San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit

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Neighborhood Watch



# The Purpose of Neighborhood Watch

In the past, law enforcement operated on the principle that crime prevention was the arrest and incarceration of a criminal. Modern Crime Prevention is focused on **opportunity reduction**. If we take away the criminal's opportunity, you may prevent the crime from ever occurring. The best method for **opportunity reduction** is through <u>awareness</u> (Neighborhood Watch).



# The 3 Elements of a Crime



It's difficult for anyone to alter a criminal's desire or ability to commit a crime - don't provide the opportunity.



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# The four "D's"

Perhaps more than any other crime, burglary is a crime of opportunity. Burglars aim for the easiest targets. Most will give up if they can't get in within a few minutes. To keep burglars away from your home, make their work difficult, risky and low-profit. Start your prevention program from the outside and work your way in - just as a burglar would.

Also, be sure your address is clearly marked. A minimum of four-inch reflective address numbers are recommended. If law enforcement can't find you, help may be delayed.



# Deter

Ways to deter a criminal include: Alarm systems, exterior cameras, barking dogs, and citizen patrol.



# Deny

Deny entry to your home by: Keeping doors, windows, and garages locked. Consider CPTED.



# Delay

Make your home appear "lived in", even when you're



# Detect

If your home looks like it has been burglarized, DO NOT enter. Go to a neighbor's home and call law enforcement. Report suspicious activity or people in your neighborhood.



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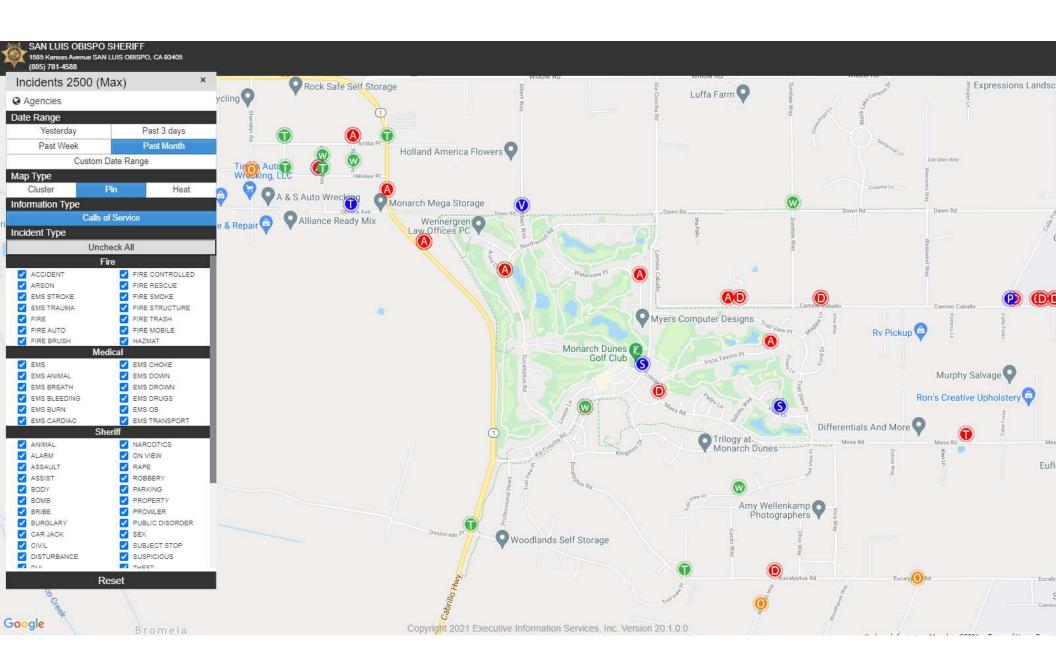
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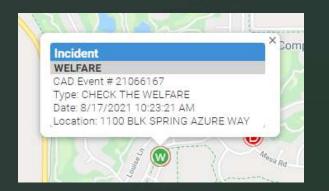


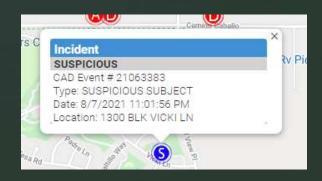


Crime Mapping at WWW.SLOSHERIFF.ORG











# Incident ASSIST CAD Event # 21063938 Type: CITIZEN ASSISTANCE Date: 8/10/2021 12:43:01 AM Location: 900 BLK JACQUELINE PL

Safe Neighborhood or Reluctance to Report?



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Keep your loved ones safe with the Smart911° app.

Smart911 is a free service that allows you to share valuable information with 9-1-1 during an emergency. You can also receive important alerts from your community so you can prepare for any situation. Your free profile can include:













Protect and prepare your family. Download the app or sign up online today.



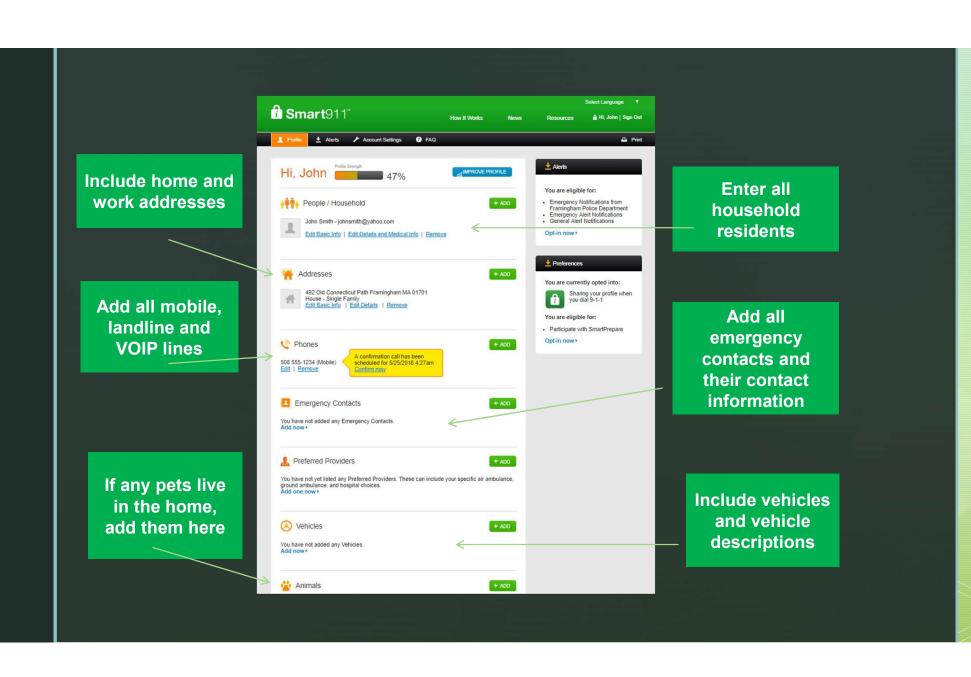




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Address		<b>✓</b>	<b>V</b>
People in Household			<b>V</b>
Photos of Children			<b>V</b>
Medical Conditions			<b>~</b>
Medications			<b>V</b>
Allergies			<b>V</b>
Rescue Notes			<b>V</b>
Bedroom Locations			<b>✓</b>
Utility Shutoffs			<b>V</b>
Emergency Contacts			~
Vehicle Descriptions			~
Number of Pets			~







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ABOUT PUBLIC INFO NEWS COMMUNITY PROGRAMS JAIL INFO RESOURCES CONTACT

# **REVERSE 911**

The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office dispatch facility has the capacity to inform the public directly by sending a phone message to each land line phone in the county to inform persons of evacuation orders, missing persons, Amber Alerts, etc.

Register Here with Reverse 911 to be notified by the Sheriff's Office in case of an emergency.







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Welcome Report Type Information Reporting Party Location Additional Party Property Vehicle Media Submit

# Welcome to Public Safety Citizens Service Portal

### If this is an Emergency, please call 911.

Welcome to the San Luis Obispo County Online Reporting System. This system allows you to report a crime and print an approved copy of the report for free. Please check the following minimum requirements to find out if online filing is right for you.

### Conditions that must be met to file a report online:

- · This is not an Emergency.
- There are No Known suspects
- . This incident occurred within the Unincorporated Area of the county

If you answered yes to all of the above questions, you are eligible to initially file your report online. Please make sure to turn off your pop-up blocking software before filing the report.

### Upon completion of the report you will:

- 1) See the words: "Your report has been submitted" confirming that your report is initially complete.
- Be provided a report number.NOTE: A valid case number will be sent via e-mail once a supervisor has reviewed and approved your report.
- 3) Be able to print a copy of the report to keep for your records.

### Please Note

- 1) All cases filed online will be reviewed to verify online reporting eligibility and accuracy.
- 2) Upon review, if further investigation of your case is needed, you may be contacted.
- 3) Filing a false report is a crime!

Using the San Luis Obispo Online Reporting System you can report the following types incidents:

- Harassing Phone Call
- Lost Property
- Suspicious Circumstances
- Petty Theft
- Bicycle Theft
- Vandalism
- Graffiti

Select Type of Report on the next page: Select from the list of Report Types, then press the Next button. The sample information provides examples of the reports for each Report Type. If you are unsure, contact San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Dispatch at (805) 781-4550.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The fields on the Person screen indicated with red labels as well as sex, DOB, address and phone number are required in order for your report to be considered for follow-up investigation.

Check Status

# When & What to Report

# **WHEN**

If you believe that a crime has occurred, or feel that something is suspicious, call it in.

- Get to a safe location and call Law Enforcement immediately
  - 1. 911 for emergencies
  - 2. (805) 781-4550 option #3, for non-emergency (SLO Sheriff's Office)

# **WHAT**

What occurred: reporting the incident right away will help deputies respond accordingly. Giving an accurate account will help the dispatcher determine who to send and how quick the response needs to be.

When it occurred: calling the next day means that the suspect has left and makes it more of a challenge for the Deputy. Did you recognize the person/vehicle?? If so, a great description helps tremendously!!

- Race, Sex, Age, Height, Weight (thin, medium, heavy), Hair color, Clothing (describe from head to toe –ex: hat, sunglasses, eye color, skin type, shirt, tie, pants, shoes)
- If a vehicle: color, year, make, model, plate # if you have it: then details like; lifted, chrome rims, bumper stickers, tinted windows...





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# PATROL STATION CONTACT INFORMATION

# NORTH STATION

356 N. Main St. Templeton (805) 434-4290

# SOUTH STATION

1681 Front St. Oceano (805) 473-7100

# COAST STATION

2099 10th St. Los Osos (805) 528-6083

# HEADQUARTERS

1585 Kansas Ave. San Luis Obispo Watch Commander: (805) 781-4553

# ANIMAL SERVICES (Health Department)

(805) 781-4400

# **EMERGENCY**

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# NON-EMERGENCY OR TO MAKE A REPORT

DISPATCH: (805) 781-4550 (option 3)

# Local Law Enforcement Numbers



# Prevent & Protect







# Communicate

# Neighborhood/Community Watch Map

# **Emergency Telephone Numbers:** DOCTOR .

*SHERIFF	OHOSPITAL
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FIRE	AMBULANCE

### **Emergency Instructions:**

Know your neighbors. Make sure they know you.

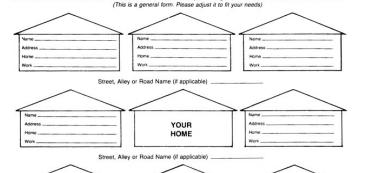
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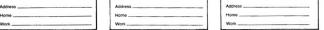
- 1. Contact your neighbor, at home or at work.
- 2. Call local police or sheriff.
- 3. DO NOT HANG UP. STAY ON THE PHONE UNTIL YOU ARE SURE HELP IS ON THE WAY.
- 4. Help preserve evidence.

Write down descriptions of people and automobiles.

Write down license plate numbers. Write down direction of escape.

Instructions: Fill in all of the blanks below. Make sure your neighbors fill out one of these forms too.





NOTICE: If you will be gone for an extended period of time, tell your neighbors. Notify the police or sheriff's office as well.

# mextdoor



# Questions?



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