

The Environmental Conservation Police Division maintains official agency social media sites for the purpose of:

- Share information about ECPD events, news, and services
- Distribution of crime information and public safety tips
- Urgent notifications of critical incidents that may affect residents, business owners and visitors to the Town of Coventry
- Engaging and interacting with the community we serve

### **Privacy Policy and Disclaimer**

By posting or commenting on the Environmental Conservation Police Division official social media sites you accept without limitation of qualification, ECPD's Social Media Terms of Use. By posting or commenting on any social media platform used by the ECPD, you participate by your own choice, taking personal responsibility for your comments, your username, and any information you provide therein. These Terms of Use apply only to the Social Media sites (defined here as third party hosted online technologies that facilitate social interaction and dialogue, such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram) that are managed by the Environmental Conservation Police Division. The Environmental Conservation Police Division maintains the right to modify these Terms of Use (modification) without notice. Any modification is effective immediately upon posting the modification on the Social Media Policy page unless otherwise stated. Continuing use of an Environmental Conservation Police Division Social Media site following the posting of any modification signifies acceptance of such modification.

All users of the Environmental Conservation Police Division Social Media sites are also subject to the site's (example, Facebook) own Privacy Policy. The Environmental Conservation Police Division has no control over a site's privacy policy or the site's modifications to it. The Environmental Conservation Police Division also has no control over content, commercial advertisements, or other postings produced by the Social Media site that appear on the Environmental Conservation Police Division Social Media sites as part of the site's environment.

The Environmental Conservation Police Division assumes no liability for any inaccuracies these Social Media sites may contain and does not guarantee that the Social Media sites will be uninterrupted, permanent, or error-free.

### **Limited Public Forum**

All Environmental Conservation Police Division social media platforms are designed as Limited Public Forums and not General Public Forums. The agency welcomes a person's right to express his/her opinion and encourages posters to keep comments relevant to the topic in question. Posting of any content on any social media platforms used by the Environmental Conservation

Police Division by any visitor, follower, subscriber, fan, constitutes acceptance of the ECPD Social Media Terms of the Use.

For the purposes of this policy, social media platforms include Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn, Instagram, and SnapChat.

The definition of content as used in this policy refers to any written copy, photos, graphics, emoji's, graphic interchange format (GIFs), videos, live-video streams, comments, or any form of communicative content exchanged between parties.

#### Endorsements

“Friending”, “Re-tweeting”, “Liking”, “Sharing”, or similar actions toward the Environmental Conservation Police Division, or an officer or employee of ECPD, does not constitute an endorsement of that person’s actions or comments.

A comment posted by a member of the public on any ECPD social media site is the opinion of the commentator or poster only, and publication of a comment does not imply endorsement of, or agreement by, the ECPD, nor does such comments necessarily reflect the opinions or policies of the ECPD.

#### Comment and Posting Policy

The Environmental Conservation Police Division social media platforms are intended to be a limited public forum to engage the community with agency news, events, and information. All content is posted by an official Environmental Conservation Police Division representative. Please note that engaging with the Environmental Conservation Police Division’s social media pages, you are agreeing to the Terms of Use below. When applicable, the agency uses content moderation/filtering options to limit foul or obscene content. The ECPD actively monitors social media platforms used by the agency, and will remove inappropriate content as defined below, without prior notice, and as soon as possible. The agency reserves the right to remove and/or block anyone who posts inappropriate material as determined by the agency. This material may include, but is not limited to:

The following are prohibited:

- Posts, comments, or links that are not related to the original topic, including but not limited to random or unintelligible comments
- Posts that include abusive, vulgar, offensive, threatening, or harassing language, personal attacks and or unsupported accusations
- Profane, obscene, or pornographic language or content
- Defamatory comments that promote, fosters, or perpetuates discrimination on the basis ethnicity, race, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability status
- Information that may tend to compromise the safety or security of the public, law enforcement or public systems
- Commercial statements, including content that promotes commercial services or products including but not limited to spam
- Threats against persons, property, or organization
- Language that incites hate, violence, or promotes illegal activity

- Information that could compromise the safety or security of law enforcement during an ongoing investigation
  - Political statements, including comments in support of, or opposition to, political campaigns or ballot measures
  - Religious statements, including comments that endorse or oppose any type of religion, religious opinions, or activities
  - Content that violates a legal ownership interest of any other party
  - Comments that violate the Federal, State, or local laws
  - Harassment or content which constitutes and or facilitates stalking
  - Repetitive content. Repeated posting of identical or very similar content in a counter-productive manner
  - Comments which may reasonably interfere with, inhibit, or compromise law enforcement investigations, police tactics, police responses to incidents and/or the safety of police staff and officers
  - Comments that embed images from external sources
- The Environmental Conservation Police Division Reserves the Right to:
- Determine which user-submitted comments are acceptable for all social media pages
  - Immediately remove posted content and block access to users who do not comply with this policy without prior notice
  - Delete spam comments
  - This policy is subject to change without notice

Before Posting to Any of Our Social Media Pages, Please Review the Following:

- In case of an emergency, dial 9-1-1
- Do not use this page to report/file a crime
- You cannot file an official complaint through our social media channels. That must be done through a formal process handled by the Environmental Conservation Police Division's Colonel. More information can be found on our [official website](#)
- Posting information relating to a crime on this page does not grant anonymity
- All content on the Environmental Conservation Police Division's social media sites is considered public record, which is subject to public disclosure
- Communications and/or requests made through ECPD's social media sites in no way constitute a legal or official notice of or comment to the ECPD

Please be mindful of the Terms of Use guidelines posted above