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MESSAGE

The Rockford Police Department has unveiled a new site where information on significant incidents, which may be an interest to the public and media, may be located.

The site is called “*Police Blotter*” and is published on the Police Department’s website at www.rockfordil.gov/police. The public and media can go to the website and click on Police Blotter, which is listed on the right hand side at the bottom of the blue box or directly at <http://rockfordil.gov/police/police-blotter.aspx>.

The Police Blotter will be used to report those significant incidents that were once routinely posted on NIXLE. NIXLE will still be used by the Rockford Police Department but for only emergency or community messages. For example, if a serious accident occurs requiring the closing of a road a NIXLE will be used to alert the public of the crash and the road closure. Once the Patrol Shift Commander has information to release on the crash the details will be posted to the Police Blotter.

As previously requested we ask that the media give the Shift Commander at least 30 minutes to obtain the necessary details from the on scene supervisor so an accurate and complete post can be made to the Police Blotter.

We hope this will enhance the Department’s information sharing with the public and media. Please direct any questions to Lt. Patrick Hoey at (815) 987-5744 or patrick.hoey@rockfordil.gov.

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