

BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT  
BERLIN, MARYLAND

SUBJECT: ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION		NO: 400 T-1
EFFECTIVE DATE June 28, 2006	AMENDS	RESCINDS
DISTRIBUTION A	REFERENCES Ocean City Police Department General Orders	

- .10 Officers shall investigate and prepare an ACRS Report on any:
- A. Fatal accident.
  - B. Personal injury accident regardless of severity.
  - C. Accident resulting in placement of charges specifically relating to the cause of the accident.
  - D. Hit and Run accidents where a witness is available or where physical evidence exists that may identify the striking vehicle.
  - E. Accidents involving any government owned property.
  - F. Property damage accidents when either vehicle is so damaged as to require it to be towed, except in property damage accidents on private property, regardless of severity.
  - G. Accidents where the officer believes a written report will be in the best interests of the individuals involved and the general community.
- .20 Whenever an accident investigation is not required by this Order, the officer shall:
- A. Ensure all drivers involved possess valid licenses and registrations.
  - B. Distribute the letter of official policy to involved drivers.

- C. Place appropriate charges not related to the cause of the accident.
  - D. Notify owners of any property damage as a result of the accident.
  - E. Ensure the free flow of traffic as quickly as possible.
- .30 In all traffic accidents, an Accident Information Sheet shall be distributed to involved property owners and/or drivers.
- .40 In accidents involving Town of Berlin owned vehicle, whose operator is required to operate under commercial driver's license (CDL) regulations, a U.S. Department of Transportation Breath Test form (OMB2105-0529) must be completed by a Breath Alcohol Technician and forwarded to the appropriate personnel. If the operator refuses the test or tests positively for alcohol, his/her respective department head shall be notified immediately.
- The results from the D.O.T. alcohol testing cannot be used for any criminal purposes and **shall not** be recorded on any police reports.
- .50 In addition to any Department of Transportation test that may be applicable, any operator believed to be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs shall be treated in accordance with provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Laws.