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Online Police Reporting Now Available

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA . . . The Prince William County Police Department has added a new online crime/incident reporting capability to its website: www.pwcgov.org/police. This online police reporting system provides a convenient option for the public to file reports for certain types of non-emergency incidents that occurred within the Prince William County Police Department's jurisdiction.

"The implementation of online crime reporting by victims is a significant step in efficiency for the Police Department and for the public," said Police Chief Charlie T. Deane. "The new system enables individuals to save time reporting certain types of crimes and reduces administrative duties for the police officers, allowing them more time for investigations and other duties."

He added that the public will now have more flexibility in reporting certain types of crimes. "We are pleased to implement this enhancement of service," Chief Deane said.

Is online reporting right for you? It is if:

- The crime/incident you're reporting is not an emergency (for emergencies, please call 9-1-1).
- The crime/incident occurred in Prince William County (e.g., not City of Manassas or City of Manassas Park).
- You do not know who committed the crime/incident (e.g., there are no known suspects).
- You are 18 years old, or older.
- You have an e-mail address where information can be sent to you.

What types of crimes/incidents can you report online?

- Harassing Calls, Texts & E-mails: defined as unwanted phone calls, text messages or e-mails of an annoying or harassing nature.
- Hit & Run: defined as your vehicle or property is struck by a vehicle, causing damage with no personal injury.
- Larceny / Theft: defined as your property is taken without your permission (you cannot use this online system to report stolen firearms or prescription drug offenses).
- Larceny / Theft from Auto: defined as property is stolen from within, or off of, a motor vehicle.
- Lost Property: defined as property unintentionally left behind, or property lost at an unknown time and/or location.

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What types of crimes/incidents can you report online? (continued)

- Vandalism: defined as the act of changing, defacing, or damaging public or private property.
- Vandalism to Auto: defined as a motor vehicle is damaged or defaced.
- Supplement to a Report Already Filed: defined as you have additional information to add to a report previously filed online, over the telephone, or to a police officer (you must have a case number and officer's name in order to supplement an existing report).

Upon completing the online report, you will receive an e-mail notification that your report has been submitted. This e-mail includes a temporary report number and a copy of the temporary police report to print and to keep for your records. ***Please use the system responsibly. Filing a false police report is a Class 1 misdemeanor, punishable by confinement in jail for not more than 12 months, or a fine of not more than \$2,500, or both.***

All cases filed using the Online Police Reporting System will be reviewed. Upon review, if more information regarding your case is needed, you may be contacted by the Police Department. A final confirmation with a permanent report number will be e-mailed to you. To avoid having your notification rejected as "spam" or junk mail, please add VaPrinceWilliamCountyPd@coplogic.com to your e-mail contacts list.

For additional information regarding this program, please contact Ms. Gretchen L. Kirsch, Telephone & Online Reporting Unit Supervisor at 703-792-6560 or Captain James L. Carr, Administrative Services Bureau Commander at 703-792-6578.

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