Records

Fact Sheet

Police Reports Web Site

http://PDReports.Phila.gov/ARPublic

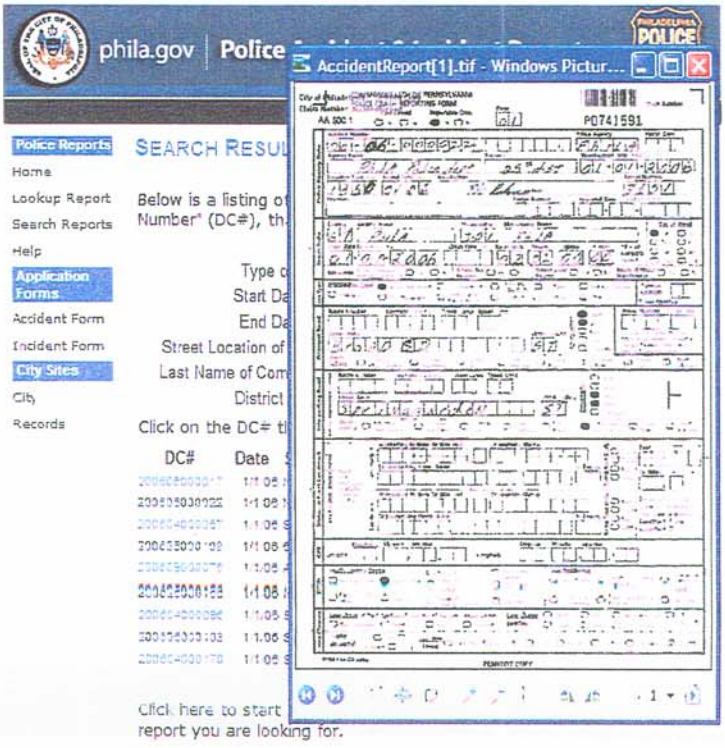
Purchase Accident, Theft, Robbery and Burglary Reports

Each year, over 70,000 vehicle accidents are reported in Philadelphia, in addition to many thousands of thefts, robberies, and burglaries. Police officers record the details of each accident or incident in a report, which is needed by victims, insurance companies, and others to file or settle claims. Traditionally, these reports were sold over the counter at City Hall.

Since 2001, police reports have been available on the Internet on Philadelphia's first e-commerce site. The Police Report's public site allows individuals to quickly and simply search for police reports. After entering a credit card number on the secure site, purchasers can view and print accident reports or photos immediately. Other types of reports must have personal information removed by the Police and are emailed to the purchaser. If the report is not available, the site can email the user when it is ready for purchase.

Commercial users that register with the Department of Records can access a commercial site, which has the same function and content as the public site and provides tools for those who are purchasing dozens to hundreds of reports monthly.

Today, 60,000 reports, representing 85% of the reports purchased annually, are sold on the Internet. This is yet another innovative way Philadelphia is saving the public time and money, by providing timely access to needed documents.



Benefits

Easily accessible via the Internet saves users time and money

Simple and straightforward user interface

Multiple search options make reports easier to find

Tickler function will notify users when requested reports are available

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