



La Mesa Police Department Quarterly Operations Report 3rd Quarter - 2013



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Law Enforcement Operations and Statistics

Part 1 Crimes and Statistics

The City's overall crime rate increased slightly over the same period last year. The 3rd quarter of 2013 concluded with 35.4 crimes per thousand residents compared to 32.9 crimes per thousand in the 3rd quarter of 2012, which represents an 8% increase in the number of crimes.

While the number of crimes increased overall, Violent Crimes decreased slightly over the same year-to-date compared to 2012. There were 123 incidents in 2013 and 148 in 2012. Specifically, robberies have decreased 23% year-to-date. There were 61 robberies year-to-date in 2012 and 47 in 2013.

The number of Property Crimes rose in the year-to-date figures for 2013. At the end of the 3rd quarter of 2012, there were 1291 property crimes reported year-to-date compared to 1425 at the end of the 3rd quarter of 2013. This represents a 10% increase in property crimes. The following three categories make up the category of Property Crime: Burglary, Theft and Auto Theft. Burglary decreased 4%, Theft increased 12% and Auto Theft increased 29%. This category includes a 20% increase in vehicle burglaries and a 17% decrease in residential burglaries. The vehicle burglary increase is due to a low number of incidents in January and August 2012 paired with an unusually high number in January and September 2013.

As noted earlier, Robberies have decreased year to date compared to 2012. Detectives continue to attend regional robbery meetings and collaborate with allied agencies. Sixteen of the 47 robberies have been closed by arrest. The following are some of the significant robbery cases from the 3rd quarter:

- On 7-11-13, a husband and wife entered the Costco Store with their two young grandchildren and shoplifted. Upon contact with the loss prevention agent, the man grabbed the Costco employee while his wife fled on foot. The man put his two grandsons in his vehicle and fled hitting three vehicles on his way out of the parking lot. The man was later arrested.
- On 9-6-13, a man punched and pushed a loss prevention officer once confronted about shoplifting at Target in Grossmont Center. The suspect was successfully detained by loss prevention and arrested by the La Mesa Police for the robbery.

There have been several notable vehicle burglary arrests during the 3rd quarter of 2013:

- Lake Murray Residential Burglary Series

On 7-31-13, a resident interrupted a burglary in progress in the 7600 block of El Paso Street. The suspects were linked to several San Diego PD and San Diego Sheriff's Department burglaries. Four individuals were arrested for numerous burglary-related charges.

- **Summit/Eastridge Series**
On 6-24-13, a witness reported seeing a suspect carrying a rifle walking on Summit Drive. LMPD arrested the suspect for residential burglary. Evidence collected at a residential burglary in the 4200 block of Eastridge Drive and a hot prowl residential burglary in the 7600 block of Seattle Drive linked the suspect to both crimes.
- **Residential Burglary in the 4200 block of Parks Avenue**
DNA evidence linked a male to a residential burglary in the 4200 block of Parks Ave. where significant damage was done to property during the burglary. Earlier in 2013, the male was arrested for burglarizing Vista La Mesa Academy and was released on probation. He was arrested again on 8-27-13 in possession of an iPad stolen from La Mesa Dale Elementary School.

Additional Cases

LMPD officers and CSOs continue to collect good latent prints and DNA evidence from vehicle and residential burglaries, resulting in several evidence hits from the Sheriff's Regional Crime Lab. An additional four (4) cases have been closed this quarter as a result of evidence collected at crime scenes, and detectives are currently investigating five (5) cases based on evidence hits.

Transient Enforcement

The Police Department responded to a total of 258 contacts related to transients during the 3rd quarter of 2013 compared to 239 contacts during the 2nd quarter of 2013. The top 3 areas where transients were contacted were as follows:

- 12 contacts were made at 8011 University Avenue
- 7 contacts were made at 7974 University Avenue
- 6 contacts were made at 5540 Lake Park Way

Special Enforcement Detail

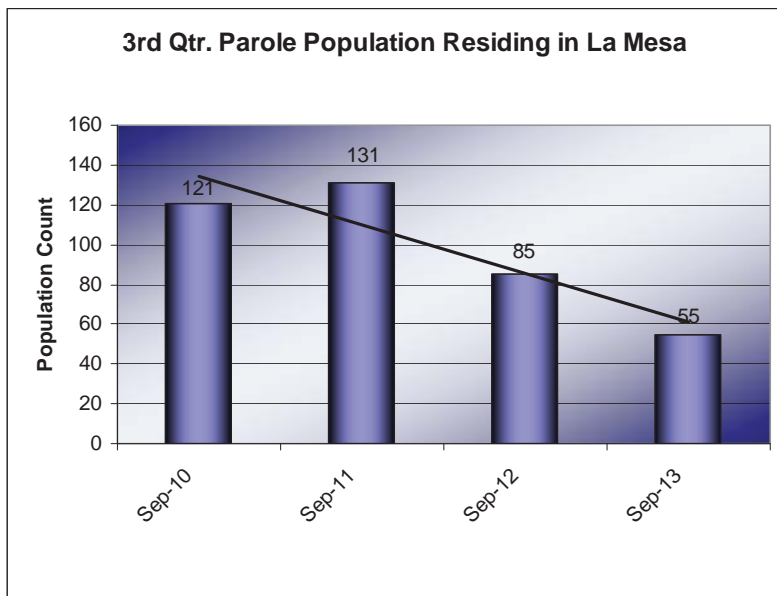
SED 2nd Quarter Activity

Activity	3rd Quarter 2013	3rd Quarter 2012
Felony Arrests	33	34
Misdemeanor Arrests	4	7

Field Interviews	35	58
Citations	3	24
Vehicle Impounds	1	3
Probation Searches	43	18
Parole Searches	11	8
Traffic Stops	81	56
Pedestrian Stops	28	30

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 35 of the Post Release Offenders.

Gang Issues and Enforcement

Based on CAL-Gangs, there are 133 documented gang members living in La Mesa as of the end of the 3rd Quarter. This number can fluctuate due to the transient nature of some gang members.

Registered Sex Offenders

There are currently 76 active registrants in the City.

Traffic Collisions/Citations/Enforcement Operations

During the 3rd quarter there was no single location with the highest number of collisions. All collision locations came in with 1 collision at each location.

DUI Information:

DUI Arrests & Collisions Summary 2009-2013

Year	Arrests	Collisions
2009	222	42
2010	259	59
2011	198	54
2012	226	51
2013-YTD 3rd QTR	205	50

Enforcement Operations 3rd Quarter 2013

During the third quarter, the traffic unit conducted four (4) motorcycle enforcement operations, five (5) distracted driving operations, and three (3) speed enforcement operations. Officer wrote a total of 243 citations and made one (1) DUI arrest.

Community Resource Activities and Information

Graffiti Tracker

ACTIVITY	1st qtr- 2013	2nd qtr- 2013	3rd qtr- 2013	4th qtr- 2013	YTD Total
Reported Graffiti	478	414	433		1324
Photographed	405	327	399		771
Cleaned	478	413	433		1324

We continue to proactively patrol city streets looking for graffiti. The reported hits of graffiti account for less than 15% of the actual graffiti removed. Our overall graffiti numbers are down by 29% compared to the same time period last year. It

is likely that our proactive approach and quick removal directly accounts for the reduction in graffiti seen throughout the City.

School Resource Officers

During the 3rd Quarter all of the La Mesa schools were out for the summer break. Students returned to school in mid-August.

At the beginning of the school year the School Resource Officer (SRO) assisted with the training of Safety Patrol at each of the schools. The SRO also worked with the schools regarding vehicle traffic and pedestrian issues.

A total of thirteen (13) classroom presentations were made to students regarding safety and the importance of school attendance. The SRO worked with several of the schools regarding truancy issues and conducted numerous home visits regarding truant students. The SRO took reports, investigated crimes and made arrests for criminal activity on or around the school campuses.

Crime Prevention/Emergency Preparedness

There are currently 124 Neighborhood Watch groups in the City; 14 groups contain at least 1 Community Emergency Response Team member. Three Neighborhood Watch groups are in development.

3rd Quarter Activity

Neighborhood Watch Meetings	3
Community Presentations	4
Residential Security Inspections	1
Commercial Security Inspections	0

La Mesa Police - 3rd Quarter Crime Statistics - 2013



DATA

	2012				2013			Year to Date Change		
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	YTD % Change
VIOLENT CRIMES:										
Homicide	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	N/C
CLEARED	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	N/C
Rape	4	0	5	3	1	4	1	6	9	-33%
CLEARED	1	0	1	1	0	4	1	5	2	150%
Robbery	23	15	23	27	14	18	15	47	61	-23%
CLEARED	4	9	10	7	2	11	3	16	23	-30%
Aggravated Assault	27	21	29	46	24	17	28	69	77	-10%
CLEARED	27	10	24	34	22	13	22	57	61	-7%
PROPERTY CRIMES:										
Res. Burglary	61	63	77	48	54	61	51	166	201	-17%
Comm. Burglary	26	20	31	25	29	42	30	101	77	31%
Burglary Total:	87	83	108	73	83	103	81	267	278	-4%
CLEARED	5	14	6	24	5	7	10	21	25	-16%
Theft > \$400	103	108	98	90	132	107	89	328	309	6%
Car Prowls	83	112	86	123	120	112	106	338	281	20%
Theft \$400 or less	152	213	196	220	215	200	230	645	561	15%
Theft Total:	255	321	294	310	347	307	319	973	870	12%
CLEARED	34	73	48	52	61	36	78	175	155	13%
Auto Theft	49	50	44	58	39	59	87	185	143	29%
CLEARED	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	6	-83%
TOTAL VIOLENT:	54	36	58	77	39	40	44	123	148	-17%
CLEARED	59%	53%	60%	56%	62%	70%	59%	63%	58%	9%
TOTAL PROPERTY:	391	454	446	441	469	469	487	1425	1291	10%
CLEARED	11%	19%	12%	17%	14%	9%	18%	14%	14%	-4%
FBI INDEX:	445	490	504	518	508	509	531	1548	1439	8%
CLEARED	17%	22%	18%	23%	18%	14%	22%	18%	19%	-6%
VIOLENT RATE PER 1,000 POP.								2.8/K	3.4/K	
PROPERTY RATE PER 1,000 POP.								32.6/K	29.5/K	
INDEX RATE PER 1,000 POP.								35.4/K	32.9/K	

*Percentage change by number of crimes cleared

*Crime rate per 1,000 people is based on a total population of 58,296



3RD QUARTER CRIME STATISTICS 2013 - Robbery & Theft Breakdown

	2012				2013			Year to Date Change				
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	YTD % Change		
Robbery												
Street/Highway	10	4	9	15	9	8	7	24	23	4%		
Commercial	9	3	5	6	0	5	4	9	17	-47%		
Gas or Service Station	0	3	2	1	2	4	2	8	5	N/C		
Chain Store	2	3	2	3	2	1	0	3	7	-57%		
Residential	2	2	3	1	0	0	1	1	7	-86%		
Bank	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	N/C		
** Miscellaneous	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	N/C		
TOTAL	23	15	23	27	14	18	15	47	61	-23%		
YTD Cleared Cases	34%	solved	4	9	10	7	2	11	3	16	23	-30%
Theft												
Pocket-Picking	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	N/C		
Purse Snatching	1	0	0	1	3	2	1	6	1	500%		
Shoplifting	53	83	53	49	55	44	69	168	189	-11%		
From Motor Vehicles	108	148	126	153	139	123	111	373	382	-2%		
Motor Vehicle Parts & Acc.	9	4	1	0	4	12	11	27	14	93%		
Bicycles	9	8	17	14	13	11	9	33	34	-3%		
From Buildings	28	42	54	51	61	50	64	175	124	41%		
From Coin Operated Machines	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	N/C		
All Others	47	31	42	41	72	65	54	191	120	59%		
TOTAL	255	321	294	310	347	307	319	973	870	12%		
YTD Cleared Cases	18%	solved	34	73	48	52	61	36	78	175	155	13%

N/C = Not Calculable

La Mesa Police - Patrol Statistics 3rd Quarter 2013

	2012				2013			YTD 2013	YTD 2012	YTD % Change
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.			
Primary	4927	5064	5224	4595	4531	4763	5278	14572	15215	-4%
Cover	4716	5470	5412	4820	4625	4530	5070	14225	15598	-9%
Officer Initiated	5993	4402	3955	3813	4391	3496	3442	11332	14350	-21%
Reports Taken	1041	1328	1219	1201	1195	1293	1306	3794	3588	6%
Felony Arrests	115	159	164	142	146	148	112	406	438	-7%
Misdemeanor Arrests*	292	293	242	251	269	270	277	816	827	-1%
5150 Detentions**	74	51	76	80	78	45	62	185	201	-8%
Hazardous Citations	815	671	876	1039	995	1069	1047	3111	2362	32%
Non-Hazardous Citations	448	359	232	202	198	169	157	524	1039	-50%
Parking/Muni Code Citations	222	129	89	115	298	116	110	524	440	19%
Field Interviews	288	215	158	304	317	385	276	978	661	48%

*Beginning January 2012, Misdemeanor Arrests include 647(f) detentions.

**Beginning January 2012, 5150 detentions are no longer included in a category with 647(f) detentions.

2nd Quarter 2013 Robbery Types

Reported Robberies	YTD Totals		Change
	2013	2012	
Street	24	23	4%
Commercial	9	17	-47%
Gas Station	8	5	N/C
Chain Store	3	7	-57%
Residential	1	7	-86%
Bank	2	1	N/C
Misc.	0	1	N/C
TOTAL	47	61	-23%

2013			
Robberies Solved	Reported	Solved	
Street	24	5	21%
Commercial	9	3	N/C
Gas Station	8	6	75%
Chain Store	3	2	67%
Residential	1	0	N/C
Bank	2	0	0%
Misc.	0	0	N/C
TOTAL	47	16	34%

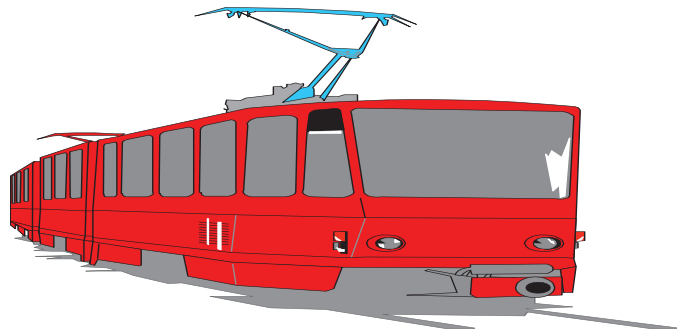
MTS Trolley Crime Report

YTD September 2013

Part I Crimes		YTD September 2013	YTD September 2013	% Change
VIOLENT	Homicide	0	0	N/C
	Rape	0	0	N/C
	Robbery	2	5	-60%
	Aggravated Assault by Vic. Cnt	1	1	0%
PROPERTY	Res. Burglary	0	N/A	N/A
	Comm. Burglary	0	0	N/C
	Burglary Total:	0	0	N/C
	Theft	10	4	150%
	Car Prowls (included in Theft Totals)	2	2	0%
	Theft Total:	12	6	100%
	Auto Theft	0	1	-100%
TOTAL VIOLENT:		3	6	-50%
TOTAL PROPERTY:		12	7	71%
FBI INDEX:		15	13	15%

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 September 2013

2012

Station Name	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny/ Theft	Vehicle Theft	Arson	Total	Location Address	Larceny / Car Prowl
Alvarado Road	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3 7255 Alvarado Road	1
Amaya Ct.	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3 9100 Amaya Ct	0
Grossmont Center	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	4 8601 Fletcher Py	1
La Mesa Blvd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 8248 La Mesa Bl	0
Spring St	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3 4250 Spring St.	0
TOTAL	0	0	5	1	0	0	6	1	0	13	0

2013

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	2	0	0	2 7255 Alvarado Road	1
Amaya Ct.	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3 9100 Amaya Ct	1
Grossmont Center	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	6 8601 Fletcher Py	0
La Mesa Blvd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 8248 La Mesa Bl	0
Spring St	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	4 4250 Spring St.	0
TOTAL	0	0	2	1	0	0	12	0	0	15	0