

LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Quarterly Operations Report

4th Quarter 2020



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Law Enforcement Operations and Statistics

Part 1 Crimes and Statistics

The 4th quarter of 2020 concluded with 20.0 crimes per thousand residents compared to 19.2 crimes per thousand in the 4th quarter of 2019, which represents a 3.7% increase in the number of crimes.

Violent Crimes increased 4.0% in 2020 year-to-date compared to the same period in 2019. There were 181 incidents at the end of the 4th quarter of 2020 compared to 174 in 2019. Robberies decreased 23.7% in 2020 year-to-date compared to the same period in 2019. During the 4th quarter of 2020 there were 16 robberies compared to 14 during the 4th quarter of 2019. Of the 16 robberies, 2 were shoplifting cases where suspects fought with store employees.

Property Crimes increased by 3.6% in 2020 compared to 2019. At the end of the 4th quarter of 2020, there were 1000 property crimes reported compared to 1036 at the end of the 4th quarter of 2019. The following three categories make up the category of Property Crime: Burglary, Theft and Auto Theft. Burglary increased 68.8%, Theft decreased 12.4% and Auto Theft increased 4.8%. This category also includes a 16.8% decrease in vehicle burglaries and a 10.1% increase in residential burglaries.

The following are some of the significant robbery clearances from the 4th quarter:

- On 10/20/20, at around 10:30 PM, an unknown male robbed the 7-Eleven at 4200 Spring Street at gunpoint. Immediately after, the same suspect robbed the Shell Gas Station at 5302 Lake Murray Boulevard also at gunpoint. The suspect wore a distinct sweatshirt with a bear pictured on the front. It was determined that two suspects were responsible for multiple similar robberies throughout San Diego and Riverside counties. The robbery suspects were dubbed "The Berenstain Bandits". With the assistance of local law enforcement agencies, and the FBI, both suspects were arrested on 11/20/20.
- On 12/28/20 at approximately 1:10 PM, an unknown male suspect used a demand note to rob the Bank of the West located at 8690 Center Dr. in La Mesa. The suspect's demand note threatened that he had a bomb in a backpack. The suspect was given cash by the teller and was last seen running in the direction of the Grossmont Trolley station. Using the Bank of the West and MTS video of the suspect was identified, and arrested for 211 PC - Robbery.

The following are some of the significant burglary clearances from the 4th quarter:

- On 12/22/20, at approximately 9:54 AM, La Mesa officers responded to a radio call of a stolen vehicle parked in the driveway of a residence in the 8200 block of Pasadena Avenue. A responding La Mesa detective observed a subject enter the driver seat of the stolen vehicle and begin to drive away. Officers initiated a "hot

stop” on the vehicle and detained the subject. Through the course of the investigation it was determined that the suspect had stolen the vehicle from San Diego a few days prior, had entered the Pasadena house without permission through a rear window and had stolen property from the residence. The suspect was arrested for 459 PC - Residential Burglary and 10851 VC – Motor Vehicle Theft. The suspect was also a parolee and was booked into San Diego County Jail with an additional charge for violating the terms of his parole.

- On 12/29/20, at approximately 1:22 AM, a white colored Chevy Silverado was rammed through the front door of the Sprint / T-Mobile Store located at Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). The suspect took several display items and loaded them into his vehicle. The suspect drove away towards the I-8 West from Murray Drive where La Mesa officers located and detained him. Officers located the stolen items in his truck. The clothing the suspect was wearing and had in his vehicle matched the clothing worn in the security video. The suspect was arrested and booked into San Diego County Jail for 459 PC – Commercial Burglary, 463(a) PC – Burglary During State of Emergency (Looting), 3056 PC – Parole Violation, 667(e)(1) PC – One Prior Strike (Bail Enhancement), 667.5(a) PC – Prior Violent Felony Prison Term, and 667.5(b) PC – Prior Non-Violent Felony Prison Term.

Homeless Contacts

The Police Department responded to a total of 804 contacts related to homeless individuals during the 4th quarter of 2020, compared to 808 during the 3rd quarter of 2020 and 487 contacts in the 4th quarter of 2019. The top 3 areas where homeless individuals were contacted are as follows:

- Intersection of La Mesa Boulevard and Glen Street
- Intersection of Severin Drive and Amaya Drive
- 4200 Spring Street

The Police Department continues to work with the social worker assigned to LMPD’s Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) and offer services to those individuals who are willing to accept it.

Special Investigations Unit (SIU)

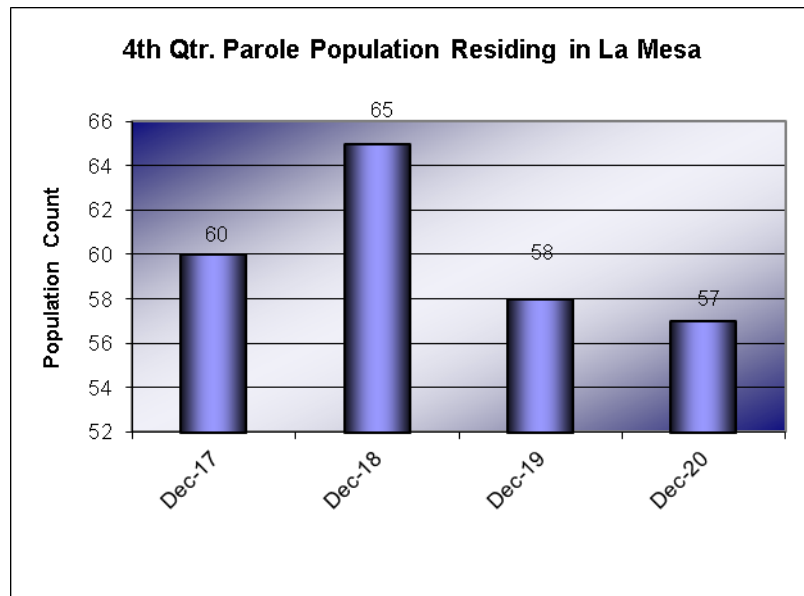
SIU 4th Quarter Activity

Activity	4th Quarter 2020	4th Quarter 2019
Arrests	31	48
Field Interviews	78	53
Citations	1	7
Vehicle Impounds	2	2

Probation Searches	44	69
Parole Searches	5	4
Traffic Stops	14	23
Pedestrian Stops	37	81
Search Warrants	8	N/A
Riot	0	0

Parolees and Probationers

Below is a graph representing the number of individuals on Parole that have resided in La Mesa over the last four 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 changed a number of ways Law Enforcement monitors these offenders. Felons who have committed non-violent, non-serious, and non-sex offenses are housed in county jail. Those released from state prison, known as Post Release Offenders (PRO), are supervised by the Probation Department. Probation violations by the PRO population are served in county jail and are limited to 180 days.

According to the San Diego County Probation Department, La Mesa currently houses Twenty-two (22) of the Post Release Offenders.

Registered Sex Offenders

There are currently eighty-seven (87) active sex registrants in the city and all are in compliance. Throughout the year, patrol officers conduct compliance checks on the registrants living in La Mesa.

Traffic Collisions/Citations/Enforcement Operations

There were seventy-two (72) traffic collisions during the 4th Quarter of 2020. Of the seventy-two (72) reports, forty-one (41) collisions involved injuries with fifty-six (56) total drivers and passengers reporting injuries. Of the fifty-six (56) injured parties, there was one severe injury collision and one pedestrian fatal collision.

Traffic Enforcement Operations 4th Quarter 2020

Enforcement operations increased during the 4th quarter. A new OTS grant period began on 10/01/2020 with a grant award of \$96,500.00. During the 4th quarter we conducted the following activities: Four (4) Bicycle and Pedestrian Enforcement operations in October, three (3) Traffic Enforcement operations in November, two (2) DUI Saturation Patrols (one each in November and December), and one (1) DUI Checkpoint in December.

Community Resource Activities and Information

Graffiti Tracker

ACTIVITY	1st Qtr 2020	2nd Qtr 2020	3rd Qtr 2020	4th Qtr 2020	YTD Total
Reported Graffiti	61	62	37	49	209
Photographed	42	43	37	47	169
Cleaned	56	55	37	46	194

“Reported Graffiti” includes graffiti reported to Public Works and the Police Department. “Cleaned Graffiti” includes the graffiti that was painted out by Public Works personnel, Police Department personnel, or private citizens and business owners. “Photographed Graffiti” includes graffiti photographed by Public Works and Police Department personnel.

The Community Resource Unit (CRU) receives reports of graffiti from RSVP patrols, the Graffiti Hotline, phone calls from citizens to the Police Department, and reports of graffiti to Public Works. CRU continues to work with several volunteers and private businesses in an effort to assist in graffiti eradication. CRU has worked with Code Compliance on properties that are chronic graffiti targets.

During the 4th Quarter of 2020, locations with a high frequency of graffiti included City parks, the 5600 block of Lake Murray Boulevard, and the 7900 block of Morocco Drive.

School Resource Officers

Schools transitioned to online learning in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. There was no significant SRO activity. The SRO has been assigned to patrol with an unknown return date.

Crime Prevention/Emergency Preparedness

There are currently 124 Neighborhood Watch groups in the city, sixteen (16) of which contain at least one (1) Community Emergency Response Team member. The Nextdoor.com social media group has approximately 18,089 La Mesa citizens participating. The Department's Facebook account has 6,194 followers. The Department's Twitter account has 4,506 followers. The Department's Instagram account has 2,818 followers.

Neighborhood Watch Meetings	0
Community Presentations	0
Residential Security Inspections	0
Commercial Security Inspections	0

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Violent Crime

	2019				2020				2020	2019	YTD
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	YTD	YTD	% Change
Homicide	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	100.0%
Cleared	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	-50.0%
Rape	10	7	4	1	3	1	9	3	16	22	-27.3%
Cleared	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	-83.3%
Robbery	21	26	15	14	22	10	10	16	58	76	-23.7%
Cleared	16	11	7	7	12	5	6	3	26	41	-36.6%
Aggravated Assault	22	9	22	22	17	15	30	43	105	75	40.0%
Cleared	10	6	9	14	8	12	9	28	57	39	46.2%

Property Crime

	2019				2020				2020	2019	YTD
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	YTD	YTD	% Change
Residential	25	10	28	16	26	19	20	22	87	79	10.1%
Commercial	15	15	12	17	29	58	31	28	146	59	147.5%
Burglary Total	40	25	40	33	55	77	51	50	233	138	68.8%
Cleared	12	6	7	10	9	17	15	7	48	35	37.1%
Car Prowl (Included in Theft)	66	44	34	47	45	38	34	42	159	191	-16.8%
Theft > \$400	89	73	64	85	72	55	63	105	295	311	-5.1%
Theft \$400 or less	103	101	104	96	111	76	72	95	354	404	-12.4%
Theft Total	192	174	168	181	183	131	135	200	649	715	-9.2%
Cleared	43	30	33	32	17	11	13	6	47	138	-65.9%
Auto Theft	33	31	27	56	33	41	42	38	154	147	4.8%
Cleared	9	3	5	5	7	4	6	10	27	22	22.7%

Totals

	2019				2020				2020	2019	YTD
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	YTD	YTD	% Change
Total Violent	53	42	42	37	42	26	49	64	181	174	4.0%
Cleared*	54.7%	47.6%	42.9%	56.8%	47.6%	65.4%	32.7%	50.0%	47.0%	50.6%	-7.1%
Total Property	265	230	235	270	271	249	228	288	1036	1000	3.6%
Cleared*	24.2%	17.0%	19.1%	17.4%	12.2%	12.9%	14.9%	8.0%	11.8%	19.5%	-39.6%
FBI Index	318	272	277	307	313	275	277	352	1217	1174	3.7%
Cleared*	29.2%	21.7%	22.7%	22.1%	16.9%	17.8%	18.1%	15.6%	17.0%	24.1%	-29.4%

Violent Rate per 1000 Pop.

3.0/K 2.8/K

Property Rate per 1000 Pop.

17.0/K 16.3/K

Index Rate per 1000 Pop.

20.0/K 19.2/K

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Robbery and Theft - 4th Quarter 2020

Robbery

	2019				2020				2020 YTD	2019 YTD	YTD % Change
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr			
Street/Highway	10	11	3	7	10	8	3	5	26	31	-16.1%
Commercial	8	12	5	5	8	2	2	3	15	30	-50.0%
Gas or Service Station	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	4	0	N/C
Chain Store	2	2	1	1	2	0	2	4	8	6	33.3%
Residential	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	0.0%
Bank	0	1	3	0	1	0	1	1	3	4	-25.0%
Miscellaneous	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	-100.0%
Robbery Total	21	26	15	14	22	10	10	16	58	76	-23.7%
Cleared	16	11	7	7	12	5	6	4	26	41	-36.6%
YTD Clearance Rate	45%										

Theft

	2019				2020				2020 YTD	2019 YTD	YTD % Change
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr			
Pocket-Picking	2	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	6	-83.3%
Purse Snatching	-1	2	2	2	7	0	2	5	14	5	180.0%
Shoplifting	42	36	43	33	27	8	22	17	74	154	-51.9%
From Motor Vehicles	89	79	63	77	69	63	53	97	282	308	-8.4%
Motor Vehicle Parts & Acc.	16	12	16	17	15	15	16	33	79	61	29.5%
Bicycles	5	5	4	8	9	2	6	5	22	22	0.0%
From Buildings	28	26	30	31	31	26	30	27	114	115	-0.9%
From Coin Operated Mach.	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	-50.0%
All Others	9	12	10	11	23	17	6	16	62	42	47.6%
Theft Total	192	174	168	181	183	131	135	200	649	715	-9.2%
Cleared	43	30	33	32	17	11	13	6	47	138	-65.9%
YTD Clearance Rate	7%										

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Patrol Statistics - 4th Quarter 2020

	2019				2020				2020	2019	YTD
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	YTD	YTD	% Change
Primary Officer Initiated	5435	5730	6105	5692	5424	5528	5604	5621	22177	22962	-3.4%
	5859	4532	4149	3062	3405	2183	1118	1263	7969	17602	-54.7%
Reports Taken	1248	1191	1253	1122	1115	1001	977	960	4053	4814	-15.8%
Arrests Made	593	514	523	418	378	302	215	203	1098	2048	-46.4%
5150 Detentions	137	144	141	131	123	154	115	114	506	553	-8.5%
Citations	1001	717	897	570	814	109	96	200	1219	3185	-61.7%
Parking/ Muni Code Citations	183	168	192	200	229	41	57	66	393	743	-47.1%
Field Interviews	177	192	137	219	210	221	124	127	682	725	-5.9%

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Robbery Statistics - 4th Quarter 2020

Reported Robberies	Year to Date Totals		
	2020	2019	% Change
Street/Highway	26	31	-16.1%
Commercial	15	30	-50.0%
Gas or Service Station	4	0	N/C
Chain Store	8	6	33.3%
Residential	2	2	0.0%
Bank	3	4	-25.0%
Miscellaneous	0	3	-100.0%
Robbery Total	58	76	-23.7%
Cleared	26	41	-36.6%

Reported Robberies	2020		
	Reported	Solved	% Solved
Street/Highway	26	8	30.8%
Commercial	15	11	73.3%
Gas or Service Station	4	4	100.0%
Chain Store	8	0	0.0%
Residential	2	0	0.0%
Bank	3	3	100.0%
Miscellaneous	0	0	N/C
Total	58	26	44.8%

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Communications - 4th Quarter 2020

	2019				2020				2020 YTD	2019 YTD ³	YTD % Change
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr ³	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr			
9-1-1	5578	5858	6383	5377	5929	6465	7402	6879	26675	23196	15.0%
9-1-1 Answer Time ¹	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0.0%
Total Calls For Service^{2,4}	17572	16686	17038	15130	14988	13575	13799	13473	55835	66426	-15.9%
Source:											
9-1-1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4957	5139	6416	6011	22523	N/A	N/C
Non-Emergency	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6128	6045	6087	5945	24205	N/A	N/C
Officer Initiated	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3692	2297	1215	1374	8578	N/A	N/C
Walk Ins ⁵	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	211	94	81	143	529	N/A	N/C

¹ 9-1-1 Answer Time indicates the average percentage of 9-1-1 calls answered by the State Ringtime Standard. The State Ringtime Standard is 95% answered within 15 seconds.

² Calls for Service include all calls that generate agency response and officer initiated contact including, assisting citizens, traffic stops, pedestrian stops, front counter contacts, extra patrol, etc.

³ A statewide outage of the communications call volume monitoring system between November 9 - 18th, 2019 prevented data collection during this time. The 4th Quarter and end of year 2019 totals include all available data with the exception of the dates of the outage.

⁴ Due to phone system upgrades in the 1st Quarter of 2020, previously reported call statistics are no longer captured. Calls for Service by source are newly reported data beginning the 1st Quarter of 2020.

⁵ Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the lobby of the police station was closed in March of 2020. The lobby was reopened with limited access in October of 2020.

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Quarterly Trolley Crime Statistics - 4th Quarter 2020

Violent Crime

	2019 YTD					2020 YTD					2020 YTD	2019 YTD	% Change
	Alvarado Rd.	Amaya Ct.	Grossmont Center	La Mesa Bl.	Spring St.	Alvarado Rd.	Amaya Ct.	Grossmont Center	La Mesa Bl.	Spring St.			
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/C
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/C
Robbery	0	1	1	1	3	1	0	1	1	0	3	6	-50.0%
Aggravated Assault	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	3	3	0.0%

Property Crime

	2019 YTD					2020 YTD					2020 YTD	2019 YTD	% Change
	Alvarado Rd.	Amaya Ct.	Grossmont Center	La Mesa Bl.	Spring St.	Alvarado Rd.	Amaya Ct.	Grossmont Center	La Mesa Bl.	Spring St.			
Residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Commercial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/C
Theft Total	1	0	3	4	3	1	0	4	0	2	7	11	-36.4%
Car Prowl (Included in Theft)	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	3	3	0.0%
Auto Theft	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	3	2	50.0%

Totals

	2019 YTD					2020 YTD					2020 YTD	2019 YTD	% Change
	Alvarado Rd.	Amaya Ct.	Grossmont Center	La Mesa Bl.	Spring St.	Alvarado Rd.	Amaya Ct.	Grossmont Center	La Mesa Bl.	Spring St.			
Total Violent	2	1	1	1	4	2	1	2	1	0	6	9	-33.3%
Total Property	1	0	3	4	5	2	1	5	0	2	10	13	-23.1%
FBI Index	3	1	4	5	9	4	2	7	1	2	15	22	-31.8%

Addresses of Trolley Stations

7255 Alvarado Road
 9100 Amaya Court
 8601 Fletcher Parkway
 8248 La Mesa Boulevard
 4250 Spring Street

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

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equal those reflected on other reports. Based on ARJIS data run 2/2/21.