

Las Palmas Grand Neighborhood Watch

Dear Neighbor,

We are launching the newly renovated Neighborhood Watch Program.

A Neighborhood Watch Program is a group of people living in the same area who want to make their neighborhood safer by working together and in conjunction with Mesa law enforcement to reduce crime and improve their quality of life. Participation is voluntary, however, the more people that participate the, safer are community will be.

This program encourages everyone to help community safety and security by being the extra “eyes and ears” for the Mesa Police. It organizes community communication through volunteer Block Captains for more community awareness. It provides crime prevention education and specific information of interest that may affect our personal safety or security.

The Block Captains are responsible for acting as liaison between block residents and the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. Block captains will each resident inviting them to join the program. They will also notify them of training and general information meetings. (usually every other month) Block captains are also available to discuss possible crime problems, needs for assistance or suggestions for program improvement. **The Block Captain is not a caretaker for your home or street.**

Your Block Captain is:

Name _____ Unit # _____

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

Knowing What to Report,

- Suspicious activities
- Illegal activities
- Unusual events or incidents
- Dangerous situations.

The effectiveness of the police offices’ efforts is enhanced by active participation on the part of citizens. By calling to report suspicious persons or activity, you not only aid the police, but you also make your community a safer place to live. Calling 911 is an important communication tool for emergencies. The following are examples of situations when to call 911 and when to call (480) 644-2211 (the non-emergency police phone number).

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It is important that all Las Palmas Grand residents understand when to call and when not to call 911.

When to call 911

- Medical emergencies (examples: chest pain, extreme shortness of breath, uncontrolled bleeding).
- Motor vehicle accident.
- Fire.
- When a life is in danger.
- Strangers, coming over the wall into the community, entering a home currently unoccupied, trying door handles or looking in windows of vehicles or homes.
- Witness seeing someone doing damage to the community

When to call (480) 644-2211

- The power is off
- Asking for directions to the hospital or telephone numbers of others or to speak to a particular officer.
- Inquiring about community activities and locations, or just wanting to know the time and day.
- A parked, occupied, or abandoned vehicle not belonging to LPG (No Sticker)

REMEMBER:

Community residents only serve as the extra “eyes and ears” of law enforcement. They should report their observations of suspicious activities to law enforcement; however, citizens should **NEVER** try to take action on those observations. Trained law enforcement should be the only ones ever to take action based on observations of suspicious activities.



Your neighborhood watch block captains are ready and willing to provide more information or clarification on any questions you may have concerning suspicious activities or how and what to report. The Mesa Police Department sends emails, e-newsletters, and information to the captains and co-captains. They in turn, can disseminate the information to LPG residents. These are the kind of concerns that are conveyed during our neighborhood watch meetings and the block captain's get together. You can also check the Las Palmas Grand Residents' Association website (**lpgra.org**) for more community and neighborhood watch information.