

**LIVINGSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
SEXUAL AND VIOLENT OFFENDER REGISTRATION
PUBLIC DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION POLICY**

It is the policy of the Livingston Police Department to release any offender registration information that it possesses that is considered public criminal justice information, or registration information that it possesses relevant to the public if it is determined that a registered offender is a risk to the safety of the community and that disclosure of the registration information that it possesses may protect the public. Considering the level of risk posed by the offender to the public, information may be disseminated by newspaper, paper flyers, posters, the internet, or any other media as determined by the chief of police.

To provide reasonable public access to this information, updated lists of offenders who have registered with the Livingston Police Department, as well as other pertinent information, will be displayed in a public awareness bulletin board located in the law enforcement section of the City-County building and on the City website, www.livingstonmontana.org. Citizens requesting general information, or requesting specific information on a particular offender, should be referred to the bulletin board or website for this information. Information may also be obtained on the Montana Sexual and Violent Offender web-site: <http://svor.doj.state.mt.us>. *At no time will a list of registered offenders, or a picture of any offender, be provided to any member of the public without approval of the chief of police.*

At a minimum, offender information will be disseminated to the public by the following means:

Violent Offenders - Name, address, and the offense the offender is required to register under will be posted in the public awareness bulletin board and on the City website.

Level 1 Sex Offenders - Name, address, date of birth, physical description, the offense the offender is required to register under and the most recent photograph will be posted on the public awareness bulletin board and on the City website.

Level 2 Sex Offenders, and Level 1 Offenders who have committed an offense against a minor - Name, address, date of birth, physical description, the offense the offender is required to register under, the type of victim targeted by the offense, the license plate number(s) and a description of any vehicle owned or operated by the offender, any conditions imposed by the court upon the offender for the safety of the public and the most recent photograph will be posted and maintained on the public awareness bulletin board and the City website. The most recent photograph will be posted on the bulletin board. This offender information, including a photograph, will be disseminated in at least two publications of the Livingston Enterprise newspaper.

Level 3 Sex Offenders - Name, address, date of birth, physical description, the offense the offender is required to register under, the name of the community in which the offense occurred, the type of victim targeted by the offense, the license plate number(s) and a description of any vehicle owned or operated by the offender, any conditions imposed by the court upon the offender for the safety of the public, the date of the offender's release from confinement (or if not confined, the date the offender was sentenced, with a notation that the offender was not confined) and the most recent photograph will be posted and maintained on the public awareness bulletin board and the City website. This offender information, including a photograph, will be disseminated in at least two publications of the Livingston Enterprise newspaper. Upon a Level 3 offender moving into Livingston, a sexual offender education and notification public meeting will be held at the discretion of the chief of police. If such a meeting is scheduled, the date, time and location will be posted on the public awareness bulletin board, posted in the local newspaper(s) and announced over the local radio station.

Citizen abuse of this information to threaten, intimidate, harass or assault registered offenders will not be tolerated and violators may be subject to criminal prosecution. Registered offenders who suffer from such treatment from the public are encouraged to notify law enforcement.

This policy was adopted in December, 2001. Revised; October, 2008.