

# Rhode Island General Law

## CHAPTER 24

### UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING SYSTEM

12-24-1. Reporting System. -- **A uniform crime reporting system shall be established under the direction, control and supervision of the superintendent of state police.** The superintendent of state police shall have the power and duty, by such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary to collect and gather such information from such local police departments and the enforcement division of the department of environmental management as may be and is hereinafter prescribed.

12-24-2. Reports. -- **The police department of each city and town and the enforcement division of the department of environmental management, once each quarter, upon a date and form prescribed and furnished by the superintendent of state police, shall forward to the division of state police a crime report.** Each reporting department shall report only on cases within its jurisdiction and upon which it is making, or has made, the primary police investigation. The report shall be called the uniform crime report and shall cover crimes reported and otherwise processed during the reporting period. It shall contain the number and nature of offenses and such other information as the superintendent of state police shall specify relating to the method, frequency, cause and prevention of crime. Under no circumstances shall the name of any person be reported.

12-24-3. Compilation of Reports. -- **Upon receipt of the quarterly uniform crime reports from the reporting agencies, the division of state police shall prepare a statewide compilation of the statistics contained therein and the resulting statistical compilation shall be available to any government agency in the state, the judiciary committees of the Rhode Island senate and the Rhode Island house of representatives, and the federal bureau of investigation, upon request.** The statistics made available through the uniform crime report shall be used for the purposes of studying the causes, trends and effects of crime in the state and for intelligence upon which to base a more sound program of crime detection and prevention and the apprehension of criminals.

12-24-4. Other agencies. -- **Any governmental agency, not falling within the description of those required to submit the quarterly uniform crime report set forth in 12-24-22, which desires to submit such a report, shall be furnished with the proper forms by the division of state police.** When a report is received by the division of state police from a governmental agency not required to make such reports, the information contained therein shall be included within the monthly compilation provided for in 12-24-3.