

DAYBREAK LA MESA CRIME ALERT!

Reporting and providing information about crimes and suspicious activities

Recently, the community has experienced some vehicle break-ins resulting in theft of personal property. It is always wise to not leave any items visible inside of your vehicle. It is highly recommended that you file a police report right away if your vehicle is broken into or your property is broken into. We should all always be aware of our surroundings and report any suspicious activities immediately.

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 the:

La Mesa Police Dept. 24-hour non-emergency number: 619-667-1400.

When residents call in suspicious activities, the La Mesa Police will increase patrols. 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 houses, 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:

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), clothing color and other characteristics. Response to non-emergency calls will depend on the relative seriousness or priority of the situation.

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

What is happening?

Who is doing what?

Where is it taking place?

When did you observe it?

Why is it suspicious?