



BERN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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POLICE REPORTS

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POLICE ACCIDENT REPORTS – It is the policy of the Bern Township Police Department to release accident reports to authorized recipients under the provisions of the Vehicle Code.

Police accident report copies will be made available to persons specified in the Vehicle Code. The authorized recipients, as specified by law, are persons involved in an accident, their attorneys, their insurers, and certain governmental agencies (75 Pa.C.S. §3751). Copies of police accident reports may be requested in person or by mail from the Bern Township Police Department. Please include a check or certified money order for fifteen dollars (\$15.00) and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

ALL OTHER REPORTS – In order to ensure the integrity of ongoing investigations, to safeguard the privacy of victims and witnesses, to protect the reputations of law-abiding citizens, and to promote efficient and effective law enforcement, it is the policy of the Bern Township Police Department to maintain all other investigative information confidentially within the department.

Investigative reports other than accident reports are confidential non-public department records. Records relating to or resulting from a criminal investigation and records relating to a non-criminal investigation are listed as statutory exceptions to disclosure requirements under §708 of the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law, Act 3 of 2008, February 14, 2008.

When a citizen requests a copy of an investigative report that is not subject to public release, the Bern Township Police Department may provide a copy of a Release of Investigative Reports form, containing the incident number, incident date, investigator's rank and name, and the nature of the incident. The form will serve to provide the requestor, their insurer, or their attorney with a means of identifying the relevant report or allowing a claimant to prove to an insurer that a report has been made to police.

The Bern Township Police Department reserves the right to charge reasonable costs for production of reports as permitted by law, regulation, or procedural rules.