



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION / PRIVACY ACT RECORD REQUEST FORM

FOIA Request Office: **Washington County Sheriff's Office, 20281 Rustic Lane, Abingdon, VA 24210**
Email: foia@washso.org Phone: 276-676-6000

WHO MAY REQUEST RECORDS UNDER FOIA?

- Citizens of the Commonwealth
- Representatives of newspapers and magazines with circulation in the Commonwealth
- Representatives of radio and television stations broadcasting in or into the Commonwealth
- Victim – case in which prosecution has been finally adjudicated, the investigation will not continue to gather evidence for a possible future criminal case, and such case would not be jeopardized by the premature release of evidence.

As per Code of Virginia § 2.2-3704 Our agency requires the requester to provide your name and legal address:

Requesters Name: _____

Representative for: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number(s): _____

Other: _____

Instructions: Use of this form is optional; however, this will aid us in processing your Freedom of Information (FOIA) request more accurately. Make sure your request contains a description of the information you are requesting and sufficient personally identifying data when required. Failure to provide sufficient personally identifying data may result in this public body being unable to successfully search for data being sought. Requests may be made orally or in written formats. If you are mailing this form, please address: ATTN: FOIA Request Office at 20281 Rustic Lane, Abingdon, Virginia 24210.

Types of Records requested: ____ Calls for Service Report(s) ____ Incident Report(s) ____ Other (Please Specify)

- Start Date _____ End Date _____ of requested record(s)
- Information being sought _____
- Person(s) name and any identifying information available. Accurate spelling can help our agency locate correct records being sought: _____
- Other: _____

Please be specific about your request. This will enable our agency to more quickly search for your requested records and will help reduce financial cost to you. If there is a determination that the requested records are likely to exceed \$200.00, this public body may, before continuing to process the request, require the requester to agree to payment of a deposit not to exceed the amount of the advance determination. Before processing a request for records, this public body will require the requester to pay any amount owed to it for previous request(s) for records that remain unpaid 30 days or more after billing.

If no contact information is given, our agency will mail your request to the address you provided, and if you do not provide any means to contact you, your response(s) will be kept for 60 days to allow you time to pick it up. You are responsible for any cost associated with your records request even if you do not pick it up.

OFFICE USE ONLY **Date & Time Rec.** _____ **Receiving Personnel** _____

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Washington County Virginia Sheriff's Office - Fee Policy

Citizen Rights & Responsibilities under Virginia Freedom of Information Act:

In accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, the Washington County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) may make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for requested records. The WCSO may not impose any extraneous, intermediary, or surplus fees or expenses to recoup the general costs associated with creating or maintaining records or transacting the general business of the WCSO. Any duplicating fee charged by the WCSO shall not exceed the actual cost of duplication. All charges for the supplying of requested records shall be estimated in advance at the request of the citizen as set forth in Virginia Code § 2.2-3704 (F).

- If the WCSO estimates that it will cost more than \$200 to respond to your request, we may require you to pay a deposit, not to exceed the amount of the estimate, before proceeding with your request. The five days that we have to respond to your request does not include the time between when we ask for a deposit and when you respond.
- You may request that we estimate in advance the charges for supplying the records that you have requested. This will allow you to know about any costs upfront to receive the records or give you the opportunity to modify your request to lower the estimated costs. Any time spent searching for the requested records necessary for providing the estimate will be billed to the requestor.
- If you owe money from a previous FOIA request that has remained unpaid for more than 30 days, WCSO will require payment of the past-due bill before it responds to your new FOIA request.
- The WCSO fees to respond to a FOIA request are as follows:

Unlimited pages, electronic copy only	No charge per page -Staff Time Fee will apply.
Pages copied	\$0.02 per page plus Staff Time Fee \$0.05 per color-page plus Staff Time Fee
CD-ROM	\$0.25 per CD-ROM
FOIA time Fee, research and research and supplying time	\$51.00/hour
Command Staff time Fee, research and supplying time	\$40.20/hour
Mid-Level Administrative Staff time Fee, research and supplying time	\$30.00/hour
Entry Level Staff time Fee, research and supplying time	\$20.40/hour
USB Flash Drive Memory Stick, Postage (Mail), Miscellaneous	\$ Based on agency cost