

Frequently Asked Questions

Criminal Incident Police Reports

- **An incident report is the report of a criminal offense such as Theft, Battery, Burglary, etc. An accident report is the report of a collision between vehicles or fixed objects on public streets or highways.**
- **Police Reports can be filed at the Police Department Lobby which is open 24 hours 7 days a week including all holidays. Most reports can or will be required to be filed in this manner. The only reports requiring a police response include: Crimes in Progress or Reports requiring a crime scene investigation such as burglary.**
- **You should file a police report as soon as possible after an offense occurs.**
- **A Copy of an initial Police Reports can be obtained at no cost by clicking [here](#) and submitting your request. Open cases or reports involving juveniles may not be available. Requests for Police Reports can be made in person at the Department's Administrative Division Office.**
- **To obtain a police report in a timely manner you will need to provide accurate information such as:**
 1. The Victim / Complainant's Full Name or
 2. The address where the offense occurred or
 3. The date the offense occurred or
 4. The date the offense was reported or
 5. The type of offense I.E. Burglary, battery etc.
 6. The more information and the more accurate the information is easier the process is.
- **You most likely will not be contacted after filing a report unless or until such time as additional information is needed.**
- **With the exception of Domestic Violence very few Misdemeanor reports are assigned an investigator. Felony reports that are assigned an investigator will contact you when the need for additional information is warranted. Most reports that have no solvability factors such as an eyewitness, physical evidence, usable video etc. and they are not assigned or if they are assigned will have a low priority.**
- **You may call but you most likely will not receive a call back unless an officer needs to make contact with you. This is frustrating for many but unfortunately the case loads are so tremendous that on average a 5 minute conversation on each case would total 25 hours a day.**
- **Additional information such as missing items / additional witnesses etc. will not be taken over the phone. You will need to provide a written statement of the additional items / information. The statement can be mailed, e-mailed to cid@blythevillepd.org or hand delivered anytime.**
- **No. The police department does not do evictions.**
- **No. The police department does not recover property for the sake of returning it to the owner the police department may recover property to further criminal charges against another person and eventually the property may be returned to the original owner.**
- **Sorry, all reports are subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Certain information such as the name of a juvenile may not be disclosed however the nature of the incident may be reported on by the media.**
- **If your property is recovered in a case you will be contacted. If you are not contacted we don't have your property.**