



Thurston County Sheriff's Office News Release

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Sheriff Announces Citizens Online Reporting

The Thurston County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the launching of a new online program. This program, the Citizens Online Police Report System, will allow citizens to file police reports online for certain minor crimes that have occurred in the unincorporated areas of the county in which the suspect or perpetrator's identity is not known. The report may be filed from any internet access.

Many times citizens do not wish to have a deputy personally respond in order to file a police report. Using this technology a person will be able to submit a report immediately and print a copy of the report for their records. Each report will be reviewed to determine if further investigation is needed. Citizens will always have the option to have a deputy personally contact them, if they wish.

Reports that may be filed online are: Lost Property, Vehicle Prowl, Identity Theft, Harassing Phone Calls, Theft, Vandalism, and Hit & Run. Citizens will also have the option to file supplemental or additional information to a report that a deputy had previously taken.

In addition there are options to report information that is not in progress such as drug tips, traffic problems, suspicious activity, and county road hazards; i.e., missing stop signs, potholes, etc. The system is not intended to replace 911 for crimes that are more serious or in progress.

Thurston County Sheriff Dan Kimball said, "Using technology to improve efficiency is a priority within my administration."

This system was purchased with monies received in a grant from the Red Wind Casino this year.

The Citizens Online Police Reporting System can be found by visiting our web site at: www.co.thurston.wa.us/sheriff