

ACCIDENT REPORT REQUEST

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How do I obtain a copy of a vehicle accident report?

A. You may obtain a copy in person at the Cottage City Police Department located at 3820 40th Ave, Cottage City, Maryland 20722. Copies are generally available 10 days after the reported event. In person requests are accepted during normal business hours: Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. To 4:30 p.m. excluding holidays and administrative closure days.

Q. What is the cost of obtaining a copy of a vehicle accident report?

A. A fee of \$5.00 dollars is required, Money orders only.

Q. I was involved in an accident and the police responded, why wasn't a report completed?

A. It is the policy of the Cottage City Police Department (and most other police departments across the state), not to investigate minor motor vehicle traffic accidents. Minor accidents are described as those in which none of the vehicles involved has become functionally disabled, and where none of the vehicle's occupants have been transported from the scene to a hospital or other medical facility for injuries sustained in the accident. In these types of cases, the law requires the driver of each vehicle to exchange Driver's License, Vehicle Registration and Insurance Information. Cottage City Police Officers may assist the parties involved with the exchange of the necessary information however the role of the Officer in these types of accidents is to ensure that all parties comply with the information exchange requirements, and to restore the safe flow of traffic to the affected area. As such, the officer will not make judgments as to the "fault" or "cause" of the accident.