

Traffic Accident/Other Report Release

Federal Driver Privacy Protection Act (DPPA) criteria

The Baraboo Police Department strives to timely deliver police records to requestors without delay. It is important to note; however, that recent court actions across the nation are requiring government agencies to further scrutinize the release of records which may delay their release.

The Baraboo Police Department, in compliance with the Federal Driver Privacy Protection Act 18 U.S.C. 2721(b)(13) (*hereinafter referred to as DPPA*), may not release driver's personal information gathered from state or federal data sources without consent to do so from the individual. (*other exceptions do exist, click on the link below to read more*) Recently, in at least two cases, courts have ruled that the DPPA was not followed and government entities have been sued.

To access personal identifiable information, the entity or person requesting the information must comply with DPPA by signing a Driver Personal Information Consent to Release form. The DPPA is enforced by the U.S. Department of Justice, which may seek civil and criminal penalties for improperly obtaining, disclosing, or using personal information from a motor vehicle record for a purpose not permitted by the DPPA.

- For more information of the Federal Drivers Privacy Protection Act click [here](#)