

Citizen Review Panel Authority

Project Engagement

To what extent do you agree that a Citizen Review Panel for Virginia Beach should have the authority to.....

Conduct independent investigations of police officers.	28% Strongly agree	18% Agree	16% Disagree	38% Strongly Disagree
Subpoena citizens to testify at a hearing.	22% Strongly agree	21% Agree	17% Disagree	40% Strongly Disagree
Subpoena records (written, electronic) from citizens.	22% Strongly agree	20% Agree	16% Disagree	41% Strongly Disagree
Recommend discipline of officers.	23% Strongly agree	19% Agree	13% Disagree	45% Strongly Disagree
Conduct independent investigations of all police employees, both sworn and civilian.	25% Strongly agree	16% Agree	16% Disagree	44% Strongly Disagree

1,949 responses

The current Investigation Review Panel is a volunteer board that reviews investigations completed by Internal Affairs. As such, it receives staff support but has no dedicated budget. To what extent would you support allocating funding of up to \$1 million to provide and cover operating expenses for a CRP to independently investigate allegations of police misconduct or uses of deadly force?

What is your age?

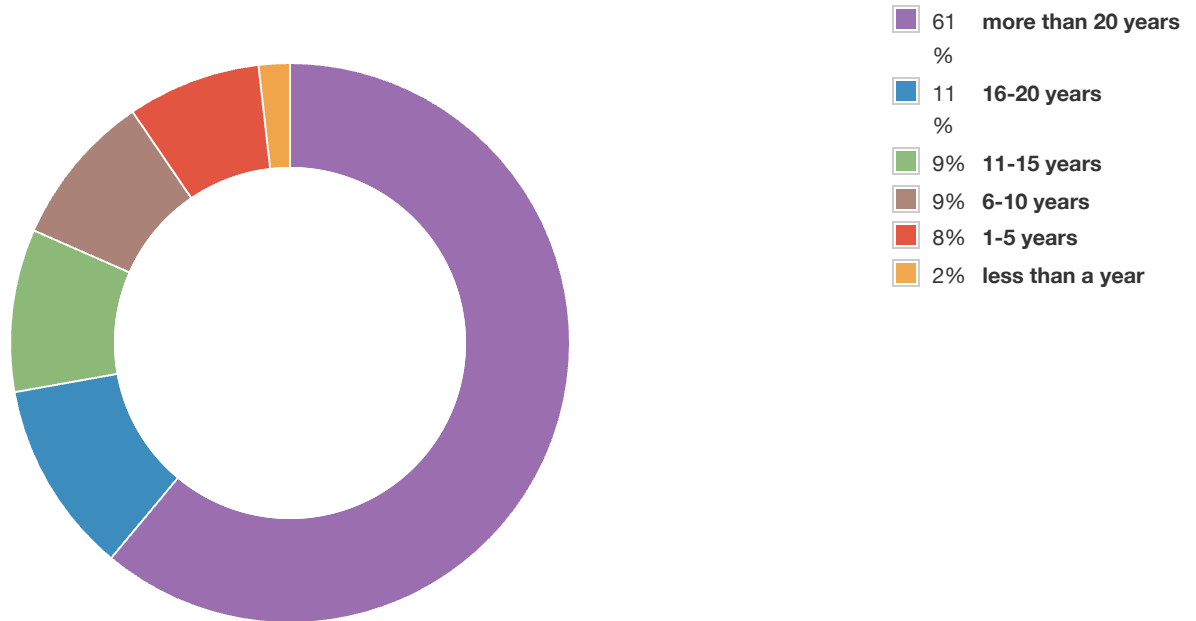
What is your race/ethnicity?

What is your gender?

What is your highest formal education level?

What is the zip code where you live?

How long have you lived in Virginia Beach?



1,776 respondents

Should the Citizen Review Board have independent investigatory authority?

The current IRP reviews and critiques completed Internal Affairs investigations and can recommend further investigation be conducted if the investigation is believed to be incomplete, but it has no authority or staff to conduct independent investigations.

An officer accused of a crime or who uses deadly force under their law enforcement authority is subjected to three separate mandatory investigations: a criminal investigation, an independent investigation by the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, and an Internal Affairs investigation. A federal agency or a civil lawsuit could result in additional investigations. Complainants and witnesses participate in each of these investigations.

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To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement: A citizen review panel should have the authority to apply for a subpoena to compel evidence production by a citizen complainant or witness to produce evidence.

City employees are compelled to cooperate with the current IRP or any other civilian review panel. Therefore, no subpoena is required or necessary. Similarly, because the Police Department is required to provide the complete Internal Affairs investigative file to the panel, no subpoena authority is needed to access relevant information from the Police Department or employees.

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