

## The Citizen Reporting System (CRS)

Abstracted from the Fairfax County CRS Website (see link below)

The CRS is designed to make it easier and more convenient for you to file a police report without leaving home; however, not every crime can be reported using the Citizen Reporting System.

### What crimes DO qualify for CRS?

Please use the on-line reporting service for the following crimes:

- Alcohol Violations
- Check and/or Credit Card Case
- Civil Disputes
- Destruction of Property
- Disorderly Conduct
- Graffiti
- Identity Theft
- Larceny up to \$5000
- Loitering
- Lost Property
- Noise Violations
- Police Service
- Prescription Fraud/Forgery
- Reckless Driving
- Solicitor Violations
- Speeding
- Suspicious Events/Persons/Vehicles
- Trespassing
- Telephone Harassment
- Telephone Threats
- Vehicle Tampering
- Vehicle Trespass

### What crimes can only be reported in person?

CRS is NOT appropriate for the following crimes:

- Incidents occurring within past 30 minutes
- Violent crimes, completed or attempted
- Sex crimes, completed or attempted

- Theft or loss of a firearm
- Stolen vehicles, completed or attempted
- Stolen license plate
- Breaking and entering your home or business, completed or attempted
- Crimes committed due to race, religion, ethnic or national origin, disability and/or sexual orientation
- Aggressive driving

### **Why can't I use on-line reporting for all crimes?**

Some crimes may require evidence collection, photography, or other investigative procedure which require an officer to respond to the scene of the crime.

### **Can I use CRS to report a hit and run crash?**

- If the hit and run crash involves injuries, call 911
- If no injuries, call police non emergency number, 703-691-2131
- Call taker will determine whether your report can be taken by CRS

### **How long will it take to process my report?**

Normally, within 72 hours

### **Can I get a copy of the report?**

Actual police reports are not released since they may contain information critical to an investigation or which could be used for identity theft. A verification letter regarding your report may be obtained by calling the Fairfax County Police Department Central Records Section at 703-246-2272.

### **Can I report a crime that happened outside Fairfax County?**

No, your crime or incident must have occurred in Fairfax County. If the incident happened outside Fairfax County, file a report in the jurisdiction where the crime occurred.

### **What is the purpose of filing a report with CRS?**

- Primarily for insurance and police information purposes
- Case will not be investigated
- Assists in preventing future crimes by providing statistics on trends, locations and times of violations.
- May assist in the identification and return of stolen property recovered as the result of other investigations.

### **If I know who committed the crime, can I still use CRS?**

Only if you **do not** pursue criminal prosecution through the courts

### **What if my incident does not qualify for CRS?**

If your incident isn't eligible for online reporting **or** if you would like to speak directly to an officer, call the Fairfax County Police Department's non-emergency number, 703- 691-2131. You may also go to any one of our eight [Fairfax County Police - District Stations](#) and report the incident in person.

**Are there specific computer requirements to use CRS?**

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**File a Police Report Now:**

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crs>

**Be advised that it is a crime to make a false police report. Anyone found to have submitted a false police report will be prosecuted under the authority of Virginia State Code, Section 18.2-461, which shall be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor. Maximum possible penalty is one year in jail and/or \$2,500 fine.**

