

**IF YOU FEEL YOUR  
RIGHTS HAVE BEEN  
VIOLATED**

Do not make threatening motions, gestures, or statements to the officers. Respectfully request and write down the name of the officers with whom you interact should you wish to report a complaint.

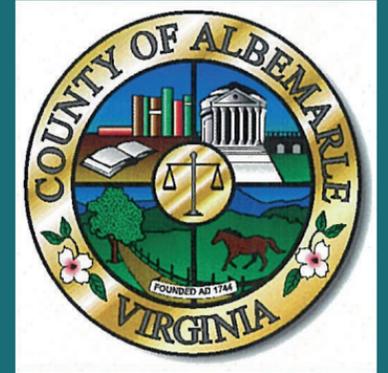
**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

9-1-1 (For emergencies only)  
Police Non-Emergency - 434-296-5807  
Crime Stoppers- 434-977-4000  
24 Hour Sexual Assault Hotline - 434-977-7273  
24 Hour Domestic Violence Hotline - 434-293-8509  
24 Hour Suicide Prevention Hotline - 434-972-1800  
Police Compliment/Complaint - 434-296-5807  
Sin Barreras (Non Profit Spanish Language Assistance)  
434-531-0104

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## Be Respectful When Dealing with Law Enforcement

Cooperation with law enforcement is essential to public and officer safety. You must not physically resist, obstruct, or be abusive toward the police. Obstructing or resisting law enforcement officers are criminal offenses.

The information in this pamphlet is provided to promote public safety and respectful interaction among law enforcement personnel and members of the public.

### **Be Respectful and Cooperative**

Don't run. Don't argue, resist or obstruct law enforcement. Keep your hands where police can see them at all times and cooperate with police officers.

#### **Searches of Your Person and Belongings**

The law allows law enforcement to "pat down" your clothing and to conduct searches to ensure officer safety under certain circumstances. Under Virginia law, when driving on public roads your consent for a blood draw or breath test is implied.

#### **Arrest and Custodial Interrogation-Silence**

If placed under arrest and subject to questioning that may incriminate you, you have the right to remain silent.

#### **Arrest and Custodial Interrogation-Counsel**

If placed in custody and subject to questioning that may incriminate you, you may request an attorney. If you cannot afford one, an attorney will be appointed.

## IMMIGRATION STATUS

Do not lie about your citizenship or provide fake documents to law enforcement.

### **IF YOU ARE STOPPED IN YOUR CAR**

Stop the car, in a safe place, as quickly as possible. Turn off the car, turn on the interior light, and place your hands on the steering wheel. Avoid any sudden movements and cooperate with law enforcement personnel. If there are passengers in the car, advise them to keep their hands visible, avoid sudden movements, and to cooperate with law enforcement.