



LA MESA POLICE NEWS & INFORMATION



Activity Period: September 23 through September 29, 2013 Media Contact: Lt. Matt Nicholass (619) 667-7512

Calls For Service:

Total Calls for Service: 1,302

9-1-1 Calls: 606

Officer Initiated*: 381

Arrests: 35

Citations Issued: 79

Response Times:

Priority 1 Calls: 5 minutes, 45 seconds

Non-Urgent Calls: 18-41 minutes

Case Highlights: On September 25, 2013, at approximately 4:56 PM, La Mesa Police were called to the intersection of Campina and Severin Drives regarding a strong-arm robbery that had just occurred. Officers arrived and located two female victims, who were suffering from minor injuries after being punched in the head by two unknown female suspects. Both victims reported they were robbed of their cell phones during the altercation.

The two suspects in this case were described as black females, possibly juveniles between the ages of 17 and 18 years old. One female was described as being approximately 5'5" tall and wearing a white t-shirt, black shorts, and black stockings. The second suspect was described as being 5'7" to 5'9" tall and wearing a navy or black t-shirt and light purple shoes. This second female suspect was also reported to be wearing her hair in dreadlocks. The two suspects fled the scene on foot after the robbery and were last seen running towards the Amaya Trolley Station. There is no further information on the suspects at this time.

This case is still being investigated and anyone with further information is encouraged to call the La Mesa Police Department. You may also call Crime Stoppers' anonymous toll-free tip line at (888) 580-TIPS (or visit www.sdcrimestoppers.com). You can remain anonymous, and be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000 for information in this case.

Traffic Information:

Statistically, speeding remains the number 1 injury traffic accident causing contributor in La Mesa. Officers determine and gauge whether someone is "speeding" or not by evaluating if they are driving too fast for the present conditions or not. On city streets, unlike on the freeway, your safe speed is ruled by California Vehicle Code section 22350, which states: *No person shall drive a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent having due regard for weather, visibility, the traffic on, and the surface and width of, the highway, and in no event at a speed which endangers the safety of persons or property.* Notice that this section never mentions a particular speed. Your "safe speed for the present conditions" is dictated by the regulatory speed limit signs in the area and the traffic, weather and road conditions.

The La Mesa Police Department's Traffic Unit is in the preparation stages of implementing a much more aggressive enforcement plan when it comes to speeding on our city streets. Please adhere to the above Vehicle Code section in order to drive safely, prevent accidents and expensive citations!

Crime Prevention/Emergency Preparedness: Visit the La Mesa Police Information Booth at upcoming community events! Join or start a Neighborhood Watch program on your street, get tips on topics from personal safety to home security, or sign up for Nixle alerts at the following free events: **Oktoberfest:** Friday, October 4 – Sunday October 6, 2013, west end booth cap at Acacia and La Mesa Boulevard. Call the Crime Prevention Unit with questions at (619) 667-7545. **Senior Expo:** Thursday, October 10, 2013 from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm at the La Mesa Community Center, 4975 Memorial Drive from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Please R.S.V.P. by October 9 by calling (619) 667-1322.

Department Information:

Help solve a cold Homicide case: <http://www.cityoflamesa.com/DocumentView.aspx?DID=2487>

* "Officer Initiated" refers to a situation when an officer observes what is believed to be criminal activity and responds accordingly.