

# LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Quarterly Part I Crimes and Patrol Statistics

3rd Quarter 2020



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## **Law Enforcement Operations and Statistics**

### **Part 1 Crimes and Statistics**

The 3rd quarter of 2020 concluded with 18.9 crimes per thousand residents compared to 19.3 crimes per thousand in the 3rd quarter of 2019, which represents a .2% decrease in the number of crimes.

Violent Crimes decreased 13.9% in 2020 year-to-date compared to the same period in 2019. There were 118 incidents at the end of the 3rd quarter of 2020 compared to 137 in 2019. Robberies decreased 32.3% in 2020 year-to-date compared to the same period in 2019. During the 3rd quarter of 2020 there were 10 robberies compared to 15 during the 3rd quarter of 2019. Of the 10 robberies, 4 were shoplifting cases where suspects fought with store employees.

Property Crimes increased by 2.3% in 2020 compared to 2019. At the end of the 3rd quarter of 2020, there were 747 property crimes reported compared to 730 at the end of the 3rd quarter of 2019. The following three categories make up the category of Property Crime: Burglary, Theft and Auto Theft. Burglary increased 73.3% Theft decreased 15.9% and Auto Theft increased 27.5%. This category also includes a 19.4% decrease in vehicle burglaries and a 3.2% increase in residential burglaries.

The following are some of the significant robbery clearances from the 3rd quarter:

- On 08/06/20, a suspect entered Vons located at 8011 University Avenue, La Mesa. The suspect concealed multiple bottles of alcohol in her purse. The suspect passed all registers and when confronted by a store employee, she punched the employee and fled the scene on foot. Responding La Mesa Police officers detained the suspect walking down University Avenue. She was arrested for 211 PC – Robbery. The suspect has been linked to multiple liquor shoplifting cases around the county.
- On 09/30/20, a suspect entered the Navy Federal Credit Union located at 8796 Grossmont Boulevard, La Mesa. The suspect approached the bank teller and demanded cash. The suspect brandished a kitchen knife. The bank teller provided the suspect with cash and the suspect fled the scene in his vehicle. Responding La Mesa Police officers were able to locate the suspect in the city of San Diego and performed a traffic stop. The officers located the stolen cash and the kitchen knife used in the robbery. The suspect was arrested for 211 PC - Robbery. The FBI assisted in the case and is seeking federal charges against the suspect.

The following are some of the significant burglary clearances from the 3rd quarter:

- On the evening 05/30/20, a protest, that began peacefully hours earlier at the La Mesa Police Station, turned into a riot. As the night progressed, numerous rioters damaged City of La Mesa property and buildings, commercial businesses, and residential neighborhoods by breaking windows, spray painting graffiti, and starting fires to businesses and vehicles. Numerous subjects moved to different areas of the city and began to loot and vandalize businesses. The Special Investigations Unit was assigned to investigate the looting and vandalism that occurred during the riot. During the 2nd and 3rd Quarters, the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) detectives identified and arrested 25 suspects for looting and vandalism. Also, SIU identified an additional 20 suspects for looting and vandalism and submitted their cases to the District Attorney's office. SIU will continue to investigate the crimes that occurred on May 30th.
- Sometime during the night hours between 05/30/20 and 05/31/20, an unknown suspect forced entry into Dixieline using a sledgehammer. Various products were stolen by the suspect. Surveillance video showed the suspect attempting to clean the area of the shattered window with bleach – possibly due to cutting himself and leaving blood on the door, window, and ground. The suspect stole multiple power tools from the shelves. The general manager of Dixieline found an item of merchandise with blood on it in the aisle where the suspect had been. The manager also found a sign and the sledgehammer with blood on it. Swabs of the blood were submitted to the San Diego County Sheriff's Crime Lab. On 09/24/20, a DNA Hit Notification was received. The notification detailed that the evidence submitted for DNA analysis came back a match to a known suspect. A records check revealed suspect's home address was in La Mesa. On 09/29/20, La Mesa Police Detectives went to the suspect's home address and arrested him. He was transported and booked into San Diego County Jail for 463(a) PC – Burglary During a National Emergency.
- On 08/20/20 just before midnight, LMPD responded to a call of a burglary alarm activation from Trek Bicycle Superstore located at 8495 Fletcher Parkway, La Mesa. Upon arrival officers saw the front window of the business was broken. The business owner arrived and showed officers video from the surveillance system of the suspect breaking in and leaving with a bicycle. Approximately one hour later in the early morning of 08/21/20, LMPD officers responded to a call of a male breaking out a front window and entering the Albertson's grocery store located at 8920 Fletcher Parkway. San Diego Sheriff's Department's ASTREA helicopter responded to assist LMPD in a search for the suspect. He was located with the stolen bicycle from Trek Bicycle Superstore walking through backyards in a nearby neighborhood. The suspect was arrested for two counts of 459 PC Commercial Burglary.

## Homeless Contacts

The Police Department responded to a total of 808 contacts related to homeless individuals during the 3rd quarter of 2020, compared to 697 during the 2nd quarter of 2020 and 639 contacts in the 3rd quarter of 2019. The top 3 areas where homeless individuals were contacted are as follows:

- 4554 70th Street
- 6600 Vigo Drive
- 5500 Grossmont Center Drive

The Police Department continues to work with the social worker assigned to LMPD's Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) and offer services to those individuals who are willing to accept it.

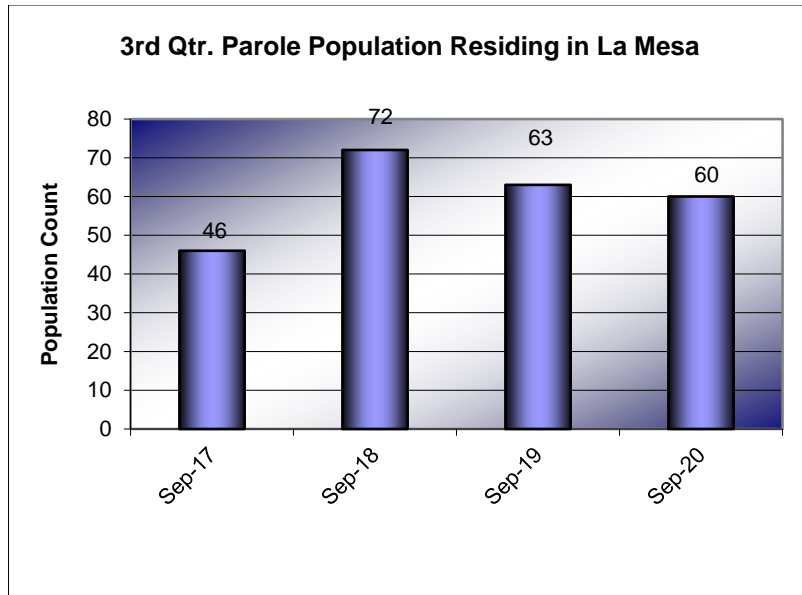
## Special Investigations Unit (SIU)

### SIU 3rd Quarter Activity

<b>Activity</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2019</b>
Arrests	27	67
Field Interviews	122	46
Citations	0	6
Vehicle Impounds	0	5
Probation Searches	33	63
Parole Searches	4	6
Traffic Stops	7	27
Pedestrian Stops	16	70
Search Warrants	12	N/A
Riot	0	0

## Parolees and Probationers

Below is a graph representing the number of individuals on Parole that have resided in La Mesa over the last four years. Please note that the below graph does not include Post-Release Offenders (AB109).



### AB109 – Public Safety Realignment

The California criminal justice system had a fundamental shift on October 1, 2011, as the result of Assembly Bill 109, the Public Safety Realignment Act. The law changed a number of ways Law Enforcement monitors these offenders. Felons who have committed non-violent, non-serious, and non-sex offenses are housed in county jail. Those released from state prison, known as Post Release Offenders (PRO), are supervised by the Probation Department. Probation violations by the PRO population are served in county jail and are limited to 180 days.

According to the San Diego County Probation Department, La Mesa currently houses Twenty-three (23) of the Post Release Offenders.

### Registered Sex Offenders

There are currently eighty-one (81) active sex registrants in the city and all are in compliance. Throughout the year, patrol officers conduct compliance checks on the registrants living in La Mesa.

### Traffic Collisions/Citations/Enforcement Operations

There were sixty-eight (68) traffic collisions during the 3rd Quarter of 2020. Of the sixty-eight (68) reports, twenty-eight (28) collisions involved injuries with thirty-six (36) total drivers and passengers reporting injuries. Of the thirty-six (36) injured parties, there were no serious injuries and no fatalities.

## Traffic Enforcement Operations 3rd Quarter 2020

Due to COVID-19 and Civil Unrest, enforcement operations were extremely limited during the 3rd quarter. A new OTS grant period begins 10/01/2020 with a grant award of \$96,500.00.

## Community Resource Activities and Information

### Graffiti Tracker

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>1st Qtr 2020</b>	<b>2nd Qtr 2020</b>	<b>3rd Qtr 2020</b>	<b>4th Qtr 2020</b>	<b>YTD Total</b>
Reported Graffiti	61	62	37		160
Photographed	42	43	37		122
Cleaned	56	55	37		148

“Reported Graffiti” includes graffiti reported to Public Works and the Police Department. “Cleaned Graffiti” includes the graffiti that was painted out by Public Works personnel, Police Department personnel, or private citizens and business owners. “Photographed Graffiti” includes graffiti photographed by Public Works and Police Department personnel.

The Community Resource Unit (CRU) receives reports of graffiti from RSVP patrols, the Graffiti Hotline, phone calls from citizens to the Police Department, and reports of graffiti to Public Works. CRU continues to work with several volunteers and private businesses in an effort to assist in graffiti eradication. CRU has worked with Code Compliance on properties that are chronic graffiti targets.

During the 3rd Quarter of 2020, locations with a high frequency of graffiti included City parks, the 5600 block of Lake Murray Boulevard, and the 4500 block of 70<sup>th</sup> Street.

### School Resource Officers

Schools transitioned to online learning in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. There was no significant SRO activity. The SRO has been assigned to patrol with an unknown return date.

### Crime Prevention/Emergency Preparedness

There are currently 124 Neighborhood Watch groups in the city, sixteen (16) of which contain at least one (1) Community Emergency Response Team member. The Nextdoor.com social media group has approximately 17,777 La Mesa citizens participating. The Department’s Facebook account has 5,967 followers. The

Department's Twitter account has 4,457 followers. The Department's Instagram account has 2,696 followers.

Neighborhood Watch Meetings	0
Community Presentations	0
Residential Security Inspections	1
Commercial Security Inspections	1

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## Quarterly Crime Statistics - 3rd Quarter 2020

### Violent Crime

	2019				2020			2020	2019	YTD
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	YTD	YTD	% Change
<b>Homicide</b>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	-100.0%
Cleared	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	-100.0%
<b>Rape</b>	10	7	4	1	3	1	9	13	21	-38.1%
Cleared	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	-100.0%
<b>Robbery</b>	21	26	15	14	22	10	10	42	62	-32.3%
Cleared	16	11	7	7	12	5	6	23	34	-32.4%
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	22	9	22	22	17	15	31	63	53	18.9%
Cleared	10	6	9	14	8	12	9	29	25	16.0%

### Property Crime

	2019				2020			2020	2019	YTD
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	YTD	YTD	% Change
Residential	25	10	28	16	26	19	20	65	63	3.2%
Commercial	15	15	12	17	29	58	31	118	42	181.0%
<b>Burglary Total</b>	40	25	40	33	55	77	50	182	105	73.3%
Cleared	12	6	7	10	9	17	15	41	25	64.0%
Car Prowl (Included in Theft)	66	44	34	47	45	38	33	116	144	-19.4%
Theft > \$400	89	73	64	85	72	55	63	190	226	-15.9%
Theft \$400 or less	103	101	104	96	111	76	72	259	308	-15.9%
<b>Theft Total</b>	192	174	168	181	183	131	135	449	534	-15.9%
Cleared	43	30	33	32	17	11	13	41	106	-61.3%
<b>Auto Theft</b>	33	31	27	56	33	41	42	116	91	27.5%
Cleared	9	3	5	5	7	4	6	17	17	0.0%

### Totals

	2019				2020			2020	2019	YTD
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	YTD	YTD	% Change
<b>Total Violent</b>	53	42	42	37	42	26	50	118	137	-13.9%
Cleared*	54.7%	47.6%	42.9%	56.8%	47.6%	65.4%	30.0%	44.1%	48.9%	-9.9%
<b>Total Property</b>	265	230	235	270	271	249	227	747	730	2.3%
Cleared*	24.2%	17.0%	19.1%	17.4%	12.2%	12.9%	15.0%	13.3%	20.3%	-34.6%
<b>FBI Index</b>	318	272	277	307	313	275	277	865	867	-0.2%
Cleared*	29.2%	21.7%	22.7%	22.1%	16.9%	17.8%	17.7%	17.5%	24.8%	-29.6%

Violent Rate per 1000 Pop.

2.6/K 3.0/K

Property Rate per 1000 Pop.

16.4/K 16.3/K

Index Rate per 1000 Pop.

18.9/K 19.3/K



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## Robbery and Theft - 3rd Quarter 2020

### Robbery

	2019				2020			2020 YTD	2019 YTD	YTD % Change
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr			
Street/Highway	10	11	3	7	10	8	3	21	24	-12.5%
Commercial	8	12	5	5	8	2	2	12	25	-52.0%
Gas or Service Station	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	N/C
Chain Store	2	2	1	1	2	0	2	4	5	-20.0%
Residential	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0.0%
Bank	0	1	3	0	1	0	1	2	4	-50.0%
Miscellaneous	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	-100.0%
<b>Robbery Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>-32.3%</b>
Cleared	16	11	7	7	12	6	6	23	34	-32.4%
<b>YTD Clearance Rate</b>	<b>55%</b>									

### Theft

	2019				2020			2020 YTD	2019 YTD	YTD % Change
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr			
Pocket-Picking	2	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	4	-75.0%
Purse Snatching	-1	2	2	2	7	0	2	9	3	200.0%
Shoplifting	42	36	43	33	27	8	22	57	121	-52.9%
From Motor Vehicles	89	79	63	77	69	63	53	185	231	-19.9%
Motor Vehicle Parts & Acc.	16	12	16	17	15	15	16	46	44	4.5%
Bicycles	5	5	4	8	9	2	6	17	14	21.4%
From Buildings	28	26	30	31	31	26	30	87	84	3.6%
From Coin Operated Mach.	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	-50.0%
All Others	9	12	10	11	23	17	6	46	31	48.4%
<b>Theft Total</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>-15.9%</b>
Cleared	43	30	33	32	17	11	13	41	106	-61.3%
<b>YTD Clearance Rate</b>	<b>9%</b>									

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## Patrol Statistics - 3rd Quarter 2020

	2019				2020			2020	2019	YTD
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	YTD	YTD	% Change
Primary Officer Initiated	5435	5730	6105	5692	5424	5528	<b>5604</b>	<b>16556</b>	17270	-4.1%
	5859	4532	4149	3062	3405	2183	<b>1118</b>	<b>6706</b>	14540	-53.9%
Reports Taken	1248	1191	1253	1122	1115	1001	<b>977</b>	<b>3093</b>	3692	-16.2%
Arrests Made	593	514	523	418	378	302	<b>215</b>	<b>895</b>	1630	-45.1%
5150 Detentions	137	144	141	131	123	154	<b>115</b>	<b>392</b>	422	-7.1%
Citations	1001	717	897	570	814	109	<b>96</b>	<b>1019</b>	2615	-61.0%
Parking/ Muni Code Citations	183	168	192	200	229	41	<b>57</b>	<b>327</b>	543	-39.8%
Field Interviews	177	192	137	219	210	221	<b>124</b>	<b>555</b>	506	9.7%

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## Robbery Statistics - 3rd Quarter 2020

Reported Robberies	Year to Date Totals		
	2020	2019	% Change
Street/Highway	21	24	-12.5%
Commercial	12	25	-52.0%
Gas or Service Station	2	0	N/C
Chain Store	4	5	-20.0%
Residential	1	1	0.0%
Bank	2	4	-50.0%
Miscellaneous	0	3	-100.0%
<b>Robbery Total</b>	42	62	-32.3%
Cleared	23	34	-32.4%

Reported Robberies	2020		
	Reported	Solved	% Solved
Street/Highway	21	8	38.1%
Commercial	12	11	91.7%
Gas or Service Station	2	2	100.0%
Chain Store	4	0	0.0%
Residential	1	0	0.0%
Bank	2	2	100.0%
Miscellaneous	0	0	N/C
<b>Total</b>	42	23	54.8%

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## Communications - 3rd Quarter 2020

	2019				2020			2020	2019	YTD
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr <sup>3</sup>	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	YTD	YTD <sup>3</sup>	% Change
<b>9-1-1</b>	5578	5858	6383	5377	5929	6465	<b>7332</b>	<b>19726</b>	17819	10.7%
9-1-1 Answer Time <sup>1</sup>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	100%	0.0%
<b>Total Calls For Service<sup>2,4</sup></b>	17572	16686	17038	15130	14988	13575	<b>13799</b>	<b>42362</b>	51296	-17.4%
Source:										
9-1-1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4957	5139	<b>6416</b>	<b>16512</b>	N/A	N/C
Non-Emergency	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6128	6045	<b>6087</b>	<b>18260</b>	N/A	N/C
Officer Initiated	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3692	2297	<b>1215</b>	<b>7204</b>	N/A	N/C
Walk Ins <sup>5</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	211	94	<b>81</b>	<b>386</b>	N/A	N/C

<sup>1</sup> 9-1-1 Answer Time indicates the average percentage of 9-1-1 calls answered by the State Ringtime Standard. The State Ringtime Standard is 95% answered within 15 seconds.

<sup>2</sup> Calls for Service include all calls that generate agency response and officer initiated contact including, assisting citizens, traffic stops, pedestrian stops, front counter contacts, extra patrol, etc.

<sup>3</sup> A statewide outage of the communications call volume monitoring system between November 9 - 18th, 2019 prevented data collection during this time. The 4th Quarter and end of year 2019 totals include all available data with the exception of the dates of the outage.

<sup>4</sup> Due to phone system upgrades in the 1st Quarter of 2020, previously reported call statistics are no longer captured. Calls for Service by source are newly reported data beginning the 1st Quarter of 2020.

<sup>5</sup> Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the lobby of the police station was closed in March of 2020.

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## Quarterly Trolley Crime Statistics - 3rd Quarter 2020

### Violent Crime

	2019 YTD					2020 YTD					2020		
	Alvarado Rd.	Amaya Ct.	Grossmont Center	La Mesa Bl.	Spring St.	Alvarado Rd.	Amaya Ct.	Grossmont Center	La Mesa Bl.	Spring St.	YTD	2019 YTD	% Change
<b>Homicide</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/C
<b>Rape</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/C
<b>Robbery</b>	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	1	1	0	2	6	-66.7%
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	3	2	50.0%

### Property Crime

	2019 YTD					2020 YTD					2020		
	Alvarado Rd.	Amaya Ct.	Grossmont Center	La Mesa Bl.	Spring St.	Alvarado Rd.	Amaya Ct.	Grossmont Center	La Mesa Bl.	Spring St.	YTD	2019 YTD	% Change
<b>Residential</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
<b>Commercial</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/C
<b>Theft Total</b>	1	0	2	4	3	1	0	5	0	2	8	10	-20.0%
Car Prowl (Included in Theft)	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	3	2	50.0%
<b>Auto Theft</b>	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	100.0%

### Totals

	2019 YTD					2020 YTD					2020		
	Alvarado Rd.	Amaya Ct.	Grossmont Center	La Mesa Bl.	Spring St.	Alvarado Rd.	Amaya Ct.	Grossmont Center	La Mesa Bl.	Spring St.	YTD	2019 YTD	% Change
<b>Total Violent</b>	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	2	1	0	5	8	-37.5%
<b>Total Property</b>	1	0	2	4	4	2	0	6	0	2	10	11	-9.1%
<b>FBI Index</b>	2	1	3	5	8	3	1	8	1	2	15	19	-21.1%

#### Addresses of Trolley Stations

7255 Alvarado Road  
 9100 Amaya Court  
 8601 Fletcher Parkway  
 8248 La Mesa Boulevard  
 4250 Spring Street

Note: MTS advises that their statistics "do not include incidents that occurred outside the immediate station area. The total number of incidents and arrests will not equal those reflected on other reports.