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A weekly Q&A
with local
law enforcement

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Q: What should I do if I am involved in a traffic accident?

A: There are many things to consider depending on the type of accident you are involved in. In all accidents make sure you have your driver's license and proof of insurance in the vehicle with you.

If you hit an unoccupied vehicle, and are unable to locate the owner, you can leave a note on the vehicle. The note should contain your full name, address, phone number and insurance information. You may also contact police to document the accident.

If you are involved in an accident with an occupied vehicle, contact the police. The officer will respond and complete an accident report. The officer will also verify that both parties have current insurance. After the accident, drivers involved in the accident are required to complete a State Accident Form. This form can be obtained from the law enforcement center or your insurance agent. This form needs to be completed and sent to the state within 10 days.

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