## LMPD 3<sup>rd</sup> DIVISION TIPS TO REPORT CRIMES IN PROGRESS (AND, TO HELP PREVENT FUTURE CRIME)

Know who your neighbors. Be familiar with their vehicles, visitors as much as possible. Simple awareness of this information is all that is necessary.

Should you be away from home—work, vacation etc.—let a responsible neighbor know if anyone should be expected to be at your residence. This includes service techs that may be doing work on the property.

## **Procedures when reporting suspicious activity:**

If for any reason you observe activity at your residence or a neighbor's please exercise personal safety first.

Non-emergency information can be called into the LMPD MetroSafe Dispatch at 574-3759. Please understand that due to emergency run volume, an Officer may take a while to respond. You do not have to have an officer respond if you choose not to do so. You can provide information to Dispatch for follow-up or Email Sergeant Kelly Lee at Kelly.Lee@Louisvilleky.gov. Provide the information and state if you wish to be contacted.

For Emergency activities – for example, a robbery in progress, assault or a burglary in progress—you should dial 911. Upon an answer for the emergency, be prepared to provide the following:

The address as best as you can provide of the emergency

What is occurring requiring immediate police response

Expect if you can to assist by staying on the phone to aide Officers responding

Obtain as much descriptive information as is possible of individuals involved, and/or vehicles you see at the scene (License plates when possible).

## The procedure in obtaining descriptions for persons should be:

Top to bottom – Male or Female, Race, Number of persons involved, Hair color, complexion. Clothing – Hat if worn, shirt color, pants color, shoe color

Example: 2 male subjects, one white male, one black male. White male is dark skinned with black hair, white T-shirt, and blue jean shorts with black shoes. Black male is dark skinned, bald, with a blue T-shirt, brown pants and with tennis shoes.

## The procedure in obtaining a vehicle Description involved:

Color, Make and Model if you know it, large or small vehicle, 2 door or 4 door, damage if observed – Front or Back, License plate if you can obtain it.

Should the subjects leave the scene before Officers arrive, you can let the Dispatcher know if on Foot or in a vehicle(if used). Best possible direction you can provide such as the street seen fleeing on or to.

This is a lot of information, but truly is important when you see something in your neighborhood police need to know about. Remember, if something does not look right to you in your community, you should definitely observe and report it.

Always Use Safety First. You should follow steps above from a safe distance, and as quietly as possible. LMPD does not want members of our community putting themselves in harm's way for any reason.

Anyone who wishes to be notified of Crime information in their community and be involved with the 3rd Division Block Watch Program should call the 3rd Division at 574-2135. Also, preferably email Sergeant Kelly Lee at Kelly.Lee@Louisvilleky.gov