



Media Advisory

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City Announces New Policy for Minor Car Crashes

ROCKFORD, Ill. – Beginning on Monday, April 16, 2018, the Rockford Police Department will be implementing a new procedure in responding to minor car crashes, involving property damage and no personal injury.

Drivers who are involved in minor crashes between the hours of 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. will receive new instructions when they call the non-emergency number to report a crash. They will be told to exchange names, addresses, phone numbers, insurance company/policy information, and vehicle registration numbers at the scene of the crash. The involved drivers will be directed to visit the nearest police district station to file a written accident report. The District Stations are located at:

District 1 – 1045 W. State Street

District 2 – 1410 Broadway

District 3 – 557 S. New Towne Drive

Drivers who are involved in crashes outside of those timeframes should continue to call the non-emergency number at 815-966-2900.

If a crash involves an injury, a tow, suspected drug/alcohol use or no license/insurance at any time, drivers should continue to call the Rockford Police Department non-emergency number at 815-966-2900.

The Rockford Police Department typically responds to more than 3,500 minor property damage traffic crashes each year.

“Responding to minor crashes takes a large amount of our officers’ time,” explains Police Chief Dan O’Shea. “I want traffic division officers spending more time enforcing the traffic laws, such as speeding and distracted and impaired driving. Enforcing those laws should lead to fewer major traffic accidents and fatalities.”

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