



## **POLICE CRIME REPORT**

December 28, 2020 to January 3, 2021

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### **Winter Safety Information**

The Rockville City Police Department would like to remind residents that driving in the winter means snow, sleet and ice can lead to slower traffic, hazardous road conditions, “Hot Tempers”, and unforeseen dangers. Below are some tips to assist motorists to make it safely through the winter for both you and your vehicle.

#### **Tips for Winterizing your Car:**

- Check the ignition, brakes, wiring, hoses and fan belts.
- Change and adjust the spark plugs.
- Check the air, fuel, and emission filters, and the PCV valve.
- Inspect the distributor.
- Check the battery.
- Check the tires for air, sidewall for wear and the tread for depth.
- Check the antifreeze levels and the freeze line.
- Check the windshield washer fluid level.
- Make sure that your gas level is full.

#### **Tips for Driving in the Snow and Ice:**

- The best advice for driving in bad weather is not to drive at all, if you can avoid it.
- Don't go out until the snow plows and sanding trucks have had a chance to do their work and allow yourself extra time to reach your destination.
- If you must drive in snowy conditions, make sure your car is prepared, and that you know how to handle the road conditions.
- Make sure that you **CLEAN ALL SNOW AND ICE OFF OF YOUR CAR.** This includes the windshield, back window, headlights, and taillights, as well as side windows and side mirrors and your vehicle's roof.
- When driving, decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.
- Brake gently to avoid skidding. **IF YOUR WHEELS START TO LOCK UP...DO NOT PANIC...JUST EASE OFF THE BRAKE.**
- **TURN ON YOUR LIGHTS** to increase your visibility to other motorists.
- Use low gears to keep traction, especially on hills.
- **DO NOT USE CRUISE CONTROL OR OVERDRIVE** on icy roads.
- Be extremely careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first.
- **DO NOT PASS SNOW PLOWS AND SANDING TRUCKS.** Those drivers have limited visibility, and you are likely to find the road in front of them worse than the road behind them.
- Do not assume your vehicle can handle all conditions. Even four-wheel drive vehicles can encounter trouble on winter roads.

### **What to do if your rear wheels start to skid:**

- DO NOT PANIC.
- Take your foot off the accelerator.
- Steer in the direction you want the front wheels to go. If your rear wheels are sliding left, steer left. If they are sliding right, steer right.
- If your rear wheels start sliding the other way as you recover, ease the steering wheel toward that side. You might have to steer left and right a few times to get your vehicle completely under control.
- If you have standard brakes, pump them gently.
- If you have anti-lock brakes (ABS), do not pump the brakes. Apply steady pressure to the brakes. You will feel the brakes pulse – this is normal.

### **What to do if your front wheels start to skid:**

- Again, DO NOT PANIC.
- Take your foot off the accelerator and shift to neutral, but don't try to steer immediately.
- As the wheels skid sideways, they will slow the vehicle and traction will return. As it does, steer in the direction you want to go. Then put the transmission in drive or release the clutch and accelerate gently.

### **What to do if you get stuck:**

- Do not spin your wheels. This will only dig you in deeper.
- Turn your wheels from side to side a few times to push snow out of the way.
- Use a "light" touch on the accelerator, to ease your car out.
- Use a shovel to clear snow away from the wheels and the underside of the car.
- Pour sand, kitty litter, gravel, or salt in the path of wheels, to help get traction.

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## **Additional Resources**

For additional information regarding winter driving, see the resources provided to you below.

### **National Highway Transportation Safety Administration's – Safe Car website**

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/winter-driving-tips-20172018>

### **National Safety Council**

<https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/winter/driving>

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*The Rockville City Police Department is committed to protecting and serving all members of the public. By following the safety tips and resources provided above, you can help us help you by taking steps to inform yourself on public safety issues to prevent yourself from becoming a victim.*

**If you have a crime or concern to report, you can call the Rockville City Police Department at:**

**Non-Emergency: 240-314-8900**

**Emergency: 9-1-1**

**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!**

## Rockville City Police Reported Incidents

The Rockville City Police Department provides a weekly Crime Report of serious incidents to serve as an overview of police activity occurring within the City Limits of Rockville. Please note this summary does not include every reported incident that has occurred during this time frame.

**It is to be noted that the words “arrested” and “charged” do not imply guilt.**

### **ARRESTS**

12/28/20, a male, age 49, was arrested for shoplifting following an incident that occurred in the 1200 block of Rockville Pike.

12/29/20, a male, age 47, was arrested for theft, disorderly conduct, intoxicated public disturbance, and resisting arrest following an incident that occurred in the 600 block of Hungerford Drive.

12/31/20, a male, age 23, was arrested for driving under the influence following an incident that occurred in the 1000 block of Julian Place.

01/01/21, 3 males, ages 23, 21 and 18, were arrested for aggravated assault, possession of a controlled dangerous substance, and possession of narcotic equipment following an incident that occurred in the 1200 block of West Montgomery Avenue.

01/02/21, a male, age 26, was arrested for disorderly conduct and obstructing police following an incident that occurred in the 700 block of Gaither Road.

01/02/21, a male, age 29, was arrested for violating a court protection order following an incident that occurred in the Unit block of Carter Court.

01/02/21, a male, age 31, was arrested for driving under the influence following an incident that occurred at the intersection of Veirs Mill Road and Gail Avenue.

### **INCIDENTS**

1800 block Rockville Pike, the complainant reports that two unknown subjects removed cleaning supplies from a business without paying for the items between 9:20 a.m. and 9:31 a.m. on 12/28/20.

700 block Rockville Pike, the complainant reports that an unknown subject displayed a firearm to forcefully remove US currency from an unsecured business between 6:53 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on 12/28/20. **The suspect is described as:**

**B/M – approx. 6 feet 0 inches, 210 pounds, medium build – No further information is available**

400 block Hungerford Drive, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed clothing items from a business without paying for the items between 10:23 a.m. and 10:33 a.m. on 12/31/20.

200 block Congressional Lane, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed a package containing an iPhone from a residential address between 7:00 p.m. and 7:10 p.m. on 12/30/20.

1500 block Rockville Pike, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed personal care and grocery items from a business without paying for the items between 1:53 p.m. and 2:08 p.m. on 01/03/21.



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