10 minutes to reply to that rebuttal and address any questions raised by the complainant, if they wish to do so.
7. Commissioners will have the opportunity to ask questions of either side.
8. Everyone except the commissioners will leave the room so that the commissioners can deliberate privately.
9. Both parties (and the mayor) will be notified of the commission's findings via email or regular mail, depending on their preference.