

(9) "Examining Authority" shall mean the Civil Service Commission of Baltimore.

16-41.

(a) In this subheading the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) (1) "Abusive language" means harsh, violent, profane, or derogatory language which would demean the dignity of an individual.

(2) "Abusive language" includes profanity and racial, ethnic, or sexist slurs.

(c) (1) "Excessive force" means the use of greater physical force than reasonably necessary to repel an attacker or terminate resistance.

(2) "Excessive force" does not include force that is reasonably necessary to effect a lawful purpose.

(d) "Harassment" means:

(1) repeated, unwarranted verbal or physical annoyances; or

(2) unwarranted threats or unwarranted demands.

(E) "LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT" MEANS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE CITY, THE BALTIMORE CITY SCHOOL POLICE, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY POLICE, AND THE BALTIMORE CITY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

(F) "POLICE OFFICER" MEANS A MEMBER OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT AUTHORIZED TO MAKE ARRESTS.

16-42.

(a) The Civilian Review Board of Baltimore City is established to provide a permanent, statutory agency in Baltimore City through which:

(1) complaints lodged by members of the public regarding abusive language, harassment, or excessive force by police officers of [the Department] A LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT shall be processed, investigated under § 16-46 of this subheading, and evaluated; and

(2) [Department] policies OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT may be reviewed.

(b) Jurisdiction of the Board shall extend only to complaints against police officers with respect to abusive language, harassment, and use of excessive force as defined in § 16-41 of this subheading and by [Department] THE LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT'S rules and regulations.

(c) [The Department] A LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT shall place posters in all [police] LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT stations and elsewhere throughout the City to explain the procedure for filing a complaint.