



RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REGION SIX NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



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REGION 6 NEWS

Telephone/ Reporting System

The Sheriff's Department, in order to improve our level of service to the community, has implemented a telephone reporting system, allowing certain types of incidents to be reported over the phone. This will make taking your report easier and faster for you.

Essentially the telephone reporting system is used for certain non-emergency calls. That would be defined as calls where there is no threat of injury and where no suspect is present.

To make a telephone report, simply check the list below to see if your incident can be handled over the phone. Then dial 576-3000 and tell the operator that you need to make a phone report.

Qualified calls would include:

- Larceny: Monetary Value less than \$1000.00 (including, Gas drive-offs and theft from an auto where victim is calling from another city/state.
- Burglary of motel/hotel room where a victim is calling from another city/state.
- Vandalism: Malicious mischief where property damage is \$500.00 or less.
- Fraud or Breach of Trust where the loss is less than \$1000.00; except where there is evidence to be examined or collected.
- A Follow-up report: Supplement reports in which additional information or property needs to be added to the original report.
- Obscene/Threatening Telephone calls: Nuisance calls in nature, i.e., hang-ups, heavy breathing, child's play, etc.
- Trespassing circumstances where a suspect is not currently on scene.
- Animal Complaints - stray or found animals.
- Zoning Complaints.
- Reports made for Insurance purposes only.
- Reports civil in nature. Example: Property disputes & Evictions

- Domestic Reports where the complainant states specifically that the report is being made for documentation only.
- Truancy reports or complaints where the child is not on scene.
- Crime tips, narcotics activity, or suspect locations.

Essentially the telephone reporting system is used for certain non-emergency calls. That would be defined as calls where there is no threat of injury and where no suspect is present. Some calls REQUIRE that a Deputy be dispatched to you. Examples would include:

- A suspect is present or an immediate apprehension can be made.
- There is physical evidence to be collected.
- Stolen Motor Vehicle Reports and Stolen Motor Vehicle Recoveries.
- Missing Persons and Missing Persons recovery Reports.
- Assaults and criminal domestic violence.
- Animal complaints where a victim has sustained injuries.
- There is a communications problem where the dispatcher cannot determine what has occurred.
- The dispatcher or Sheriff Department representative deems it necessary that an officer be dispatched.
- The caller request to see a Deputy.

Online Incident Report

The Richland County Sheriff's Department now allows certain types of incidents to be reported online. These include:

- Larceny, Under \$1000.00
- Obscene/Threatening phone calls
- Vandalism - Under \$1000.00 in damages.
- Burglary - Hotel/Motel room when the victim is calling from out-of-State.
- Breach of Trust - Under \$1000.00

In order to file an incident report online, go to the Richland County Sheriff's Department web page www.rcsd.net Click on the Online Incident Report. There are conditions and terms for this service. They are as follows;

- **Filing a false report is a crime. Any report found to be false WILL result in CRIMINAL prosecution.**
- **The Sheriff's Department reserves the right to disregard any reports that fail to meet these terms, at its discretion, without giving notice of any kind.**
- **You must allow at least 3 business days for your report to be emailed to you.**

- **Until you receive your case number, your report has NOT been officially received.**

Your report must also meet these conditions:

- **The crime MUST have taken place IN RICHLAND County.**
- **No suspect can be present.**
- **There must be no physical evidence to be collected.**
- **The crime CANNOT involve violence or physical injury to any party.**
- **The value of the property in question (if any), or damage (if any), CANNOT exceed \$1000.00.**
- **The report CANNOT be about a missing person or a "missing" person that has been located.**
- **The stolen property (if any) CANNOT be a vehicle.**

Once you have submitted the report, and after it has been accepted, you will receive an email with your report information, and your case number. This may take up to THREE business days.



CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

School is Back in Session

Richland County students are back at school. So this means school zones, buses, and children walking to and from school and heavier traffic. We recommend that you leave home a little earlier, so you won't have to speed.

School Bus Safety: The law regarding when to stop for a school bus changed last August. Under the new law, children will no longer cross **multi-lane highways** to board the bus. Correspondingly, the law no longer requires drivers on a highway with **two or more lanes on each side to stop when traveling in the opposing direction of the bus.**

When does a driver stop for a school bus?

- Motorists must always stop when they are traveling **behind** a bus with flashing amber or red lights.
- When motorists are approaching a stopped school bus with flashing red lights from the **opposite direction**, drivers must stop if they are on a **two-lane road**.
- If motorists are on a **four-lane (or more)** highway or private road and meet a stopped school bus, they do not have to stop. However, drivers should slow down and proceed with caution.

After stopping for a stopped school bus, drivers must not proceed until the bus resumes motion or the flashing red lights have been turned off.

The fine for passing a stopped school bus can be as much as \$1,000 and up to 30 days in jail for a first offense.

For more information on school bus safety enforcement efforts in your area or media opportunities, please contact your local community relation's officer.

School Bus Safety Rules for Motorists

Motorists need to observe traffic safety rules around school buses. First and foremost, they must know and understand the school bus laws in their state. In particular, they must be aware that it is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that has stopped to load or unload students. (Ninety-five percent of the respondents in a recent telephone survey ranked this as the most dangerous of all illegal or unsafe driving practices. In fact, collisions involving motorists who illegally passed a stopped school bus accounted for almost one-fourth of the pedestrian fatalities in school bus-related crashes between 1989 and 1999.)

Motorists must learn the "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to alert motorists that they are going to stop to load or unload students:

Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.

Red flashing lights and extended stop arm indicate that the bus has stopped and that children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red flashing lights are turned off, the stop arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they start driving again.

Motorists should also observe the following traffic safety rules:

When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking to the bus stop or walking or bicycling to school.

When driving in neighborhoods and especially in school zones, watch out for young people who may be thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking about getting there safely.

Slow Down. Watch for children walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks. Watch for children playing and gathering near bus stops.

Be Alert and ready to stop. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.

The Danger Zone

The most dangerous part of the school bus ride is getting on and off the school bus. Pedestrian fatalities (while loading and unloading school buses) account for approximately three times as many school bus-related fatalities, when compared to school bus occupant fatalities. The loading and unloading area is called the “Danger Zone”.

The “Danger Zone” is the area on all sides of the bus where children are in the most danger of not being seen by the driver (ten feet in front of the bus where the driver may be too high to see a child, ten feet on either side of the bus where a child may be in the driver’s blind spot, and the area behind the school bus).

Getting On and Off the Bus Safely

Because getting on and off the bus is the most dangerous part of the school bus ride, the loading and unloading area is called the “Danger Zone.” This area-which extends ten feet in front of the bus, ten feet on each side of the bus, and behind the bus-is where children are at greatest risk of not being seen by the bus driver. Throughout the year, especially at the start of school, children need to be taught how to get on and off the school bus safely. Parents should help their children learn and follow these common-sense practices:

Get to the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Running to catch the bus is dangerous and can lead to injuries.

When the bus approaches, stand at least five giant steps (10 feet) away from the curb, and line up away from the street.

Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says that it’s okay before stepping onto the bus.

If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the sidewalk or along the road to a point at least five giant steps ahead of the bus before you cross. Be sure that the bus driver can see you and you can see the bus driver when crossing the street. Stop at the edge of the bus and look left-right-left before crossing.

Use the handrails to avoid falls. When getting off the bus, be careful that clothing with drawstrings and book bags and backpacks with straps don’t get caught in the handrails or door.

Never walk behind the bus.

Walk at least five giant steps away from the side of the bus.

If you drop something near the bus, tell the bus driver. Never try to pick it up, because the driver might not be able to see you.

As you will see below, that we have had several Larcenies from motor vehicles. One of the problems was that the victim had left their belongings in plain view. Remember, if you have anything in your car; try to place it in your trunk area. Out of sight, out of mind!

Crimes in Region Six

DATE	ST. #	ADDRESS	AREA	TYPE/ PROPERTY	CRIME	ITEMS
7/30/04	302	ANDEN HALL	ANDEN HALL	RESIDENCE	BURGLARY	FURNITURE
7/24/04	400	BLYTHEWOOD RD.	BLYTHEWOOD	BUSINESS	ASSAULT	N/A
7/9/04	1125	RUSHING RD.	BLYTHEWOOD	RESIDENCE	Breach of Trust	BMW 1992
7/2/04	10645	WILSON BLVD.	BLYTHEWOOD	BUSINESS	BURGLARY	MISC.
7/3/04	1115	ROUND TOP CHURCH RD.	BLYTHEWOOD	RESIDENCE	BURGLARY	CASH
7/15/04	10645	WILSON BLVD. A-21	BLYTHEWOOD	BUSINESS	BURGLARY	ELECTRONICS
7/15/04	10645	WILSON BLVD. 59	BLYTHEWOOD	BUSINESS	BURGLARY	ELECTRONICS
7/15/04	10645	WILSON BLVD. 38	BLYTHEWOOD	BUSINESS	BURGLARY	ELECTRONICS
7/15/04	10645	WILSON BLVD. 38	BLYTHEWOOD	BUSINESS	BURGLARY	ELECTRONICS
7/15/04	10645	WILSON BLVD. 50	BLYTHEWOOD	BUSINESS	BURGLARY	ELECTRONICS
7/15/04	10645	WILSON BLVD.	BLYTHEWOOD	BUSINESS	BURGLARY	ELECTRONICS
7/15/04	10645	WILSON BLVD.	BLYTHEWOOD	BUSINESS	BURGLARY	ELECTRONICS
7/15/04	10645	WILSON BLVD.	BLYTHEWOOD	BUSINESS	BURGLARY	ELECTRONICS
7/17/04	111	PINE VIEW CHURCH RD.	BLYTHEWOOD	CHURCH	BURGLARY	N/A
7/17/04	705	LANGFORD RD.	BLYTHEWOOD	RESIDENCE	BURGLARY	CASH
7/28/04	114	BLYTHEWOOD RD.	BLYTHEWOOD	HOTEL	BURGLARY	N/A
7/24/04	575	RIMER POND RD.	BLYTHEWOOD	RESIDENCE	HARASSING PHONE CALLS	N/A
7/3/04	8295	WINNSBORO RD.	BLYTHEWOOD	RESIDENCE	Larceny FROM M/V	TOOLS
7/1/04	118	MCNULTY RD.	BLYTHEWOOD	BUSINESS	LARCENY	LAWN MOWER
7/6/04	1048	WILSON CIR.	BLYTHEWOOD	RESIDENCE	LARCENY	MISC.
7/24/04	216	BLYTHEWOOD RD.	BLYTHEWOOD	BUSINESS	LARCENY	FOOD
7/29/04	101	GUNTER CIR.	BLYTHEWOOD	RESIDENCE	LARCENY	TRAILER
7/29/04	705	LANGFORD RD.	BLYTHEWOOD	RESIDENCE	LARCENY	GO CART
7/30/04	105	BONEY RD.	BLYTHEWOOD	SCHOOL	LARCENY	WALLET
7/29/04	1080	JENKINS-BROTHERS	BLYTHEWOOD	BUSINESS	Motor Vehicle Theft MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	CHEVY 1985
7/30/04	111	HAMMOND-GIBBS	BLYTHEWOOD	RESIDENCE	THEFT	FORD 1996
7/13/04	230	BLYTHEWOOD RD.	BLYTHEWOOD	BUSINESS	SHOPLIFTING	MISC.

7/4/04	642	PORTIA RD.	BLYTHEWOOD	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	MAILBOX
7/15/04	115	N. ELLISON RD	BLYTHEWOOD	GROUND	VANDALISM	KENWORTH 2004
7/20/04	1164	LAWHORN ROAD	BLYTHEWOOD	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	MAILBOX
7/10/04	1900	CASTLE RIDGE	CARRIAGE OAKS	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	CHEV. 2003
7/20/04	301	CASTLE RIDGE	CARRIAGE OAKS	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	TIRES
7/4/04	1832	WILDFLOWER	CEDAR CREEK	RESIDENCE	BURGLARY	TOOLS
7/16/04	533	CHAPPELL RD.	CEDAR CREEK	RESIDENCE	BURGLARY	QUILTS
7/27/04	10330	MONTICELLO RD.	CEDAR CREEK	BUSINESS	LARCENY	TOOLS
7/10/04	230	CHIMNEY RIDGE DR.	CHIMNEY RIDGE	RESIDENCE	LARCENY	CHECKS
7/14/04	9401	WILSON BLVD. LT. 376	CLAYTON ESTATES	RESIDENCE	ASSAULT	N/A
7/20/04	9401	WILSON BLVD. LT. 323	CLAYTON ESTATES	RESIDENCE	BURGLARY	JEWELRY
7/24/04	9401	WILSON BLVD LOT 348	CLAYTON ESTATES	RESIDENCE	BURGLARY	ELECTRONICS
7/23/04	9401	WILSON BLVD. LT. 350	CLAYTON ESTATES	RESIDENCE	Larceny from Motor Veh.	PURSE
7/31/04	9401	WILSON BLVD. LOT 412	CLAYTON ESTATES	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	2000 NISS ALTIMA
7/15/04	440	LEE RD.	COLUMBIA	RESIDENCE	Breach of Trust	PLYMOUTH 1990
7/28/04	4920	HARD SCRABBLE RD.	COLUMBIA	RESIDENCE	Larceny from Motor Veh	ELECTRONICS
7/18/04	91	CLEMSON RD.	COLUMBIA	ROADWAY	ROBBERY	N/A
7/12/04	2110	CLEMSON RD.	COLUMBIA	BUSINESS	SHOPLIFTING	CIGARETTES
7/27/04	90	CLEMSON RD.	COLUMBIA	BUSINESS	SHOPLIFTING	BEER
7/26/04	7811	FAIRFIELD RD.	COLUMBIA	RESIDENCE	TRESPASSING	N/A
7/7/04	137	ROBIN HEIGHTS	ELGIN	RESIDENCE	ASSAULT	N/A
7/31/04	1015	N.E. MILES RD.	ELGIN	ROADWAY	CARJACKING	JEEP 1006
7/16/04	117	VALLENGA RD.	ELGIN	RESIDENCE	LARCENY	ELECTRONICS
7/28/04	112	PINECREST CT.	ELGIN	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	MAILBOX
7/26/04	410	BURNWOOD ST.	HERITAGE	CONST. SITE	CONST. SITE THEFT	BUILDING MATERIAL
7/15/04	624	LONG POINTE	LAKE CAROLINA	CONST. SITE	CONST. SITE THEFT	HVAC
7/27/04	43	GRANBURY LN.	LAKE CAROLINA	CONST. SITE	CONST. SITE THEFT	BUILDING MATERIAL
7/31/04	230	LAKE CAROLINA BLVD.	LAKE CAROLINA	RESIDENCE	LARCENY	CANDY
7/25/04	833	LONGTOWN RD.	LONGCREEK	RESIDENCE	BURGLARY	4 WHEELER
7/19/04	3	DUNES POINT	LONGCREEK	CONST. SITE	CONST. SITE THEFT	BUILDING MATERIAL
7/9/04	2	ROSE MOUNT CT.	LONGCREEK	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	FRONT-DOOR
7/3/04	228	TAMARA WAY	N. CROSSING	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	CHEV. 2000
7/13/04	130	SPEARS CREEK CHURCH RD	PONTIAC	RESIDENCE	HARASSING PHONE CALLS	N/A
7/13/04	130	SPEARS CREEK CHURCH RD	PONTIAC	RESIDENCE	HARASSING PHONE CALLS	N/A
7/2/04	108	SANDY HAVEN LT. 2	PONTIAC	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	SIDING
7/5/04	300	PASCHAL	ROBIN HOOD	RESIDENCE	ASSAULT	N/A
7/6/04	100	ROBIN HEIGHTS	ROBIN HOOD	RESIDENCE	ASSAULT	N/A
7/31/04	339	KELLY MILL ROAD	ROBIN HOOD	RESIDENCE	ASSAULT	N/A
7/25/04	309	GIBBS RD.	ROBIN HOOD	RESIDENCE	BURGLARY	ELECTRONICS
7/25/04	302	KINGSTON TRACE	SUMMIT	RESIDENCE	ASSAULT	N/A
7/25/04	302	KINGSTON TRACE	SUMMIT	RESIDENCE	ASSAULT	N/A
7/28/04	431	KINGSTON TRACE	SUMMIT	RESIDENCE	ASSAULT	N/A
7/5/04	100	FOX GROVE LN.	SUMMIT	CONST. SITE	CONST. SITE THEFT	LADDERS
7/31/04	1101	PINELANE RD.	SUMMIT	RESIDENCE	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	FORD 1990

7/17/04	18	STAGBRIAR CT.	SUMMIT	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	TIRES
7/17/04	38	HUNTERS POND	SUMMIT	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	FORD 2002
7/23/04	431	KINGSTON TRACE	SUMMIT	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	GARAGE DOOR
7/25/04	1	BRUSHWOOD CT.	SUMMIT	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	DOOR
7/25/04	4920	HARD SCRABBLE #311	THE RESERVES	RESIDENCE	BURGLARY	CDV
7/14/04	1400	WAVERLY PLACE DR.	WAVERLY PLACE	CONST. SITE	CONST. SITE THEFT	BUILDING MATERIAL
7/16/04	114	PERRY OAK BRICKINGHAM WAY	WAVERLY PLACE	CONST. SITE	CONST. SITE THEFT	BUILDING MATERIAL 2004 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX
7/20/04	707		WINCHESTER	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	
7/10/04	205	WHITFIELD CT.	WINSLOW	RESIDENCE	ASSAULT	N/A
7/20/04	205	GREEN ROSE RD.	WINSLOW	RESIDENCE	BURGLARY	ELECTRONICS
7/15/04	1	LIONBURG CT.	WINSLOW	RESIDENCE	HARASSING PHONE CALLS	N/A
7/22/04	3	REDTHORN CT.	WINSLOW	RESIDENCE	LARCENY	BICYCLE

