

City of Forest Park joins GEARS

Program improves traffic safety, cuts costs and delivers convenience for motorists

Forest Park is the latest department to join the state's GEARS (Georgia Electronic Accident Reporting System) program. The move will lead to more cost effective, timely and accurate filing of crash reports in Forest Park, while at the same time providing easy online access to those reports for involved parties. With GEARS, safety officials can pinpoint problem areas and take action to improve road safety in those areas.

Given the fast pace of information exchange today many people would rather go online to get a copy of their crash report. By going to BuyCrash.com, involved parties can purchase and download a copy of the report and eliminate the time, gas and inconvenience of driving to the responding police agency and standing in line for a copy of their report. This is particularly convenient for out-of-town drivers.

BuyCrash.com is one component of GEARS, which includes software tools and services for local law enforcement agencies that help us collect, file, retrieve and analyze crash records. Law enforcement agencies also realize savings by reducing processing, postage, storage and retrieval costs.

By improving how we collect and submit crash data, we'll be able to improve traffic safety. The City of Forest Park is making life a lot easier for people involved in a crash by giving them the option of downloading their crash report right from their computer.

How can I get a copy of a vehicle accident or incident report?

Reports are generally filed by the patrol officers at the end of their shift, so reports are usually available within approximately 48 hours of the report being taken. The Georgia Open Records Act limits access to motor vehicle accident reports to those people involved in the accident and their insurers. They are not available for public inspection.

For your convenience, obtaining a copy of your crash report is easier than ever. Simply go to www.BuyCrash.com and enter the information on the card given to you by the officer at the scene. You'll be able to view, download, and print your report for a fee.

If you are in the area of the Forest Park Police Department, located at 320 Cash Memorial Blvd, you can purchase a copy of the report. You should appear in person with enough identifying information about the incident (names, date, etc.) for the officer to locate the report.

