## 4.1.12 Pennsylvania Right to Know Act

## I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Johnstown Police Department to comply with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Right-To-Know Law (RTKL), 65 P.S. subsections 67.101-67.3104.

## **II. PURPOSE**

To provide police personnel and the public with guidelines necessary to comply with the Pennsylvania Right to Know Act.

## **III. PROCEDURES**

- A. Public Records
  - 1. Public record requests are available in person from City Hall, Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM, excluding holidays and/or extenuating circumstances.
  - If a request for records is granted, the requestor shall be required to pay .25 cents per page. In those cases where total projected costs exceed \$100 dollars, associated fees shall be paid prior to the request being processed. Persons requesting
  - 3. There shall be no limitation on the number of public records that may be requested or made available for inspection or duplication.
  - 4. There shall be no requirement to disclose the purpose or motive in requesting access to records that are considered public.
  - 5. Under the "Right to Know Law," investigative reports are exempted for the definition of a "public record," therefore any such request will be denied.
  - 6. Criminal History information is not accessible under the "Right to Know Law."

- 7. Unless a charge of juvenile delinquency is transferred for criminal prosecution under section 6355 of the Juvenile Act, or the court otherwise orders, the records and files of a juvenile shall not be open to public inspection or their contents disclosed to the public.
- 8. This policy shall be posted at City Hall and in the Johnstown Police Departments lobby for public view.

Effective Date: June 4, 2018

By Order Of:

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Robert F. Johnson Chief of Police