## HOW TO OBTAIN A POLICE REPORT

## PDCS-8100i

Under the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL), you may request a copy of your police report from the Suffolk County Police Department. If you did not receive a police report at the time of your incident, there are a number of ways for you to apply for police reports under FOIL. The following information provides guidelines and detailed explanations:

| Obtaining Crash Reports from GetCrashReports.com |  |  |  |  |  |
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| ONLINE   | The Suffolk County Police Department has entered into a partnership with <b>GetCrashReports.com</b> to provide crash reports online for purchase 7 days after a crash occurs. To purchase a crash report (except for fatal crashes and those under investigation), go to |  |  |  |  |
| Crash  | GetCrashReports.com and locate a report as follows:  |  |  |  |  |
| Reports  | Click on State of New York;  |  |  |  |  |
| Only   | • Enter Search Values in Box B: (Report number, person name or license number) and/or;   |  |  |  |  |
|  | Enter optional Date Range in Box C;  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Click on Next Step button;   |  |  |  |  |
|  | <ul> <li>Click the Add to Cart check box for the desired report and click the Next Step button;</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |  |
|  | • Fill in the credit card information and click the Place Order Now button;  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Click Download Crash Report button to view your report   |  |  |  |  |

| Obtaining Police Reports from Central Records Section   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| All FOIL Police Reports requested from the Central Records Section, regardless of how the request was initiated, will be forwarded to the requestor by U.S. Postal Service mail.<br>Records obtained from Central Records will require a FOIL fee of \$.25 per page plus postage. A bill will be enclosed with your report. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. ONLINE<br>Non- Crash   | Requests for reports, other than Crash reports, can be submitted via the Internet by going to our website at www.suffolkpd.org and clicking on the "Request A Report" icon on the homepage.  |  |  |  |  |
|   | If you have internet access, you may download our form, <b>Application for Public Access to Records,</b> via our website at:<br>www.suffolkpd.org.<br>Click on Forms and Reports; Under Central Records Forms & Requests, click on FOIL PDCS-5414. This form can be completed<br>online; however, it cannot be saved or submitted electronically - <u>it must be printed and mailed to the SCPD Central Records Section.</u> |  |  |  |  |
| 2. BY MAIL<br>All<br>Reports  | Mail your request & include a SELF<br>ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE to:<br>Suffolk County Police Department<br>Central Records Section<br>30 Yaphank Avenue<br>Yaphank, NY 11980-9705   |  | Your request should include the following information:         A. Your Name and Address       D. Name of Complainant         B. Date of Incident or Crash       E. Central Complaint Number, if known         C. Location of Incident or Crash       F. Type of Incident         *G. If Crash, Names(s) of Vehicle Operator(s) |  |  |
|   | * NOTE: Crash reports (certified copies):<br>In order to avoid additional postage costs, you may enclose a check or money order made payable to the Suffolk County<br>Police Department in the amount of \$1.00. In the event that there are additional fees associated with your request, a bill will<br>be enclosed with your report. It will take approximately 6-8 weeks to receive your certified copy.                 |  |  |  |  |
| 3. IN PERSON  | Requests may be completed and dropped off at the business counter of Central Records, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.<br>Requests are not processed at the counter– they will be returned via U.S. mail - as soon as possible ( <i>with the exception of Crash Reports and non-criminal Field Reports (PDCS-1053), which are provided at the counter</i> ).  |  |  |  |  |
| Reports   | Requests for Crash Reports (certified copies) for crashes that occurred during the past 18 months are available to be picked up at Central Records, Monday through Friday, 9am - 3:45 pm.<br>Please allow <b>7-10</b> business days from the date of the crash for the report to reach Central Records.  |  |  |  |  |
| DIRECTIONS TO SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, CENTRAL RECORDS SECTION   |  |  |  |  |  |
| FROM<br>L.I.E.:   | EASTBOUND:<br>WESTBOUND:   | Exit 67 (CR 21 -Yaphank Ave.) Right turn on Yaphank Ave. (CR 21) -South ½ mile, first right turn after railroad crossing bridge.<br>Exit 67 (CR 21 -Yaphank Ave.) Left turn at traffic light at Yaphank Ave. (CR 21) South ½ mile, first right turn after railroad crossing bridge.<br>bridge. |  |  |  |
| FROM<br>SUNRISE HIGHWAY   | <ul> <li>EASTBOUND: Rt. 27 to Horseblock Rd. Exit 57N. ¼ mile to Yaphank Ave. (CR 21) North 1 ½ miles to Headquarters.</li> <li>AY: WESTBOUND: Rt. 27 to Horseblock Rd exit. Left on Service Rd. to Stop Sign. Right on Horseblock Rd. A short distance to Yaphank Ave. (CR 21) North 1 ½ miles to Headquarters.</li> </ul>  |  |  |  |  |

## FOR INFORMATION ONLY: (631) 852-6015



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