

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



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Reporting and providing information about crimes and suspicious activities:

You should report emergencies by calling **9-1-1**. These include crimes that are in progress or about to happen, and ones that have resulted in serious personal injury.

Other criminal and suspicious activities can be reported to our 24-hour non-emergency number **619-667-1400**.



The ability of the police to locate and arrest criminals often depends on the thoroughness and accuracy of the report you submit. The following information checklist should be used for reporting both emergency and non-emergency crimes:

• **Type of Crime** – (if you are calling to report suspicious behavior.... Explain why it is suspicious, someone who is simply walking down the street is not inherently suspicious. Examples of suspicious behavior can be but not limited to, someone who is peering through windows of cars or homes; looking over or through side gates, testing door handles, etc).

• **Location:** exact street address and nearest cross street- this is especially important when calling the Police Department from a cell phone.

• **Time of occurrence**

• **Weapons used**

• **Vehicle information:** activity, direction of travel, license plate, color, make/model, unusual characteristics

• **Suspect information:** activity, direction of travel, race, gender, age, height, weight, hair (color, length, style facial), weapon type, clothing color and other characteristics.

Response to non-emergency calls will depend on the relative seriousness or priority of the situation.

When calling the Police Department- Remember:

- Stay Calm
- Listen Carefully
- Give Information
- Follow Instructions.

- For Crimes in progress or incidents that threaten life or property dial 9-1-1.
- For non-emergencies or to report suspicious activity dial our 24-hour line: 619.667.1400
- If you are calling from a cell phone, know your location.
- Be ready to give the complete address or to describe landmarks like nearby businesses or cross streets. 9-1-1 needs to know where to go.

REMEMBER the 5 “W”s when reporting suspicious activities:

1. What is happening?
2. Who is doing what?
3. Where is it taking place?
4. When did you observe it?
5. Why is it suspicious?



Suspicious activities can include...

- A person who seems to have no purpose wandering through the neighborhood, peering in windows of cars or residences. (this does not mean, someone who is just walking by in your neighborhood)
- Strangers going into the side or backyard of a neighbor's home, especially when the neighbor is not home.
- Strangers carrying property from residences or closed businesses.
- Individuals attempting to forcibly enter a locked vehicle, especially at night or in a parking lot.
- Abandoned vehicles.
- A business transaction conducted from a vehicle. This could involve the sale of drugs and/or stolen property.
- Excessive traffic to and from a residence, especially during unusual hours.



Report all suspicious persons and activity to the LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT
Non-Emergency 619.667.1400 Emergency 9-1-1