



# La Mesa Police Department Quarterly Operations Report 4th Quarter - 2014



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## **Law Enforcement Operations and Statistics**

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

The City's overall crime rate decreased over the same period last year. The 4th quarter of 2014 concluded with 30.7 crimes per thousand residents compared to 36.9 crimes per thousand in the 4th quarter of 2013, which represents a 17% decrease in the number of crimes.

Violent Crimes increased by 15% year-to-date compared to the same period in 2013. There have been 208 incidents in 2014 and 181 in 2013. Robberies have increased 6% year-to-date. There were 64 robberies year-to-date in 2013 and 68 in 2014.

The number of Property Crimes dropped in the year-to-date figures for 2014. At the end of the 4th quarter of 2013, there were 1968 property crimes reported compared to 1584 at the end of the 4th quarter of 2014. This represents a 20% decrease in property crimes. The following three categories make up the category of Property Crime: Burglary, Theft and Auto Theft. Burglary decreased 23%, Theft decreased 17% and Auto Theft decreased 27%. This category includes a 44% decrease in vehicle burglaries and a 16% decrease in residential burglaries.

As noted earlier, Robberies have increased 6% year-to-date compared to 2013. Detectives continue to attend regional robbery meetings and collaborate with allied agencies. Twenty eight of the 68 robberies have been closed by arrest. The following are some of the significant robbery arrests from the 4th quarter:

- On 11/13/14, LMPD detectives learned one of the suspects, a documented gang member, from the robbery that occurred on 03/14/14 at 5700 Water Street had contacted the victim and threatened him to not testify against him. The incident occurred at a gas station in the City of El Cajon after a preliminary hearing for the suspect. The suspect was located and arrested.
- On 12/03/14, the victim had her car stolen by an unknown suspect from the Heritage Inn located at 7851 Fletcher Parkway. On 12/07/14, the victim saw the suspect driving her stolen vehicle at the intersection of Fletcher Parkway and Baltimore Drive. The victim attempted to retrieve her vehicle by getting in the passenger seat as the suspect was driving off. While the victim attempted to call police, the suspect assault the victim, robbed her of her cell phone, and shoved her out of the vehicle. On 12/08/14, the victim replaced her stolen cell phone with a new one, keeping her original number. Later that night, the victim received a phone call from an unknown person asking for a male by name. A suspect was identified in the theft. The suspect was ultimately arrested by the San Diego County Sheriff's Department and booked on charges of Carjacking, Kidnapping, Robbery, Assault and Auto Theft.

- On 12/29/14, LMPD received a DNA hit identifying the suspect in the Travel Lodge Hotel robbery. The suspect was identified as the same suspect from a robbery that occurred at the Days Inn located at 7475 El Cajon Boulevard on 03/05/2012. The suspect previously pled guilty to the 2012 robbery. Since that time, the suspect has been identified in an additional six (6) robberies that occurred in the Cities of La Mesa, El Cajon and San Diego. The suspect is being held at the San Diego County Jail for unrelated charges. LMPD detectives rebooked the suspect on LMPD case 14-012403.

There have been several notable burglary arrests during the 4th quarter of 2014:

- Patrol officers located and arrested a subject for two residential burglaries in La Mesa. The suspect had removed windows screens to gain entry into two residences on University Avenue. Patrol officers located the suspect nearby as he tried to sell property that was recently stolen. He is currently in custody and is awaiting trial for both residential burglaries.
- Fingerprint evidence linked a subject to two residential burglaries in La Mesa. The suspect was charged and sentenced to two years in prison.
- DNA evidence linked a subject to a vehicle burglary on Baltimore Drive. The suspect is currently in custody, has pled guilty, and is awaiting sentencing.
- Patrol officers located and arrested Johnny Stewart after he attempted to break into an occupied residence on Lois Street. DNA evidence also linked Stewart to a vehicle burglary on El Cajon Boulevard. Stewart is currently in custody and is awaiting trial on both cases.

#### Additional Cases

- Three subjects used stolen credit cards to purchase items from Jack in the Box and Ross in La Mesa. Loss prevention at Ross was able to get a suspect license plate. Through video surveillance and witness checks all three subjects were identified as the suspects. They were arrested and are awaiting trial.
- A subject forged and attempted to cash 6 stolen checks totaling \$30,000 at a Money Tree. The checks were stolen from a business on Palm Avenue. The subject is also the suspect in multiple unrelated La Mesa theft cases and is in custody and is awaiting trial.

#### Transient Enforcement

The Police Department responded to a total of 301 contacts related to transients during the 4th quarter of 2014 compared to 343 contacts during the 3rd quarter of 2014. The top 3 areas where transients were contacted were as follows:

- 10 contacts were made at 5500 Grossmont Center Drive
- 7 contacts were made at 5307 Lake Murray Boulevard
- 6 contacts were made at 7050 Parkway Drive

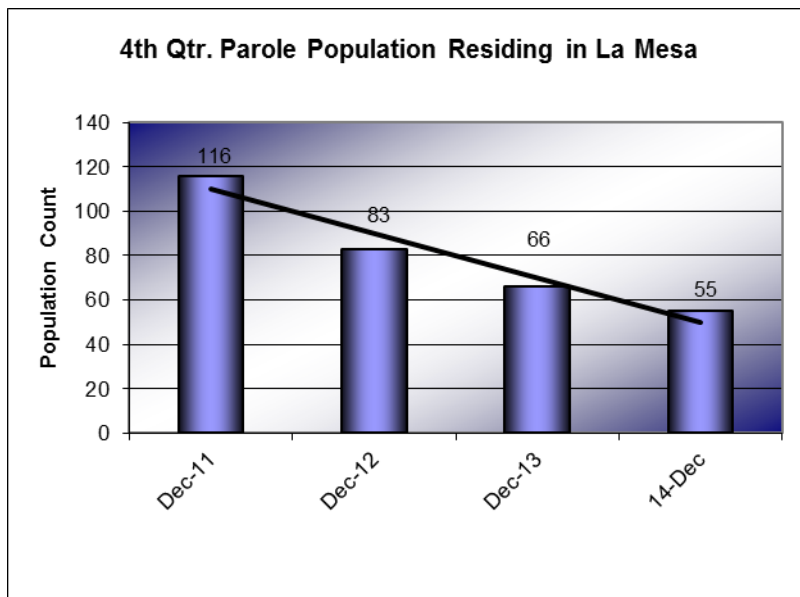
Special Enforcement Detail

SED 4th Quarter Activity

<b>Activity</b>	<b>4th Quarter 2014</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2013</b>
Felony Arrests	31	20
Misdemeanor Arrests	8	6
Field Interviews	22	22
Citations	5	5
Vehicle Impounds	2	3
Probation Searches	70	45
Parole Searches	12	15
Traffic Stops	91	63
Pedestrian Stops	58	18

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 29 of the Post Release Offenders.

### Gang Issues and Enforcement

Based on CAL-Gangs, there are 125 documented gang members living in La Mesa as of the end of the 4th Quarter of 2014. This number can fluctuate due to the transient nature of some gang members.

### Registered Sex Offenders

There are currently 69 active registrants in the City.

### Traffic Collisions/Citations/Enforcement Operations

Grossmont Center and the adjoining roadways experienced the largest call volume for collision related calls for service with the majority of the calls being non-injury hit and run collisions. Six collisions occurred at the intersection of Grossmont Center Drive and Murray Drive.

There was one severe injury collision during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. The collision occurred on Bancroft Drive just north of Lemon Avenue. This collision involved a solo motorcyclist who was traveling at an unsafe speed. The rider survived the collision but suffered severe injuries.

### DUI Information:

#### DUI Arrests & Collisions Summary 2010-2014

<b>Year</b>	<b>Arrests</b>	<b>Collisions</b>
2010	259	59
2011	198	54
2012	226	51
2013	250	62
<b>2014</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>64</b>

### Enforcement Operations 4th Quarter 2014

During the 4th Quarter, the Traffic Unit participated in 3 DUI enforcement operations. The Traffic Unit also participated in the following activities:

- Course instruction at the La Mesa Driving School
- Provided mutual aid support during the Mother Goose Parade with the City of El Cajon
- Attended the funeral of Covina Police Department Motor Officer Corder as agency representative
- Coordinated the agency involvement in the San Diego Regional Teddy Bear Drive
- Provided traffic support for the annual Shop with a Cop event
- One traffic officer successfully completed the Traffic Collision Reconstruction course
- Supported the International Walk to School Day on October 2, 2014
- Conducted bike rodeos at Murray Manor Elementary and La Mesa Dale Elementary Schools
- Supported the Helix High School Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) event on November 18, 2014

#### Community Resource Activities and Information

##### Graffiti Tracker

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> qtr- 2014</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> qtr- 2014</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> qtr- 2014</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> qtr- 2014</b>	<b>YTD Total</b>
Reported Graffiti	397	258	375	379	1287
Photographed	301	291	248	311	1011
Cleaned	386	288	252	376	1273

We continue to proactively patrol city streets looking for graffiti as the reported hits of graffiti accounts for less than 15% of the actual graffiti removed.

#### School Resource Officers

During the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2014 the SRO's gave a total of six (6) classroom presentations on "Bullying", "Being a Good Citizen", "Internet Safety, and "Stranger Danger." They taught two (2) Juvenile Law Classes for the County Juvenile Diversion Program and made five (5) home visits reference truancy issues. The SRO's assisted with four (4) practice school lockdown drills making sure school district protocol was being followed. The SRO's participated in two (2) Elementary School's "Walk to School Event", and assisted with the training of Safety Patrol. They conducted six (6) parent/teacher/Vice-Principal/student meetings promoting ways to increase the productivity of student classroom work/participation and becoming a better citizen at school. The SRO's also participated in a Helix High Student's "Cancer Walk" senior project, and a Helix

High School “Driver Seatbelt” program checkpoint. The SRO’s also participated in the Citizen’s Academy program and attended the Chula Vista Latino Police Officer’s Association Christmas event for children.

Crime Prevention/Emergency Preparedness

There are currently 134 Neighborhood Watch groups in the City; Sixteen (16) groups contain at least one Community Emergency Response Team member. The Nextdoor.com social media neighborhood watch is gaining interest with approximately 2,400 La Mesa citizens participating.

4th Quarter Activity

Neighborhood Watch Meetings	8
Community Presentations	8
Residential Security Inspections	3
Commercial Security Inspections	1

## La Mesa Police - 4th Quarter Crime Statistics - 2014



	2013				2014				Year to Date Change			
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	YTD % Change	
<b>VIOLENT CRIMES:</b>												
Homicide	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-100%	
CLEARED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/C	
Rape	1	4	1	1	4	3	3	6	16	7	129%	
CLEARED	0	4	1	1	4	0	0	1	5	6	-17%	
Robbery	14	18	15	17	17	14	22	15	68	64	6%	
CLEARED	2	10	3	13	9	7	8	4	28	28	0%	
Aggravated Assault	24	17	28	40	33	24	27	40	124	109	14%	
CLEARED	22	13	22	32	18	20	14	20	72	89	-19%	
<b>PROPERTY CRIMES:</b>												
Res. Burglary	54	61	52	54	62	39	46	39	186	221	-16%	
Comm. Burglary	29	42	30	32	31	22	14	19	86	133	-35%	
Burglary Total:	83	103	82	86	93	61	60	58	272	354	-23%	
CLEARED	5	7	10	6	6	7	9	7	29	28	4%	
Theft > \$400	132	107	89	155	120	99	76	77	372	483	-23%	
<b>Car Prowls</b>	120	112	106	96	64	74	57	50	245	434	-44%	
Theft \$400 or less	215	200	230	253	239	199	167	166	771	898	-14%	
Theft Total:	347	307	319	408	359	298	243	243	1143	1381	-17%	
CLEARED	61	36	78	73	78	93	74	66	311	248	25%	
<b>Auto Theft</b>	39	57	87	50	56	40	38	35	169	233	-27%	
CLEARED	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	1	3	4	-25%	
<b>TOTAL VIOLENT:</b>	39	40	44	58	54	41	52	61	208	181	15%	
CLEARED	62%	68%	59%	79%	57%	66%	42%	41%	50%	68%	-26%	
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY:</b>	469	467	488	544	508	399	341	336	1584	1968	-20%	
CLEARED	14%	9%	18%	15%	17%	25%	24%	22%	22%	14%	52%	
<b>FBI INDEX:</b>	508	507	532	602	562	440	393	397	1792	2149	-17%	
CLEARED	18%	14%	22%	21%	21%	29%	27%	25%	25%	19%	33%	
<b>VIOLENT RATE</b>	PER 1,000 POP.								3.6/K	3.1/K		
<b>PROPERTY RATE</b>	PER 1,000 POP.								27.2/K	33.8/K		
<b>INDEX RATE</b>	PER 1,000 POP.								30.7/K	36.9/K		

\*Percentage change by number of crimes cleared

\*Crime rate per 1,000 people is based on a total population of 58,244.





AUTOMATED  
REGIONAL JUSTICE  
INFORMATION SYSTEM

### 4th QUARTER CRIME STATISTICS 2014 - Robbery & Theft Breakdown

	2013				2014				Year to Date Change			
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	YTD % Change	
<b>Robbery</b>												
Street/Highway	10	8	7	3	8	6	8	5	27	28	-4%	
Commercial	0	5	4	7	7	5	12	7	31	16	94%	
Gas or Service Station	2	4	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	8	-75%	
Chain Store	2	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	5	-60%	
Residential	0	0	1	3	0	2	1	1	4	4	0%	
Bank	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0%	
** Miscellaneous	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	-50%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>6%</b>	
YTD Cleared Cases	<b>41% solved</b>	2	10	3	13	9	7	8	4	28	28	0%
<b>Theft</b>												
Pocket-Picking	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	N/C	
Purse Snatching	3	2	1	0	0	2	1	2	5	6	-17%	
Shoplifting	55	44	69	82	94	96	59	86	335	250	34%	
<b>From Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>-30%</b>	
<b>Motor Vehicle Parts &amp; Acc.</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>42%</b>	
Bicycles	13	11	9	20	16	14	8	2	40	53	-25%	
From Buildings	61	50	64	55	68	38	51	51	208	230	-10%	
From Coin Operated Machines	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	N/C	
All Others	72	65	54	72	40	36	26	20	122	263	-54%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>1143</b>	<b>1381</b>	<b>-17%</b>	
YTD Cleared Cases	<b>27% solved</b>	61	36	78	73	78	93	74	66	311	248	25%

N/C = Not Calculable

## La Mesa Police - Patrol Statistics 4th Quarter 2014

	2013				2014				YTD 2014	YTD 2013	YTD % Change
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.			
Primary Cover*	4531	4763	5278	4468	4127	4237	5595	5404	19363	19040	2%
Officer Initiated	4625	4530	5070	4116	3884	*N/A	*N/A	*N/A	*6517	18341	*N/A
	4391	3496	3442	2807	3149	3281	2780	2686	11896	14136	-16%
Reports Taken	1195	1293	1306	1220	1072	1115	826	627	3640	5014	-27%
Felony Arrests	146	148	112	114	124	87	67	44	322	520	-38%
Misdemeanor Arrests	269	270	277	215	239	204	160	133	736	1031	-29%
5150 Detentions	78	45	62	66	106	117	122	121	466	251	86%
Hazardous Citations <sup>†</sup>	995	1069	1047	630	815	840	516	457	2628	3741	-30%
Non-Hazardous Citations <sup>†</sup>	198	169	157	132	141	62	23	53	279	656	-57%
Parking/Muni Code Citations <sup>†</sup>	298	116	110	105	84	114	41	43	282	629	-55%
Field Interviews	317	385	276	262	359	201	91	68	719	1240	-42%

\* Due to CAD change over in June 2014, Cover Officer data is currently unavailable. Only January-May data are reflected in the Cover 2014 YTD total.

† Due to CAD change over in June 2014, citation data entry is in flux and numbers may not reflect the actual number of citations written during the month.

## 4th Quarter 2014 Robbery Types

	YTD Totals		Change
<b>Reported Robberies</b>	2014	2013	
Street	27	28	-4%
Commercial	31	16	94%
Gas Station	2	8	-75%
Chain Store	2	5	-60%
Residential	4	4	0%
Bank	1	1	0%
Misc.	1	2	-50%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>6%</b>

2014			
<b>Robberies Solved</b>	Reported	Solved	
Street	27	9	33%
Commercial	31	16	52%
Gas Station	2	1	50%
Chain Store	2	0	0%
Residential	4	0	0%
Bank	1	1	100%
Misc.	1	1	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>41%</b>

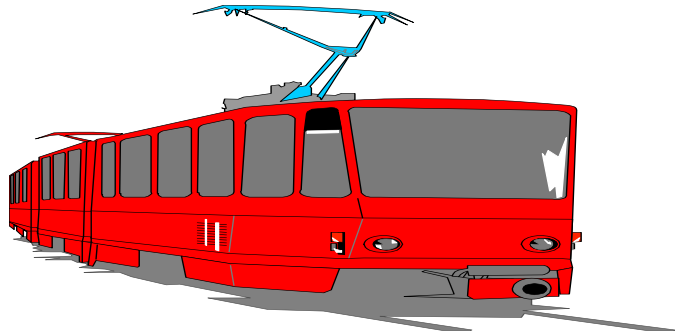
# MTS Trolley Crime Report

## YTD December 2014

Part I Crimes		YTD December 2014	YTD December 2013	% Change
<b>VIOLENT</b>	Homicide	0	0	N/C
	Rape	0	0	N/C
	Robbery	4	3	33%
	Aggravated Assault by Vic. Cnt	8	3	167%
<b>PROPERTY</b>	Res. Burglary	0	0	N/C
	Comm. Burglary	0	0	N/C
	Burglary Total:	0	0	N/C
	Theft	9	11	-18%
	Car Prowls (included in Theft Totals)	2	2	0%
	Theft Total:	11	13	-15%
	Auto Theft	1	0	N/C
<b>TOTAL VIOLENT:</b>		12	6	100%
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY:</b>		12	13	-8%
<b>FBI INDEX:</b>		24	19	26%

### 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."

# La Mesa Trolley Locations

## Part I Crimes Reported to La Mesa Police

YTD December 2014

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

2014

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	2	0	0	2	7255 Alvarado Road	1
Amaya Ct.	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	9100 Amaya Ct	0
Grossmont Center	0	0	2	4	0	3	1	0	10	8601 Fletcher Py	0
La Mesa Blvd	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	5	8248 La Mesa Bl	0
Spring St	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	6	4250 Spring St.	1
TOTAL	0	0	4	8	0	11	1	0	24		0