

How to file a compliment, complaint or comment.

If you're at the scene, remain calm and ask to speak with a supervisor. You can also provide either a compliment or complaint about an encounter with a Hampton Police Officer by either visiting www.hampton.gov/police and submit a comment or by calling the Office of Professional Standards at (757) 727-6518.

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To provide anonymous tips with a cash reward please call the Hampton Crime Line at 1-888-LOCK-U-UP.

Visit CrimeReports.com to view a 24 hour interactive map and see incident reports that were generated in the City of Hampton. This service is completely **FREE!**

Download the Hampton Police app "City Connect" on Android and Apple devices!

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"Preventing crime and enforcing laws through problem solving partnerships".

What to do if you're stopped by the police



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The community's safety and civil rights are important to each Hampton Police Officer. The Hampton Police Division is committed to partnering with our citizens to ensure that any encounter they have with an officer is a positive experience.

It's important to remember that these are some of the reasons why a citizen might be stopped by a police officer. Whatever the reason, cooperation is a vital part of the experience.

Police Officers stop citizens for a variety of reasons. These encounters may be to investigate a call for service or when reasonable belief is developed that a citizen has committed a crime. These are a few reasons why officers stop citizens:

If a citizen is....

- acting suspicious or is seen in the area where a crime has just occurred.
- fits the description or has been identified as a suspect.
- is suspected of violating the law.

When Stopped by Police, Citizens are encouraged to.....

- Follow the officer's instructions
- Remain calm, do not become argumentative and if needed ask for a supervisor to respond to the scene
- Keep your hands visible.
- Make slow movements.
- Tell the officer if a weapon (knife, gun, etc.) is present and if you possess a concealed handgun permit

When Stopped in a Vehicle....

- Follow the tips listed above.
- Stop the car in a safe place, as quickly as possible.
- Remain seated in the vehicle; do not get out of the vehicle unless instructed to do so.
- Keep your hands visible at all times and if you have a concealed handgun permit place your hands on the steering wheel and alert officers that you have a weapon.
- If it is dark or your vehicle has tinted windows, turn on an interior light.
- Give the officer your driver's license and vehicle registration upon request.

A Citizen May Be Searched....

- When arrested
- When a warrant exists
- When an officer sees evidence of a crime
- Or when a citizen has given consent

Police officers may request permission to search a person, vehicle or property. If permission is freely and knowingly given, the officer may conduct a search.

If an officer suspects that a citizen may be armed, the officer is permitted to pat down the person's outer clothing to see if weapons are present. This is to ensure the safety of both our citizens and officers.

