

RECORDS

Like all government agencies, Suffield Police Department is required under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to disclose certain records requested in writing. Each state has its own laws that should be consulted for access to local records. You can find more information on FOIA at Connecticut Freedom of Information website.

Requesting Police Reports – Copies of reports may be requested in person, telephone or by mail; however, State statutes govern which reports are permitted to be released. The Officers have as long as needed to complete reports. After a certain length of time your report may have been destroyed according to the schedule provided by the Public Records Administration. There are many variables which may come into play in whether your report is releasable.

Accident Reports – There are no restrictions on the release of motor vehicle accidents unless criminal charges are filed in relation to the accident. If criminal charges are filed, public release must await a final court disposition (final ruling from court) of any criminal charges. However, persons actually in the accident may obtain the record subsequent to the issuance of a warrant or summons in the matter.

Arrest Records – Arrest reports are only available once we have received a disposition from court. If we do not have a disposition, you can only get the report through court by filing a motion. Any confidential information will be redacted (edited for legal purposes).

Active Investigations – These records are not accessible.

Reports Containing Medical Information – These are not available except to the person involved.

Uncorroborated Allegations – Access to these is denied by law.

Juvenile Information – The police are statutorily forbidden from releasing juvenile arrest information.

Certain Identities – The identities of certain persons are exempt from disclosure by statute; Sexual Assault and Risk of Injury victims, certain witnesses (as well as signed statements from witnesses) and confidential sources.