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Cranston Police Department Announces the Release of an Online Police Reporting System as an added Convenience to City Residents and Business Owners

The Cranston Police Department is proud to offer a new web based, online police reporting option to city residents and business owners. Citizens can now file an online police report for non-emergency incidents that occur within Cranston city limits, when there are no identifiable suspects, no physical evidence to collect, and the incident did not take place on a State freeway. Once the incident is reported using the system, the person filing the report will immediately be able to print a preliminary copy, free of charge.

Our department anticipates the online reporting service will be very popular among citizens who have extremely busy schedules and look to take advantage of the convenience of filing a police report using their smart phone or home computer, twenty-four a day/seven days a week. The public will be able to print a temporary copy of the report upon submission, which will then be reviewed by police personnel for final approval. Once approved, the person filing the report will receive an email with a copy of the final report attached, free of charge. The report will be imported into the Cranston Police Department's records management system and receive the same investigative review and follow-up when necessary, as if the report had been filed with a police officer. The purchase of the online reporting system from the San Ramon, California based software company, Coplogic, Inc., was paid for in its entirety with Federal grant funds and is being fully implemented after the successful completion of a pilot testing phase.

The link to the online reporting system can be found on the department's website at www.cranstonpoliceri.com. FAQ's along with Helpful Hints and Suggestions are also included. Individuals can also call 401-942-2211 to obtain more information.

Colonel Winquist stated, "The Cranston Police Department continues to deploy the latest technology to deliver the most effective and efficient police services to the residents and business owners in the city. It is estimated that approximately one-third of the over 82,000 calls for service we receive annually could be reported through our new online reporting system. By

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adding this convenient option to our citizens, we will be able to maximize our response to high priority, emergency calls for service. By no means are our citizens required to use the online reporting system, which is not intended to replace a police response to non-emergency situations when requested.”

“I’m pleased the Cranston Police Department is offering this new and innovative online reporting tool, which makes it simple for Cranston residents to report quality of life issues,” commented Cranston Mayor Allan W. Fung. “Our citizens are the eyes and ears that help keep our community safe and this new technology will strengthen the lines of communication between law enforcement and the public. I commend our police department for launching this system.”