

# City of Sidney Press Release

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“As a precaution due to coronavirus, the Police Department Business Office Window will be closed to the public effective immediately and will remain closed until further notice,” stated Police Chief Will Balling.

Balling shared that fees associated with permit parking and parking violation fines will have extended deadlines. He noted that parking tickets and permit parking invoices can still be paid by mail and parking tickets can still be paid online by going to [www.sidneyoh.com](http://www.sidneyoh.com) and clicking on ‘Online Payments’.

In addition, he shared that the police records department will not be accepting any in-person payments at this time. Record requests can be made by telephone at (937) 498-2351, emailed to [akitzmiller@sidneyoh.com](mailto:akitzmiller@sidneyoh.com) and [ajennings@sidneyoh.com](mailto:ajennings@sidneyoh.com) or mailed to the Sidney Police Department, Attn: Records, 201 W. Poplar Street, Sidney OH, 45365. All requests sent by mail should include a written request with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Motor vehicle accident reports can be retrieved online at [www.publicsafety.ohio.gov](http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov)

1. Click on Crash Reports under Quick Links
2. Click on Crash Report Search
3. Launch Crash Reports Search
4. In the Crash Retrieval Module, input the required fields (county & date of crash)
5. Click Get Report and select the requested accident

Balling noted that private property accident reports are not available online.

“We are also limiting our hours for the return of found property. Found property that needs to be picked

up at the Police Department will be available on Mondays from 8:00 a.m. to noon. If you are unable to pick up the property on a Monday during the restricted hours, please contact Captain Tangeman at [jtangeman@sidneyoh.com](mailto:jtangeman@sidneyoh.com) or 937-498-8123 to schedule a time to pick it up,” Balling added.

“All of the changes are to protect both our staff and the public. During these extraordinary times we need to be flexible and do what we can to limit everyone’s potential exposure to the COVID-19 virus,” Balling added.