



La Mesa Police Department Quarterly Operations Report 4th Quarter- 2013



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Law Enforcement Operations and Statistics

Part 1 Crimes and Statistics

The City's overall crime rate increased over the same period last year. The 4th quarter of 2013 concluded with 36.9 crimes per thousand residents compared to 33.6 crimes per thousand in the 4th quarter of 2012, which represents a 10% increase in the number of crimes.

While the number of crimes increased overall, Violent Crimes decreased by 20% over the same year-to-date compared to 2012. There were 181 incidents in 2013 and 226 in 2012. Specifically, robberies have decreased 27% year-to-date. There were 88 robberies year-to-date in 2012 and 64 in 2013.

The number of Property Crimes rose in the year-to-date figures for 2013. At the end of the 4th quarter of 2012, there were 1732 property crimes reported year-to-date compared to 1968 at the end of the 4th quarter of 2013. This represents a 14% increase in property crimes. The following three categories make up the category of Property Crime: Burglary, Theft and Auto Theft. Burglary increased 1%, Theft increased 21% and Auto Theft increased 16%. This category includes a 7% increase in vehicle burglaries and a 11% decrease in residential burglaries.

As noted earlier, Robberies have decreased year to date compared to 2012. Detectives continue to attend regional robbery meetings and collaborate with allied agencies. Twenty eight of the 64 robberies have been closed by arrest. The following are some of the significant robbery cases from the 4th quarter:

- On 10/09/13, a disabled victim was sitting on an electrical box while on his way home. The suspect befriended the victim and helped him walk home. Once at the victim's residence, the suspect physically assaulted the victim and robbed him of his cell phone. The suspect was later identified and subsequently arrested for the robbery.
- On 10/17/13, the 7-Eleven Store located at 5746 Amaya Drive was robbed at gunpoint. The suspect fled in a vehicle which was observed by a patrol officer. The suspect abandoned his vehicle, stole another victim's vehicle and evaded arrest. The abandoned vehicle's registered owner was a documented parolee. The parolee was arrested for the robbery.
- On 11/21/13, a juvenile suspect attempted to rob the victim of her cell phone while riding on the eastbound trolley. Several hours later, the suspect was located and arrested at the Lemon Grove Trolley Station.

There have been several notable burglary arrests during the 4th quarter of 2013:

- On 07/29/13, a victim reported that his vehicle had been burglarized. The suspect left behind DNA. In October 2013, a suspect was identified and arrested. He plead guilty to all charges and is currently awaiting sentencing.
- On 09/17/13, a victim discovered that her new cleaning lady had not only failed to clean her home, but had also stolen bulk cleaning supplies and the victim's engagement ring. Detectives discovered that the suspect had a 20-year history of burglary, theft, embezzlement and elder abuse arrests and convictions. She has served two terms in state prison as well as several stays in county jail. She was also a suspect in a burglary in San Diego. She confessed to the burglaries and La Mesa detectives were later able to recover almost all of the stolen jewelry from both cases. including the La Mesa victim's engagement ring. An additional victim of residential burglary in La Mesa came forward after her arrest, and SDPD discovered another two victims where she had stolen checks and cashed them fraudulently.
- DNA evidence linked a suspect to a residential burglary in the 9000 block of Mollywoods Drive. The suspect, who has a history of drug and burglary arrests, had recently had his probation revoked on a burglary conviction in San Diego and was already in custody. When interviewed by La Mesa detectives, he claimed to not remember committing the burglary on Mollywoods Drive. The District Attorney's Office filed residential burglary charges against him, and he plead guilty to the charges. He is currently serving additional jail time on this case.

Additional Cases

Suspects have recently been identified in five (5) burglary cases, and detectives are in the process of locating the suspects. In addition, Investigations interns have contacted more than thirty (30) burglary victims, in order to obtain additional information on their cases.

Transient Enforcement

The Police Department responded to a total of 195 contacts related to transients during the 4th quarter of 2013 compared to 258 contacts during the 3rd quarter of 2013. The top 3 areas where transients were contacted were as follows:

- 13 contacts were made at 8011 University Avenue
- 7 contacts were made at 8300 Parkway Dr.
- 6 contacts were made at 8378 Parkway Dr.

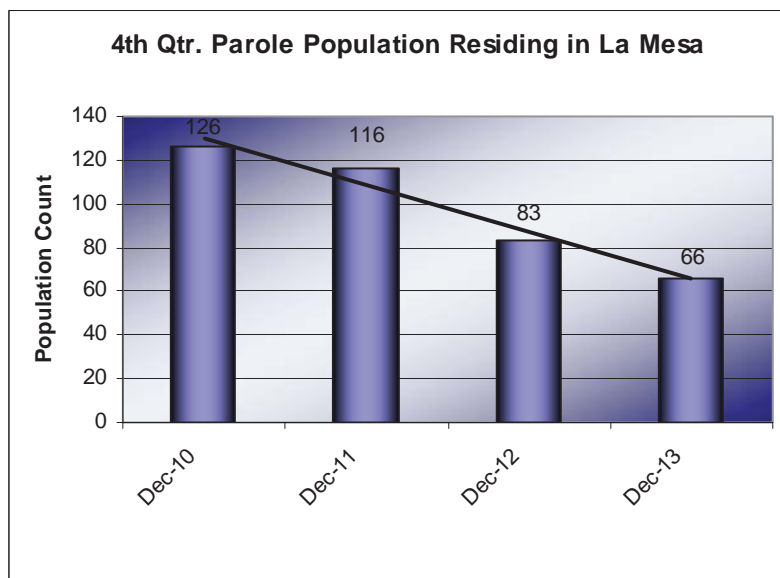
Special Enforcement Detail

SED 4th Quarter Activity

Activity	4th Quarter 2013	4th Quarter 2012
Felony Arrests	20	18
Misdemeanor Arrests	6	6
Field Interviews	22	38
Citations	5	2
Vehicle Impounds	3	9
Probation Searches	45	12
Parole Searches	15	10
Traffic Stops	63	24
Pedestrian Stops	18	29

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 30 of the Post Release Offenders.

Gang Issues and Enforcement

Based on CAL-Gangs, there are 130 documented gang members living in La Mesa as of the end of the 4th 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 4th quarter the intersection of El Cajon Boulevard and Baltimore Drive had the highest reported collisions with 4. The second highest was a tie (with 2 collisions each) between Baltimore Drive and Fletcher Parkway and Jackson Drive and Fletcher Parkway.

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 4th QTR	250	62

Enforcement Operations 4th Quarter 2013

During the fourth quarter, the traffic unit participated in four (4) DUI saturation patrols.

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	402	1726
Photographed	405	327	399	323	1094
Cleaned	478	413	433	402	1725

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 34% 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 4th Quarter, the School Resource Officer (SRO) went to several schools and gave nineteen (19) presentations to students regarding bullying, truancy, and making positive choices. The SRO gave presentations to Helix High School students regarding personal safety, internet safety, truancy, drugs, and weapons. The SRO also worked with several schools promoting outstanding citizenship and homework completion. The SRO worked a school winter event and provided parents with information on internet safety and personal safety.

The SRO conducted numerous home visits regarding truant students. During the 4th Quarter, the SRO made four (4) arrests for truancy, four (4) arrests for possession of marijuana, and one (1) arrest for vandalism.

Crime Prevention/Emergency Preparedness

There are currently 125 Neighborhood Watch groups in the City; 16 groups contain at least 1 Community Emergency Response Team member. Three Neighborhood Watch groups are in development.

4th Quarter Activity

Neighborhood Watch Meetings	4
Community Presentations	7
Residential Security Inspections	3
Commercial Security Inspections	0

La Mesa Police - 4th Quarter Crime Statistics - 2013



	2012				2013				Year to Date Change		
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	YTD % Change
VIOLENT CRIMES:											
Homicide	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	-50%
CLEARED	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	-100%
Rape	4	0	5	3	1	4	1	1	7	12	-42%
CLEARED	1	0	1	1	0	4	1	1	6	3	100%
Robbery	23	15	23	27	14	18	15	17	64	88	-27%
CLEARED	4	9	10	7	2	10	3	13	28	30	-7%
Aggravated Assault	27	21	29	46	24	17	28	40	109	123	-11%
CLEARED	27	10	24	34	22	13	22	32	89	95	-6%
PROPERTY CRIMES:											
Res. Burglary	61	63	77	48	54	61	52	54	221	249	-11%
Comm. Burglary	26	20	31	25	29	42	30	32	133	102	30%
Burglary Total:	87	83	108	73	83	103	82	86	354	351	1%
CLEARED	5	14	6	24	5	7	10	6	28	49	-43%
Theft > \$400	103	108	98	90	132	107	89	155	483	399	21%
Car Prowls	83	112	86	123	120	112	106	96	434	404	7%
Theft \$400 or less	152	213	196	220	215	200	230	253	898	781	15%
Theft Total:	255	321	294	310	347	307	319	408	1381	1180	17%
CLEARED	34	73	48	52	61	36	78	73	248	207	20%
Auto Theft	49	50	44	58	39	57	87	50	233	201	16%
CLEARED	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	4	6	-33%
TOTAL VIOLENT:	54	36	58	77	39	40	44	58	181	226	-20%
CLEARED	59%	53%	60%	56%	62%	68%	59%	79%	68%	57%	19%
TOTAL PROPERTY:	391	454	446	441	469	467	488	544	1968	1732	14%
CLEARED	11%	19%	12%	17%	14%	9%	18%	15%	14%	15%	-6%
FBI INDEX:	445	490	504	518	508	507	532	602	2149	1958	10%
CLEARED	17%	22%	18%	23%	18%	14%	22%	21%	19%	20%	-6%
VIOLENT RATE	PER 1,000 POP.								3.1/K	3.9/K	
PROPERTY RATE	PER 1,000 POP.								33.8/K	29.7/K	
INDEX RATE	PER 1,000 POP.								36.9/K	33.6/K	

*Percentage change by number of crimes cleared

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



**AUTOMATED
REGIONAL JUSTICE
INFORMATION SYSTEM**

4TH 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.	4th Qtr.	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	YTD % Change	
Robbery												
Street/Highway	10	4	9	15	10	8	7	3	28	38	-26%	
Commercial	9	3	5	6	0	5	4	7	16	23	-30%	
Gas or Service Station	0	3	2	1	2	4	2	0	8	6	33%	
Chain Store	2	3	2	3	2	1	0	2	5	10	-50%	
Residential	2	2	3	1	0	0	1	3	4	8	-50%	
Bank	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0%	
** Miscellaneous	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	0%	
TOTAL	23	15	23	27	14	18	15	17	64	88	-27%	
YTD Cleared Cases	44% solved	4	9	10	7	2	11	3	13	28	30	-7%
Theft												
Pocket-Picking	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	-100%	
Purse Snatching	1	0	0	1	3	2	1	0	6	2	200%	
Shoplifting	53	83	53	49	55	44	69	82	250	238	5%	
From Motor Vehicles	108	148	126	153	139	123	111	168	541	535	1%	
Motor Vehicle Parts & Acc.	9	4	1	0	4	12	11	11	38	14	171%	
Bicycles	9	8	17	14	13	11	9	20	53	48	10%	
From Buildings	28	42	54	51	61	50	64	55	230	175	31%	
From Coin Operated Machines	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	-100%	
All Others	47	31	42	41	72	65	54	72	263	161	63%	
TOTAL	255	321	294	310	347	307	319	408	1381	1180	17%	
YTD Cleared Cases	18% solved	34	73	48	52	61	36	78	73	248	207	20%

N/C = Not Calculable

La Mesa Police - Patrol Statistics 4th Quarter 2013

	2012				2013				YTD 2013	YTD 2012	YTD % Change
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.			
Primary	4927	5064	5224	4595	4531	4763	5278	4468	19040	19810	-4%
Cover	4716	5470	5412	4820	4625	4530	5070	4116	18341	20418	-10%
Officer Initiated	5993	4402	3955	3813	4391	3496	3442	2807	14139	18163	-22%
Reports Taken	1041	1328	1219	1201	1195	1293	1306	1220	5014	4789	5%
Felony Arrests	115	159	164	142	146	148	112	114	520	580	-10%
Misdemeanor Arrests*	292	293	242	251	269	270	277	215	1031	1078	-4%
5150 Detentions**	74	51	76	80	78	45	62	66	251	281	-11%
Hazardous Citations	815	671	876	1039	995	1069	1047	630	3741	3401	10%
Non-Hazardous Citations	448	359	232	202	198	169	157	132	656	1241	-47%
Parking/Muni Code Citations	222	129	89	115	298	116	110	105	629	555	13%
Field Interviews	288	215	158	304	317	385	276	262	1240	965	28%

*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.

4th Quarter 2013 Robbery Types

Reported Robberies	YTD Totals		Change
	2013	2012	
Street	28	38	-26%
Commercial	16	23	-30%
Gas Station	8	6	33%
Chain Store	5	10	-50%
Residential	4	8	-50%
Bank	1	1	0%
Misc.	2	2	0%
TOTAL	64	88	-27%

2013			
Robberies Solved	Reported	Solved	
Street	28	7	25%
Commercial	16	8	50%
Gas Station	8	6	75%
Chain Store	5	4	80%
Residential	4	2	50%
Bank	1	0	0%
Misc.	2	1	50%
TOTAL	64	28	44%

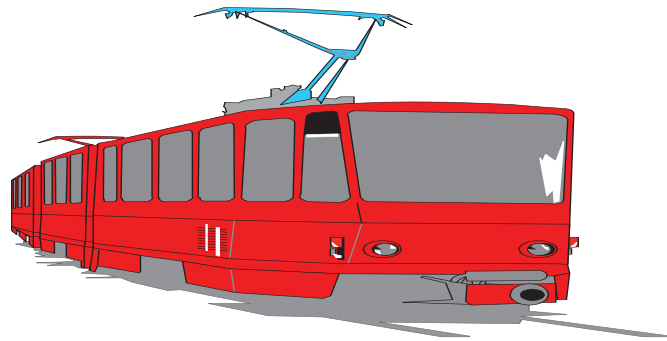
MTS Trolley Crime Report

YTD December 2013

Part I Crimes		YTD December 2013	YTD December 2012	% Change
VIOLENT	Homicide	0	0	N/C
	Rape	0	0	N/C
	Robbery	3	7	-57%
	Aggravated Assault by Vic. Cnt	4	2	100%
PROPERTY	Res. Burglary	0	N/A	N/A
	Comm. Burglary	0	0	N/C
	Burglary Total:	0	0	N/C
	Theft	12	5	140%
	Car Prowls (included in Theft Totals)	2	2	0%
	Theft Total:	14	7	100%
	Auto Theft	0	2	-100%
TOTAL VIOLENT:		7	9	-22%
TOTAL PROPERTY:		14	9	56%
FBI INDEX:		21	18	17%

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 December 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	1	1	0	4	7255 Alvarado Road	1
Amaya Ct.	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	9100 Amaya Ct	0
Grossmont Center	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	5	8601 Fletcher Py	1
La Mesa Blvd	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	8248 La Mesa Bl	0
Spring St	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	4250 Spring St.	0
TOTAL	0	0	6	2	0	6	2	0	16		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	3	0	0	3	7255 Alvarado Road	1
Amaya Ct.	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	9100 Amaya Ct	1
Grossmont Center	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	0	7	8601 Fletcher Py	0
La Mesa Blvd	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	8248 La Mesa Bl	0
Spring St	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	4	4250 Spring St.	0
TOTAL	0	0	3	3	0	13	0	0	19		0