



## **HOW CAN THE MVA HELP PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT?**

### **APPLY FOR AN “R” DRIVER’S LICENSE RESTRICTION CODE**

Since October 1, 2007, the Motor Vehicle Administration has been offering a voluntary program to assist victims of identity theft by placing an “R” driver’s license restriction code that is displayed on the person’s driver’s license and driving record. If you have been the victim of an Identity Theft crime and would like to apply for the “R” restriction code, you must first file a report with the local law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over:

1. any part of the county in which the person lives; or
2. any part of the county in which the crime occurred (MD Criminal Law 8-304)

**The police report must indicate the type of incident/crime as Identity Theft/Identity Fraud.** You will need to take a copy of the report to the MVA Headquarters located at 6601 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie, MD 21062, Investigation Division – Room 53 and ask to speak with the Duty Chief Investigator. (Phone # 410-768-7541 or 410-768-7536) You must also take your current valid driver’s license with you. After approval from a Chief Investigator, you will sign an authorization form (DL-204), which grants MVA permission to place the “R” restriction code on your driver’s license and driving record. After paying the applicable fee, you will then receive the driver’s license displaying the “R” code.

### **HOW WILL THIS HELP ME?**

If someone attempts to fraudulently use your name and identifying information during a traffic stop and does not physically have the driver’s license displaying the “R” code, the law enforcement officer will be alerted that you have been a victim of Identity Theft. The officer should then attempt to further verify the identity of the individual.