

Police Accountability

Question: How are Kingston police forces held accountable to civil authority?

Tentative Answer: I think accountability requires both good legislation & active citizens.

Definitions: by accountability, I mean that police wrongdoers are brought to justice. Police forces include public & private uniformed security, but I'm only concerned with paid municipal (KPF). Civil authority includes municipal & provincial governments (I think).

Outline:

1. Legislation: what laws are applicable, and what do they say?
2. Oversight: who watches the guardians? Who chooses the watchers?
3. Complaints: How are they raised? How are they addressed?

Sources: Primary sources are legislation & public guides or instructions. I also hope to visit a municipal police board.

Relevance: My target audience is soldiers who might run afoul of the law.