

# CRIME REPORTING AND PREVENTION



# CRIME REPORTING PROCEDURES

**EMERGENGY: PHONE 911** 

An emergency call is defined as a situation where a person's life or property is in danger or threatened. Examples include fire calls, accidents with injuries, groups of persons with weapons preparing to fight, shootings, stabbings, robberies, rape, etc.

NON-EMERGENCY: PHONE 242-COPS (242-2677)

A non-emergency call is a situation where a person's life and/or property are not in immediate danger. Examples include description of suspicious persons, smashed windows in an unoccupied home, abandon car on street, persons loitering near a school, and information about impending crimes.

## MAIL THEFT

Theft of mail or vandalism of mail boxes should be reported to <u>both</u> the US Post Office and to Albuquerque Police Department non-emergency phone number. The US Post Office can be contacted in person, by phone at 1-800-ASK-USPS (1-800-275-8777), or via email using the "US Postal Inspector" link from the PRORA website home page. Tips to protect yourself can be found here.

# **GRAFFITI**

Graffiti should be reported to the City of Albuquerque using the 311 hotline. Albuquerque graffiti removal crews work 7 days a week. Alternatively, you can use the "Graffiti" link from the PRORA website home page.

## **CRIME STOPPERS**

If you have information about a crime and don't want to "get involved", make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 843-STOP (7867). You can remain anonymous and receive rewards up to \$1,000.00. Alternatively, you can use the "Crime Stoppers" link from the PRORA website home page.

For a more complete description of Crime Reporting, see the APD Flyer.



## CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

# Things We Can Do To Prevent Crime:

Here in the PRORA area there are many things we can do to fight crime. Listed below are just a few suggestions. PRORA encourages everyone to report every crime, since crime data is used by APD to prioritize their patrols and prevention efforts.

- 1. Report all crimes include graffiti and all forms of vandalism.
- 2. Get everyone on your block to leave your outside lights on at night.
- 3. Be a Block Captain and start a *Block Watch* on your block.
- 4. Keep your car, house, and garage doors closed and locked at all times.
- 5. Park your cars in the garage, not on the street.
- 6. Report all suspicious activity in your neighborhood to the police.
- 7. Keep shrubs and trees around your house cut back, so criminals can't hide.
- 8. When you leave town, have neighbors collect your mail and newspapers.
- 9. When out of town, use light timers to turn lights in your house on and off.
- 10. Keep your drapes drawn when you're away.

For a lot of additional tips and advice, see the <u>APD Webpage</u>. A few topical tip sheets are listed here:

Personal Safety
Door to Door Solicitation
Auto Theft
Residential Burglary
Holiday Safety

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