



**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
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NEWS RELEASE

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**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES
CITIZENS WITH RESOURCES FOR CRIME DATA**

In an effort to keep citizens informed of incidents taking place in their community, the Anne Arundel County Police Department has taken several steps in the past year to give residents avenues to stay connected and we are taking this opportunity to remind people of what resources are available.

As a starting point, we suggest that anyone interested in basic crime data in their neighborhoods visit SpotCrime.com or CrimeReports.com. Our agency publishes crime data to these websites, who then communicate this data to the public down to their specific neighborhood or block. SpotCrime.com is updated daily and CrimeReports.com is updated every three days and both sites give a good graphic model for where crimes are taking place. These sites are very easy to navigate as the user can simply click on their state, their county, right down to typing in the street they reside on. Lettered icons will then emerge and once clicked, will give the type of incident, date and time of the incident and the 100 block where it occurred.

Aside from the aforementioned websites, if you are interested in getting detailed information on significant incidents in the county, the Public Information Office puts out daily press releases Monday through Friday and these are posted on our county webpage at <http://www.aacounty.org/police>. Once on the page, you can view these releases and also have the option to sign up to have them sent to you via your personal email account. Our county webpage also offers information on gang awareness and a Confidential Activity Tip Line, where citizens can leave tips on drug and gang activity or general concerns. Additionally, the website provides crime statistics and crime trend data, which is tabbed on the left side of the police home page. Furthermore, our daily releases are also posted on our department Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Millersville-MD/Anne-Arundel-County-Police-Department/54076338394>. Our agency also has a Twitter page, which we reserve for more breaking news to update residents of a significant incident or road closure that may affect the

county. Feel free to visit us there at <http://twitter.com/AACOPD>. All of these resources are there for the community to take advantage of and our goal is to remain as connected as possible to our residents.

Finally, we urge citizens to get involved in their neighborhoods and join us in making the community a safer place to live and work. The Anne Arundel County Police Community Relations Council is a voluntary, independent advisory body whose membership is comprised of private citizens and business and community representatives. This council serves as a liaison between the police and the community and meets regularly to discuss community concerns and crime prevention. Each police district has its own council and meetings are held once a month at each of the four districts. At the Northern District, meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m., at the Western District, meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m., at the Eastern District, meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. and at the Southern District, they are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. For further information, please call 410-222-SAFE.

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