



### **Other Laws/Questions:**

**Question:** Why did Police Officers tell me that my call was “civil?”

**Answer:** Civil means that nothing criminal happened that would allow Police Officers to make an arrest, write a citation, or proceed with any charges through the county or city attorney. Things such as child custody and division of property are civil matters. You should see the advised of your lawyer should you have a civil problem. Powell Police Officers can perform what we call a “civil standby” to keep the peace for civil matters. They can standby while you retrieve items from another person. This ensures that everything goes smoothly. Police Officers can also standby to keep the peace during custody exchanges; however, they can not intervene unless there is a court order.



**Question:** Does Powell have a curfew law?

**Answer:** Simply, yes, there is a curfew in Powell for minors under sixteen (16) years of age. Powell Municipal Code 9.20.020 refers to curfew hours. From September 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>, minor person under 16 years of age should not be “out” on Sunday through Thursday between the hours of 11:00 pm and 5:00 am; on Fridays and Saturdays the hours are 12:00 am (midnight) to 5:00 am. From June 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>, minor person under the age of 16 should not be “out” each day between the hours of 12:00 am (midnight) and 5:00am. There are exceptions to this law; please see the ordinance for list of these.



**Question:** Why was my electricity shut off, and what should I do?

**Answer:** If your electricity shut off and it is after hours, contact the Powell Police Department. There may be a problem, and we can contact the proper city electrician to fix the problem. If your electricity has been shut off for non-payment, you need to contact the City of Powell during business hours. You can contact the City of Powell business office Monday through Friday between the hours 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Their office is located at 270 N Clark St, right next door to the Powell Police Department. Their phone number is 754-5106, extensions 113, and 114.



**Question:** Does the Powell Police Department offer fingerprints services?

**Answer:** Yes, you can come to the Powell Police Department and get a set of your fingerprints taken. It is typically best to attempt this during business hours (8:00 am to 4:00 pm) weekdays. State issued identification cards and social security cards are required. Please bring the fingerprint cards that your employer supplies to you. This typically takes 15 to 20 minutes. Currently, there is no charge. The fingerprint cards can also be notarized by one of the Notary Publics on the staff, which there is no charge for the notary as well.



**Question:** Will the Powell Police Department unlock my car if I locked the keys in it?

**Answer:** No, this is not a service that the Powell Police Department offers. We can unlock your vehicle in extreme emergencies; however, we do not routinely perform this service. Powell Police Department Dispatchers can page one of the locksmiths to assist you. There will be a fee charged to you by the locksmith that responds.

**Question:** How do I get a copy of a report?

**Answer:** If you need a report for insurance purposes. i.e. you reported something stolen, missing, lost damaged, etc., you may come to the Powell Police Department and request a report confirmation. A report confirmation is simply a form that states what you reported and the status of the investigation on that report. Your insurance company will use this for claim purposes. The fee for a report confirmation is \$2.00.

If you need a copy of an accident report because you were involved in a traffic accident, you can obtain it at the Powell Police Departments. It will cost \$0.15 cents per page.

If you want a copy of a full case report, there are several rules that apply. If it is an open and active investigation no release will be made. If the case is closed and has been referred for prosecution, you must contact the appropriate prosecuting attorney's office to obtain a copy of the report. If the case is closed, you can obtain a copy of the report through the Powell Police Department. You must first fill out a request form. Chief Feathers must then authorize release of the report. If the Chief authorizes release of the report, you can obtain a copy through dispatch at the Powell Police Department. You must pay \$0.15 cents a page.

If you are unsure of the status of the case, and whom you need to go to in order to obtain a copy of your report, you can contact Dispatch at the Powell Police Department.



**Question:** What Should I call 911 for/Is my call important enough to call 911 for?

**Answer:** 911 is strictly an emergency line. Please do not call 911 to request the phone number to the Powell Police Department or because you don't know the number to the Powell Police Department. Please do not call 911 because you are on a cell phone and it is more convenient and/or free to call 911 from a cell phone. Please do not call 911 to report that you are doing a controlled burn. Please use discretion before you call 911. People often call 911 and say "I don't know if this is an emergency or not, but..." If it doesn't seem like an emergency, it probably isn't. You may feel that the dog barking next door is an emergency, and while we will be more than happy to send someone over to speak to the dog's owner about this situation, this really does not require a call to 911. If you call 911 for something that is not an emergency, you may be asked to call on the regular police line. This is to keep the 911 lines free in the event of an emergency.

Please do call 911 if you need an ambulance or you have a medical emergency. Please call if you have a fire to report. Please call 911 if you are witnessing or the victim of a crime in progress like a burglary, Fight/assault, domestic incident, etc.

Simply put, 911 is only to be used in the event that someone's life or property is in danger. Some 911 calls from a cellular phone will go automatically to the Park County Sheriff's Office. If you are calling 911 from a cell phone, keep this in mind. If you need to reach the Powell Police Department for an emergency, and you are using a cellular phone, it may save a bit of time to call our regular line. The regular line for the Powell Police Department is 307-754-2212. It may be wise to program this number into your cellular phone and post it somewhere in your home.

Also, remember that if you need an ambulance, you need to call 911. People often call the hospital for an ambulance. This delays response time. The Powell Police Department pages and dispatches the ambulance, and 911 is the correct number to use. This is the same for fires.

**Question:** What isn't the number for the Powell Police Department or other law enforcement agencies in the phone book?

**Answer:** Actually, it is in the phone book; it just isn't listed in the white pages. If you turn to the blue government pages of your phone book, you will find the number there. It is under the Powell listing in the city government section. As a reminder, our phone number is (307) 754-2212. You can also find the number to the Park County Sheriff's Office using the government/county section of the phone book and

the Wyoming Highway Patrol by using the government/state section of your phone book. The Wyoming Highway Patrol is a toll-free number that you can reach them; it is 1-800-442-9090. The Park County Sheriff's Office is located in Cody; however, they have a "754" number you can reach them at; it is (307) 754-8700.



## **Hiring:**

**Question:** Can I get a job application?

**Answer:** We don't hand out applications unless we are actually hiring. You can bring us a copy of your resume. We have an active file of resumes, and when we begin a hiring process, we call each person who has submitted a resume. If you are still interested in a position, you can pick up an application, or we will send you one. It is very important that you complete each question on the application, as incomplete applications may not be considered.

**Question:** What does the hiring process entail?

**Answer:** Dispatch candidates must be at least 18 years of age and have completed high school or have a G.E.D. The testing and interview process is lengthy and rigorous, typically taking two to three days to complete. There is a written test, various staff and community interviews, and a psychological exam. Officer candidates must be at least 21 years of age and have completed high school or have a G.E.D. The testing process is very similar; however, officer candidates must also pass a physical agility and strength test.