

**Department of  
Energy and Environmental Protection**

Public Act 11-80, effective July 1, 2011, established the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection as the successor agency to the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Public Utility Control, and the energy group within the Office of Policy and Management.

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Department of  
Environmental Protection

DIRECTIVE FORM

SUBJECT: DEER KILLS & THE USE OF DEER KILL INCIDENT REPORT FORM EPW-8

The Deer Kill Incident Report (DKIR) shall be used by law enforcement officers and other department personnel in reporting any deer kill which they may encounter except those killed under permits issued by this department. A deer possessed as a result of any legal hunting activity requires a tag or metal locking seal, issued by the state. The form is designed to help protect the officer and will be valuable to deer management.

Procedural Information

Instructions for preparing the report are printed inside the front cover of the form book.

- A. Under the authority of Section 26-86 of the Connecticut General Statutes, any deer killed by a motor vehicle may, after inspection by the local police authority, state police, or conservation officer, become the property of the owner of such motor vehicle.

It is the responsibility of the field headquarters in their respective districts, and the conservation officers in their patrol zones to inform the local authorities and state police troops of Section 26-86 of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding the release of deer to the owners of vehicles involved in collisions with deer. They shall also explain the use of the DKIRs and how they can obtain supplies of them from the DEP field offices.

Owner as used in this statute cannot be interpreted to mean agent or driver. Further, a corporation cannot be considered an owner; thus, deer killed by motor vehicles which are owned by corporations cannot be released and shall be claimed by the state.

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- B. Owners of vehicles wishing to claim the vehicle-killed deer must do so at the scene of the incident. The owner will be required to sign and retain a copy of the DKIR as proof of legal possession. Once claimed, the owner may dispose of the deer in any manner except sale. Under no circumstances shall any officer of this department accept or retain for his personal use a deer which has been killed by a motor vehicle.
- C. The investigating officer will be required to obtain the registration number, driver's license number, and signature of the owner of the vehicle and record this information on the DKIR before the deer is released. The goldenrod copy of the report will be used as a receipt and as proof of legal possession. It must accompany the carcass until packaged for consumption.
- D. In cases where the owner does not wish to claim the deer, complete the "Registration" and "Driver's License" number blocks. The owner's signature is not required. All such deer will become the property of the state, and if edible, taken to the freezer locker in Burlington, Marlborough, or other approved facility.
- E. If the carcass is not at the scene, a properly completed report will be forwarded if notification or evidence substantiates a kill.
- F. Lot numbers are to be used by officers for storage and/or case reports on the proper forms. The venison storage record is also required.
- G. Unusual deaths occasionally occur on private property. (This does not include deer deaths resulting from gunshot). If such deer is requested by the owner of the property, it may be turned over to him by a conservation officer or wildlife biologist for a fee of \$1.00; however, this procedure is not to be encouraged. The "Remarks" portion of the DKIR will include the landowner's address and the fact that \$1.00 was received from him. The landowner must sign the report and retain the goldenrod copy until the carcass is cut up for consumption. No deer which is hit by a motor vehicle may become the property of any landowner even if the deer should wander on his property and die.
- H. The DKIR is an official state form and becomes an official state record upon completion. The minimum acceptable "specific location" entry shall be the appropriate designated D.M.A. "Grid" number for that geographic location. The form is not valid without the signature of the person investigating and date of report.
- I. The DEP district office will maintain the white copy for the file and forward the canary to the Wildlife Bureau in Hartford.

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In the event that the state police and a conservation officer appear simultaneously at the same incident, the conservation officer must write "Duplicate" across the face of the form if it is determined he needs a report to justify the off hours spent investigating the incident. State police procedures require that they must file a DKIR.

- J. Conservation officers should not respond to a call for a deer/vehicle accident when there is another police authority at the scene who turns the deer over to the owner of the motor vehicle involved in the accident as provided for in Section 26-86.
- K. All white copies of the report received in the district from any source will be reviewed to prevent duplicates and to assure compliance with this directive.

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