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Public Safety

Accident

If you were involved in a minor accident (yesterday, last week, last month) and never called the police you can still file a "Self-Reporting Accident Report" found under forms.

Alzheimer's Registration

From time to time, our officers are called upon to assist a lost senior citizen or dependent adult. Often, these individuals are disoriented and unable to remember their names or where they live. They sometimes experience a long wait while the officers attempt to identify and return them to where they belong. The Alzheimer's registration program may help to provide your family with a little piece of mind.

The Alzheimer's Alert Program is an entirely voluntary program. To register a senior or dependent adult, please complete and mail the Alzheimer's Alert form, found under Forms to the Cumberland Police Department. Please attach a current photograph to the form.

Bicycle Safety – Wear Your Helmet!

Any person fifteen (15) years of age or younger who is operating or who is a passenger on a bicycle or who is using or operating a skateboard, roller skates, scooter or inline skates on a public highway, bicycle trail or path, shared use path, park and/or recreational area, school property or on any other public right of way shall wear a helmet.

Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction except where official traffic control devices (signs or pavement markings) specifically direct bicyclists to do otherwise.

A person propelling a vehicle by human power or operating an electric personal assistive mobility device ("EPAMD") upon and along a sidewalk, or across a roadway upon and along a crosswalk, shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances; provided, however, that a person riding an electric personal assistive mobility device ("EPAMD") on a sidewalk or a bicycle path or trail shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians or give an audible signal before overtaking any passing pedestrian.



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No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed or equipped, except when transporting a child six (6) years of age or younger in a rear-mounted bicycle carrier and/or trailer that meets mandatory and various industry standard specifications as developed by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).

Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two (2) abreast except on bicycle trails or paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. Persons riding two (2) abreast shall not unduly impede traffic and, on a laned roadway, shall ride within a single lane.

Harassing Phone Calls

If you are receiving harassing phone calls, please follow these instructions.

- 1) After receiving a phone call, hang-up, then pick up the phone – listen for the dial tone and press *57
- 2) Stay on the line and the data will be recorded by the Annoyance Call Bureau
- 3) You will be directed to call 1-800-332-6963 for further instructions
- 4) You will be given a Cumberland Police Incident number
- 5) **This procedure must be followed or data will not be recorded by the Annoyance Call Bureau**

Call Trace or *57 will only trace the last call received. The Annoyance Call Bureau will keep a file for 30 days.

You must instruct the Annoyance Call Bureau to forward information to the Police for follow-up investigations. The trace data will not be given to the complainant.

A fee of \$3.25 will be billed by the phone company for each call that is successfully traced.

Homeland Security - Report Suspicious Activity

Prompt and detailed reporting of suspicious activities can help prevent violent crimes or terrorist attacks. If you see suspicious activity, please report it to your local police department. Local law enforcement officers can respond quickly. Once they assess the situation, they can obtain additional support.

Citizens should always call local law enforcement. If you see something suspicious, please call local law enforcement 401-333-2500.

If there is a life threatening emergency, please call 911.



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When reporting suspicious activity, it is helpful to give the most accurate description possible, including:

- Brief description of the activity
- Date, time and location of the activity
- Physical identifiers of anyone you observed
- Descriptions of vehicles
- Information about where people involved in suspicious activities may have gone
- Your name and contact information (optional)

For more information please click [here](#) for the Department Homeland Security.

Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when a criminal uses another person's personal information to take on that person's identity. Identity theft is much more than misuse of a Social Security number-it can also include credit card and mail fraud.

What to do if you become a victim of Identity Theft or Identity Fraud?

The short answer is that identity theft is a crime. Identity theft and identity fraud are terms used to refer to all types of crime in which someone wrongfully obtains and uses another person's personal data in some way that involves fraud or deception, typically for economic gain.

To victims of identity theft and fraud, the task of correcting incorrect information about their financial or personal status, and trying to restore their good names and reputations, may seem as daunting as trying to solve a puzzle in which some of the pieces are missing and other pieces no longer fit as they once did. Unfortunately, the damage that criminals do in stealing another person's identity and using it to commit fraud often takes far longer to undo than it took the criminal to commit the crimes.

A number of government and private organizations have information about various aspects of identity theft and fraud: how it can occur, what you can do about it, and how to guard your privacy. To help you learn more about the problem and its solutions, we've attached a list of Web sites that you might find interesting and informative on identity theft and related topics.



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Equifax

PO Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374-0241

Phone: (800) 525-6285

Experian

PO Box 9701, Allen, TX 75013-0949

Phone: (888) 397-3742

TransUnion

PO Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92834

Phone: (800) 680-7289

Click [here](#) for the FBI – Internet Crime Complaint Center.

Registered Sex Offenders

Sex offenders have always lived in our communities, although it was not until the passage of R.I. General Laws 11-37.1-1 et seq., also known as the Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification Act, law enforcement were even aware of where they lived. In cases involving those offenders considered by the Sex Offender Board of Review to be Level II or Level III offenders, the Act authorizes law enforcement to share certain information with the community. Level I offenders are not subject to community notification. It is the belief that the notification will enhance public safety and protection. The Cumberland Police Department has no legal authority to direct where an offender may or may not live. Unless court ordered or statutory restrictions apply to the offender, they are constitutionally free to live wherever they so choose.

Individuals reflected in the notification have been convicted of a sex offense which requires registration with law enforcement pursuant to RI General Laws 11-37.1-1 et seq. The offender has served the sentence imposed by the courts and resides in the area indicated on his or her notification. The offender is NOT WANTED by the police, unless otherwise notated. The notification is not intended to increase fear. It is the belief of law enforcement that an informed public is a safer public.

Please understand that abuse of this information to threaten, intimidate or harass registered offenders will not be tolerated, and may be a crime. Furthermore, abuse could potentially end law enforcement's ability to perform community notifications. We believe that if community notification ends because of community harassment, the only person who will prevail is the offender.



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The Cumberland Police Department has the ability to help the community by providing useful information for personal safety. If you have information regarding current criminal activity of any registered sex offender call the Cumberland Police Department at (401) 333-2500.

To view Level II and Level III sex offenders registered with the Town of Cumberland, please click [here](#) for the State of Rhode Island Parole Board and Sex Offender Community Notification .

Victim Services

If you have been a victim of a crime, we strongly encourage you to report it. We understand that fear and confusion can often be experienced and that coming forward can be difficult. Fortunately, there are many resources available that can assist you deal with your experience.

Rhode Island Domestic Violence Services

Domestic Violence Training & Monitoring Unit*
401-729-4480

RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence*
401-467-9940

Domestic Violence Confidential 24 Hr Assistance
800-494-8100

Sexual Assault & Trauma Resource Center
401-421-4100

Child Abuse and Elder Abuse Reporting

Rhode Island Child Abuse Hotline (24 Hr)
800-RI-CHILD

National Child Abuse Hotline (24 Hr)
800-422-4453

Department of Elderly Affairs
401-462-3000



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Mediation, Legal Aid and Referral Services

RICADV Court Advocacy Program*

401-467-9940

Providence Restraining Order Project*

401-458-3372

Wakefield Restraining Order Project*

401-782-4174

RI Legal Services

401-274-2652

RI Domestic Violence Resource Centers / Shelters and Advocacy Programs

Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center)*

401-723-3057

Elizabeth Buffum Chace House*

401-738-1700

Sojourner House*

401-861-6191

401-658-4334

401-765-3232

Women's Center of Rhode Island*

401-861-2760

Please Note:

*** These agencies DO NOT use Caller ID. Returned calls are always BLOCKED for your protection.**