

FAQ's

What is Mesa on Patrol?

It is a program designed to get ALL Mesa residents involved in crime prevention. The Mesa Police Department is asking that everyone take the time to report suspicious and/or criminal activity in an effort to reduce crime in our city.

Who Can Participate?

Everyone! Residents, visitors and workers with regular routes in Mesa including newspaper carriers, bus drivers, cab drivers, postal workers, and all City workers should participate in Mesa on Patrol. If you are walking, driving, biking, jogging, or just looking out the window, you might see suspicious activity. It's a joint effort for a better community!

When Do We Report?

As soon as you see the activity; 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! Crime has no set schedule and the Mesa Police work around the clock!

Do We Have to Give Our Name When Reporting?

No, you can choose to remain anonymous, but it is helpful if you leave a name and phone number in case an Officer needs to ask for additional information. However, we will need the who, what, when, and where of the activity. When you call, the call taker might ask many questions. It's okay if you don't have all of the answers, just answer what you can.

Phone Numbers You Will Need To Say It!



Police Emergency..... 9 1 1

Police Non-Emergency (480) 644-2211

Alarm Coordinator..... (480) 644-2699

Code Compliance (480) 644-2061

Fraud Alert Hotline..... (480) 644-2345

Gang Hotline (480) 644-4264

Graffiti Hotline (480) 644-3083

Narcotics Hotline (480) 644-6272

Signal Problems/Outages..... (480) 644-2160

Silent Witness (480) 948-6377

Street Light Hotline..... (480) 644-3191

Crime Prevention Officers:

Patty Gallagher (Central)..... (480) 644-2033

Karen Stegenga (CID)..... (480) 644-5014

Jerry Quarles (Dobson)..... (480) 644-2539

Lindy Marino (Red Mountain).... (480) 644-3921

Terri Teten (Superstition) (480) 644-3692

Remember: Who, What, When, Where
Give Accurate Descriptions of Each!



See It ~ Say It ~ Solve It!

**Get Involved In
Crime Prevention!**



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See It: Take notice of what is going on around you. Say It: Call the Police immediately. Solve It: What happens when you get involved!

Mesa on Patrol needs you to do all of the above! Listen to your instincts. If you ask yourself, “Should I call the Police?”, you should! Call and give the information about what you are seeing and let our trained professionals determine if an Officer needs to be dispatched. We may not know about the incident if no one calls. What you see may be that last bit of information that we need to prevent or solve a crime! The following are examples of when you should call:

See It! Suspicious People...

- ~ That appear to be “out of place” in the area.
- ~ Going door-to-door soliciting in a residential neighborhood—especially where prohibited.
- ~ Conducting surveys without proper identification.
- ~ Looking in windows or trying doors.
- ~ Waiting or loitering in front or behind closed businesses or unoccupied houses.
- ~ Forcing entrance into a vacant building.
- ~ Carrying property, especially if running or at an unusual time or inappropriate hour of the night.
- ~ Screaming or loud voices.
- ~ Loitering near schools/parks.
- ~ Selling items or services at very low prices.
- ~ Excessive walking, driving, or biking to and from a specific residence on a regular basis.
- ~ Conducting a repair operation at a non-business location.
- ~ Acting disoriented or inappropriately for the place and time.



Say It! Just a Few Tips:

- 911 should **only** be used in an *Emergency* —
A Crime in progress or a threat of injury
- Be observant —Discreetly and safely
- Be a good witness — Take notes and provide information
- Start a Neighborhood Watch — Get to know your neighbors, share contact information, exchange ideas
- You can remain anonymous by calling Silent Witness with any information that you feel may result in retaliation

See It! Suspicious Vehicles:

- ~ Driving slowly and aimlessly through a residential neighborhood.
- ~ Driving slowly and stopping to talk to children.
- ~ Driving at night by homes without headlights on.
- ~ Parked and occupied; especially at an unusual hour.
- ~ Parked in front of an unoccupied home or closed business and being loaded with items.
- ~ Unknown vehicles backed into a neighbor’s driveway while they are away or if it is vacant.
- ~ Abandoned and parked on your street.
- ~ Forcing someone into a vehicle.
- ~ Forcing entry into a locked vehicle, especially in a parking lot.
- ~ Objects thrown out of a vehicle.
- ~ Conducting business out of a vehicle.
- ~ Being operated with a cracked steering column or screwdriver in the ignition switch.
- ~ Sound of breaking glass.

Solve It! Results Are:

- Criminals are put in jail
- Reduction in crime means fewer victims
- Residents take back their neighborhoods
- Soon everyone is getting involved
- Residents and visitors feel safe!

