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La Mesa Police Department Quarterly Operations Report 1st Quarter- 2012



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Law Enforcement Operations and Statistics

Part 1 Crimes and Statistics

The City's overall crime rate decreased slightly over the same period last year. The first quarter of 2012 concluded with 30.6 crimes per thousand residents compared to 35.2 crimes per thousand in the 1st quarter of 2011, which represents a 13% decrease. This continues to be the lowest crime rate since 1966.

While the number of crimes decreased overall, Violent Crimes increased 2% year-to-date compared to 2011, rising from 53 incidents to 54. However, robberies have decreased year-to-date. There were 25 robberies year-to-date in 2011 and 23 in 2012.

The number of Property Crimes fell in the year-to-date figures for 2011 and 2012. At the end of the first quarter of 2011, there were 459 property crimes reported year-to-date compared to 391 at the end of the 1st quarter of 2012. This represents a 15% decrease in property crimes. The following three categories make up the category of Property Crime: Burglary, Theft and Auto Theft. Burglary increased 24%, Theft decreased 22% and Auto Theft decreased 21%. This category includes a 36% decrease in vehicle burglaries and a 118% increase in residential burglaries. This increase is due to an unusually low number of residential burglaries in 2011. However, when compared to the 1st quarter of 2010 the number of incidents in 2012 has decreased.

As noted earlier, Robberies have decreased year to date compared to 2011. Detectives continue to attend regional robbery meetings and collaborate with allied agencies. A number of notable events related to robberies have occurred in the first quarter:

- On 1-5-12, a female was sitting at a table in front of the Starbucks on Baltimore Drive when a Hispanic male walked up and grabbed her purse and laptop from her. Detectives conducted follow up with information provided by witnesses and identified the suspect and the getaway driver. The suspect was arrested.
- On 1-9-12, a juvenile exited the Amaya Trolley and was robbed of his cell phone by two suspects. The San Diego Police Department sent out a flyer identifying five individuals who were arrested for a series of trolley robberies in the City of San Diego. One of the suspects matched a suspect in the Amaya trolley robbery. He was booked for the La Mesa robbery.
- On 1-16-12, a victim was robbed in an apartment complex parking lot at gun point. The victim's vehicle was stolen. San Diego Police Officers stopped the vehicle in an unrelated incident and detained three occupants. A passenger in

the vehicle confessed to the La Mesa carjacking and robbery and was arrested.

There have also been several notable residential and commercial burglary arrests during the fourth quarter of 2011:

- On 01-01-12, a suspect was arrested for two residential burglaries that occurred at the trailer park located at 7400 block of Alvarado Rd. A majority of the stolen property was recovered during the arrest.
- On 01-26-12, an unknown suspect broke into the victim's residence located in the 8400 block of Parkway Drive and stole their property. The property was later recovered at a pawn shop. It was discovered that the suspect used someone else's identification during the sale of the stolen property. Two suspects were identified through the store's video surveillance and both were arrested.
- On 3-20-12, the La Mesa Police Department received a report that someone was breaking into a residence in the 7600 block of Seattle Drive. Three suspects were arrested for residential burglary with stolen property recovered, including a handgun. The reporting citizens were directly responsible for the burglars' arrests.
- Patrol officers initiated an investigation into a commercial burglary at the Best Buy where 8 laptop computers were stolen from the rear store room during business hours. The suspect vehicle in that case was later impounded by officers after the vehicle was observed in El Cajon. Detectives ultimately identified and arrested both suspects responsible for the burglary.

Transient Enforcement

During the 1st Quarter of 2012, La Mesa Police Department responded to a total of 186 contacts related to transients, compared to 137 contacts during the 4th Quarter of 2011. The top 3 areas where transients were contacted are listed below.

- 9 contacts were made at the 8300 block of Parkway Drive
- 7 contacts were made at 4690 Nebo Drive
- 6 contacts were made at 8262 Allison Avenue

Special Enforcement Detail

SED 1st Quarter Activity

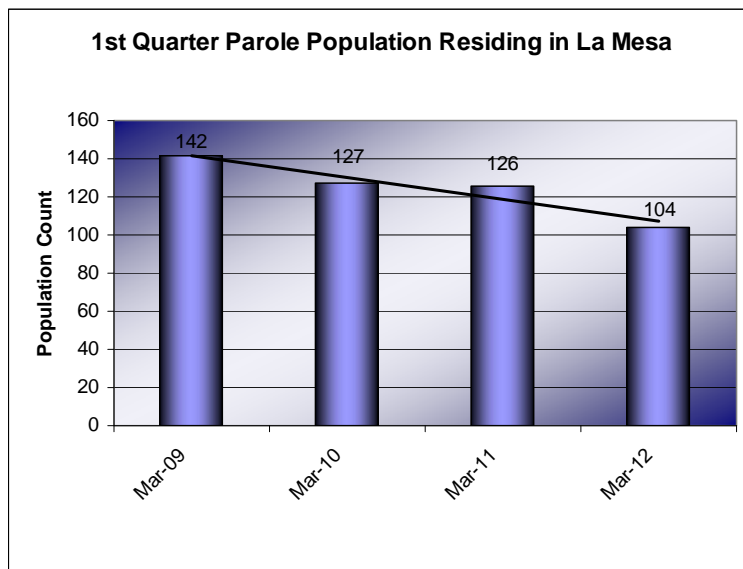
Activity	1st Quarter 2012	1st Quarter 2011
Felony Arrests	31	38
Misdemeanor Arrests	25	20
Field Interviews	72	63
Citations	32	11
Vehicle Impounds	6	5
Probation Searches	89	86
Parole Searches	33	37
Traffic Stops	188	159
Pedestrian Stops	109	124

Cases of Significance:

- Tuft Street – Stabbing Investigation – Closed by Arrest.
- Parkway Drive – Narcotics and Burglary – Closed by Arrest.
- Morro Way – Residential Burglary Investigation – Closed by Arrest (2 suspects)
- Massachusetts Avenue – Assault with a Deadly Weapon investigation – Closed by Arrest.

Parolees and Probationers

Below is a graph representing the number of individuals on Parole that have resided in La Mesa over the last 4 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 changes a number of ways Law Enforcement monitors these offenders. Felons who have committed non-violent, non-serious, and non-sex offenses will be housed in county jail. Those released from state prison, known as Post Release Offenders (PRO), will be supervised by the Probation Department. Probation violations by the PRO population will be served in county jail and will be limited to 180 days.

According to the San Diego County Probation Department, La Mesa currently houses 14 of the Post Release Offenders.

Gang Issues and Enforcement

Based on CAL-Gangs, there are 121 documented gang members living in La Mesa as of the end of the 1st Quarter. This number can fluctuate due to the transient nature of some gang members.

- During the 1st quarter, the East County Gang Task Force (ECGTF) detective participated in 49 details with the ECGTF. These details involved buy/walks, search warrants, and Probation and Parole compliance checks of documented gang members in the East County region.
- During the month of January, the ECGTF detective coordinated a multi-jurisdictional takedown named Operation 12 Step. The takedown was a coordinated effort between local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. Operation 12 Step targeted gang members associated with the Mexican Mafia who had direct ties to the East County community. These suspects were involved in narcotic and weapon trafficking throughout East and South County jurisdictions. ECGTF arrested over 40 subjects in the East and South county jurisdictions for narcotic and weapons trafficking. This operation was part of a county-wide takedown which was the largest in San Diego County history.
- During the month of March, the ECGTF detective coordinated a multi jurisdictional operation using resources from LMPD, DEA, ATF, and the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. The ECGTF served 4 search warrants at residences in the City of La Mesa. They arrested multiple subjects for cultivating marijuana and weapons charges.

Registered Sex Offenders

There are currently 82 active registrants in the City. All are in compliance. There was no necessary enforcement required in the 1st quarter.

Traffic Collisions/Citations/Enforcement Operations

The La Mesa Police Traffic Unit was requested by the Engineering Department to assist them by conducting extra speed enforcement and speed monitoring at five separate locations. They were listed the 5 top candidates for the “Neighborhood Traffic Management Program” and were as follows: Harbinson Avenue, Amaya Drive, Lubbock Street, Howell Avenue and Guava Avenue.

During the first quarter, the Traffic Unit identified the following locations as the top traffic complaint locations and responded as indicated:

Amaya Drive and Primrose- Stop sign violations at the intersection. Officers worked this on 16 different occasions, wrote 23 citations, 19 of them for stop sign violations and 4 for other violations. This complaint is closed.

7400 Orient Avenue- Violations of signs coming out of the Helix student lot and illegal U-turns. Officers worked this on 11 different occasions, wrote 18 citations, 4 of them for sign violations and 14 for miscellaneous other violations. This complaint is closed.

Top Collision Locations

During the 1st quarter of 2012, there was no single top collision location. All of the “Top 10” locations all had 1 accident each. However, per the historical report there was an apparent trend that the University Avenue corridor was the host for 4 of the 10 most common collision locations. This included the only serious injury collision for the 1st quarter. This incident was a DUI involved collision at Lee and University Avenue.

DUI Information:

DUI Arrests & Collisions Summary 2009-2012

Year	Arrests	Collisions
2009	222	42
2010	259	59
2011	198	54
2012-YTD 1st QTR	61	14

Enforcement Operations 1st Quarter:

February 5, 2012 – Super Bowl Sunday, DUI Saturation Patrol, 4 Officers

March 16th 2012 – DUI Checkpoint in Encinitas

March 17th, 2012 – St. Patrick’s Day, DUI Saturation Patrol, 3 Officers

Community Resource Activities and Information

Graffiti Tracker

ACTIVITY	3rd qtr- 2011	4th qtr- 2011	1st qtr- 2012
Reported Graffiti	515	532	559
Photographed	431	454	432
Cleaned	513	512	559

In mid-July of 2011, we switched to a more efficient method of reporting, tracking, photographing, and cleaning graffiti.

We continue to utilize more volunteers to photograph and clean graffiti. We are generally able to photograph graffiti within 24 hours of it being reported and in most cases graffiti cleaned within 48 hours of it being reported.

School Resource Officers

During the 1st Quarter the School Resource Officers participated and assisted students and parents at Rolando Elementary school with the Walk to School day. They gave fourteen presentations to parents/students regarding "Making Good Choices" and bullying. The SRO's assisted a Helix student with her senior project relating to law enforcement. They also provided training for Safety Patrol at Maryland Avenue Elementary. The SRO'S participated in Helix's Reality House.

The SRO's worked with various schools regarding truancy issues and conducted numerous home visits regarding truant students in which the SRO's made several arrests. The SRO's started a safety patrol training video project.

Crime Prevention/Emergency Preparedness

There are currently (98) Neighborhood Watch groups in the City; (3) groups contain at least (1) Community Emergency Response Team member. Two Neighborhood Watch groups are in development. Neighborhood Watch groups that have not been in contact with the Department during the last two years have been removed from the list of active groups.

1st Quarter Activity

Neighborhood Watch Meetings	2
Personal Safety Presentations	1
Residential Security Inspections	2
Commercial Security Inspections	3
Station Tours	7
Other Presentations and Events	4

La Mesa Police - 1st Quarter Crime Statistics - 2012



DATA	2011				2012	Year to Date Change			
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	1st Qtr.	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	YTD % Change	
VIOLENT CRIMES:									
Homicide	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	N/C	
CLEARED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/C	
Rape	3	3	2	3	4	4	3	33%	
CLEARED	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	-50%	
Robbery	25	23	19	26	23	23	25	-8%	
CLEARED	6	10	7	12	4	4	6	-33%	
Aggravated Assault	25	35	32	30	27	27	25	8%	
CLEARED	20	26	29	15	27	27	20	35%	
PROPERTY CRIMES:									
Res. Burglary	28	43	59	54	61	61	28	118%	
Comm. Burglary	42	39	20	23	26	26	42	-38%	
Burglary Total:	70	82	79	77	87	87	70	24%	
CLEARED	22	22	15	15	5	5	22	-77%	
Theft > \$400	103	50	71	74	103	103	103	0%	
Car Prowls	129	59	59	86	83	83	129	-36%	
Theft \$400 or less	224	161	158	156	152	152	224	-32%	
Theft Total:	327	211	229	230	255	255	327	-22%	
CLEARED	65	71	59	42	34	34	65	-48%	
Auto Theft	62	45	43	78	49	49	62	-21%	
CLEARED	2	11	3	4	4	4	2	100%	
TOTAL VIOLENT:	53	62	53	59	54	54	53	2%	
CLEARED	53%	60%	68%	46%	59%	59%	53%	12%	
TOTAL PROPERTY:	459	338	351	385	391	391	459	-15%	
CLEARED	19%	31%	22%	16%	11%	11%	19%	-43%	
FBI INDEX:	512	400	404	444	445	445	512	-13%	
CLEARED	23%	35%	28%	20%	17%	17%	23%	-26%	
VIOLENT RATE	PER 1,000 POP.					3.7/K	3.6/K		
PROPERTY RATE	PER 1,000 POP.					26.9/K	31.6/K		
INDEX RATE	PER 1,000 POP.					30.6/K	35.2/K		

*Percentage change by number of crimes cleared

*Crime rate per 1,000 people is based on a total population of 58,150



1ST QUARTER CRIME STATISTICS 2012 - Robbery & Theft Breakdown

	2011				2012	Year to Date Change			
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	1st Qtr.	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	YTD % Change	
Robbery									
Street/Highway	11	9	13	9	10	10	11	-9%	
Commercial	6	7	3	11	9	9	6	50%	
Gas or Service Station	2	1	1	2	0	0	2	-100%	
Chain Store	1	3	1	2	2	2	1	100%	
Residential	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	N/C	
Bank	5	1	0	0	0	0	5	-100%	
** Miscellaneous	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	N/C	
TOTAL	25	23	19	26	23	23	25	-8%	
YTD Cleared Cases	17%	solved	6	10	7	12	4	6	-33%
Theft									
Pocket-Picking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/C	
Purse Snatching	2	0	4	0	1	1	2	-50%	
Shoplifting	71	66	40	68	53	53	71	-25%	
From Motor Vehicles	113	59	59	84	108	108	113	-4%	
Motor Vehicle Parts & Acc.	16	0	6	2	9	9	16	-44%	
Bicycles	10	5	14	7	9	9	10	-10%	
From Buildings	41	38	40	37	28	28	41	-32%	
From Coin Operated Machines	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	N/C	
All Others	74	42	61	32	47	47	74	-36%	
TOTAL	327	211	229	230	255	255	327	-22%	
YTD Cleared Cases	13%	solved	65	71	59	42	34	65	-48%

N/C = Not Calculable

La Mesa Police - Patrol Statistics 1st Quarter 2012

					Year To Date Change		
	1st Qtr 2011	2nd Qtr 2011	3rd Qtr 2011	4th Qtr. 2011	1st Qtr 2012	1st Qtr 2011	YTD % Change
Primary	5326	5484	5833	5360	4927	5326	-7%
Cover	3980	4181	4485	4283	4716	3980	18%
Officer Initiated	7194	6166	6173	6277	5993	7194	-17%
Reports Taken	1141	1133	1132	1088	1041	1141	-9%
Felony Arrests	90	120	106	119	115	90	28%
Misdemeanor Arrests*	208	236	183	244	292	208	40%
5150 Detentions**					74		
Hazardous Citations	1227	824	678	900	815	1227	-34%
Non-Hazardous Citations	541	342	362	384	448	541	-17%
Parking/Muni Code Citations	236	148	167	150	222	236	-6%
Field Interviews	242	201	285	300	288	242	19%

1st Quarter 2012 Robbery Types

Reported Robberies	YTD Totals		Change
	2012	2011	
Street	10	11	-9%
Commercial	9	6	50%
Gas Station	0	2	-100%
Chain Store	2	1	100%
Residential	2	0	N/C
Bank	0	5	N/C
Misc.	0	0	N/C
TOTAL	23	25	-8%

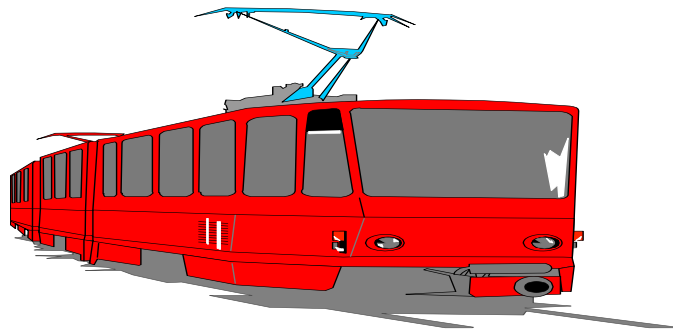
2012			
Robberies Solved	Reported	Solved	
Street	10	2	20%
Commercial	9	2	22%
Gas Station	0	0	N/C
Chain Store	2	0	0%
Residential	2	0	0%
Bank	0	0	N/C
Misc.	0	0	N/C
TOTAL	23	4	17%

MTS Trolley Crime Report YTD March 2012

Part I Crimes		YTD March 2012	YTD March 2011	% Change
VIOLENT	Homicide	0	0	N/C
	Rape	0	0	N/C
	Robbery	2	2	0%
	Aggravated Assault by Vic. Cnt	0	0	N/C
PROPERTY	Res. Burglary	0	N/A	N/A
	Comm. Burglary	0	0	N/C
	Burglary Total:	0	0	N/C
	Theft	0	2	-100%
	Car Prowls (included in Theft Totals)	0	0	N/C
	Theft Total:	0	2	-100%
	Auto Theft	0	0	N/C
TOTAL VIOLENT:		2	2	0%
TOTAL PROPERTY:		0	2	-100%
FBI INDEX:		2	4	-50%

Location Addresses

7255 Alvarado Road
 9100 Amaya Ct
 8601 Fletcher Py
 8248 La Mesa Bl
 4250 Spring St.



N/C = Not Calculable

Compiled from ARJIS Data

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."

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La Mesa Trolley Locations

Part I Crimes Reported to La Mesa Police

YTD March 2012

2011

Station Name	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny/ Theft	Vehicle Theft	Arson	Total	Location Address	Larceny / Car Prowl
Alvarado Road	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	7255 Alvarado Road	0
Amaya Ct.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9100 Amaya Ct	0
Grossmont Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8601 Fletcher Py	0
La Mesa Blvd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8248 La Mesa Bl	0
Spring St	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	4250 Spring St.	0
TOTAL	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	4		0

2012

Station Name	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny/ Theft	Vehicle Theft	Arson	Total	Location Address	Larceny / Car Prowl
Alvarado Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7255 Alvarado Road	0
Amaya Ct.	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	9100 Amaya Ct	0
Grossmont Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8601 Fletcher Py	0
La Mesa Blvd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8248 La Mesa Bl	0
Spring St	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4250 Spring St.	0
TOTAL	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2		0