

When reporting a crime or suspicious activities, be ready to give specific information...

Reporting to Law Enforcement

When calling 911 or 886-2300, please keep in mind that urgent calls are dispatched immediately even as you are speaking to the call-taker. However, the call-taker may still be asking you for information and continuing to pass it to the dispatcher to provide the most effective response by law enforcement. Call-takers see these categories below on their computer screens. You may not have all of these details for a particular call, but please be as specific as possible when describing the problem. Call again with updates if necessary.

- Type of problem (car crash, drug deal)
- Location (street address, corner, etc.)
- Comments (further descriptions)
- Your name, address and phone (optional but helpful)

Useful Information to Report

People

- Name and "street name"
- Race
- Sex
- Age
- Height
- Weight
- Hair
- Complexion
- Clothing
- Distinct features (limp, beard, etc.)
- Activity (walking, waving, etc.)
- Weapons



Patterns

- Time when most activity is observed
- Time of day it occurs
- Time of month it occurs



Useful Information to Report

Vehicles

- Plates
- Color
- Make, year, general condition
- Number of doors
- Number of occupants
- Where parked
- Direction of travel



Buildings

- Address
- Entrances (doors or windows)
- Which unit (upper, lower)
- General description
- Signals used (waving, yelling, porch lights turning on and off)
- More than normal amount of traffic to building



Area

- Street lights out
- Lookouts on corners or in front of buildings
- Abandoned cars
- Graffiti
- Dogs
- Other suspicious houses or activity