

# Why You Should Report a Crime!

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Quite often we hear "Why should I make a crime report, the police will never come out". The answer is simple. If your local law enforcement agencies are unaware of a problem, how can they connect crimes or a criminal they have arrested, to your burglary, broken window, vehicle vandalism, to the one down the street.

The burglary at your neighbor's home down the street may appear to be an isolated incident, but is in fact directly related to yours!

When law enforcement is unaware of particular crime trends, they are unable to take preventative actions. Your local law enforcement agencies work very hard to keep our neighborhoods safe. So when crimes, no matter how large or small, go unreported, statistics will not show us a true picture of what is going on. The effect trickles down throughout our C.O.P.S. and S.C.O.P.E. Substations and the community.

Law enforcement agencies want to take a pro-active stance against crime rather than a reactive stance, but they need the community to help. You're the one that lives in your neighborhood, and knows who belongs and who doesn't.

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***Don't tolerate vandalism, malicious mischief, or other crimes in your community!***

***Protect the quality of life for you, your family and your community.***

***Make that report!***

***Tell your neighbors what is going on, start a Block Watch or Neighborhood Watch Program.***

***If you are living in an apartment community, start an Apartment Watch!***

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**To Make A Report for Non-Emergencies, Call:**

**Crime Check  
456-2233**