



Middletown Police Department Community Newsletter

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How To Prepare For Winter Driving

Avoid unnecessary travel during winter storms. Call 511, or log on to <http://www2.tmc.state.ri.us/> to check road conditions before your trip.

Get your vehicle winterized. Have your anti-freeze, battery, brakes, heater, exhaust system and lights tested. Never travel with less than a half tank of gas. Equip your vehicle with jumper cables, road flares, a shovel, salt, extra warm clothes, sleeping bag or blankets, hat, mittens, and boots, a windshield scraper and a towline.

Carry a winter survival kit. Include flashlights, blankets, hand/foot warmer packets, first aid supplies, high energy candy or snacks, bright fabric to tie on the antenna for help if stranded, candles to melt snow for drinking water, pencil, paper and cell phone or change for phone calls.

Notify others of your travel plans. Tell someone where you are going and the route. Report a safe arrival.

Information taken from the RIDOT website. For more information visit www.dot.ri.gov.

New MPD Sub-Station Open!

With the assistance of Balfour Beatty Communities, the Middletown Police Department has opened a second Community Policing Sub-Station at #17 Constitution Avenue.

The Sub-Station will serve as an added resource to address community issues for Coddington Cove and surrounding neighborhoods.



Vacant House Check Forms



Our police department currently has Vacant House Check Forms for Middletown residents. If you are planning a vacation or will be away from your residence for an extended period of time, you can respond to MPD and request the Vacant House Check form.

Personal information is needed along with emergency contact and alarm company information.

Residents can also download and print out the form through the Middletown Police website under the services section.

Anonymous Tip Line: (401) 842-6516

If you observe any criminal activity or have received any information regarding criminal activity, please contact our tip line.

All information is confidential. Please leave specific information regarding the activity in order for our officers to conduct a proper follow-up.

The tip line can also be used for underage drinking enforcement. If you obtain information regarding underage drinking parties or other locations, please leave detailed information regarding the location and how you are aware that the individuals are underage.

The tip line can be used by any individual regarding criminal activity in the Town of Middletown.



Message from the Chief's Office:

“The upcoming Holiday Season brings with it many challenges as we go about trying to enjoy our families and friends. Of great concern are drivers impaired by drugs and alcohol after parties and celebrations. We urge everyone to keep our roads safe by drinking responsibly and becoming a designated driver when needed.”



Parking During Snow Storms

Winter is coming along with bad weather. Please be aware of Middletown Town Ordinances regarding parking and snow removal.

This will assist the Middletown Police Department during storm emergencies. Below is Town Ordinance 72.06 regarding parking during a storm emergency. You can review more ordinances at the Town of Middletown website by entering the Clerk Base hyperlink.

72.06 PARKING PROHIBITED DURING STORM EMERGENCY.

(A) No person shall stand or park a vehicle on any town street and/or highway upon the declaration of a storm emergency by the Director of Public Safety, or his designee, until said storm emergency has been declared at an end by the Director of Public Safety or his designer.

(B) The Director of Public Safety, or his designee, after consultation with the Chief of Police and/or the Director of Public Works, is hereby authorized to declare a storm emergency upon snow reaching a depth of two inches, or when in the opinion of the Director of Public Safety, or his designee, such weather conditions exist as to constitute a hazard to the public health and safety. Regular parking regulations will resume when the Director of Public Safety, or his designee, has declared the storm emergency at an end, based upon his judgement that the hazard has passed.

(C) Notice of the declaration of a storm emergency shall be made through public service announcements in the media.

(D) Any vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance or impeding snow removal shall be towed at the expense of the owner.

(E) Vehicles parking in violation of this section will be issued a citation.

(Ord. passed 11-6-89; Am. Ord. passed 3-18-96) Penalty, see ' 70.99