



Lakeview Crime Prevention District

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Letter from the President

Dear Lakeview Residents,

We have come a long way since the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Residents are returning to their homes, while many others are in the process of rebuilding. Many area businesses are up and running, with a list of several that are opening soon. I am optimistic about the future of our Lakeview community.

I would like to take the opportunity to update you on the progress of the 3rd District and the LCPD Officers. I personally thank LCPD Commander, Sergeant Doug Eckert who has been working very hard on our behalf. Thefts have been a major problem in the area. Several perpetrators have been arrested due to the perseverance of Commander Eckert and the LCPD Officers. They are to be commended on their vigilance on our behalf.

There are a few important bits of information that I would like to share with you:

- Along with the Garden District, LCPD is one of the largest neighborhood security operations in the city. In 2008, LCPD will spend \$819,614 on security patrols. The district will levy a \$100 fee, \$50 less than authorized, on every improved lot in Lakeview. It expects to collect the fee from 5,225 such lots, giving it revenue of \$522,500. The difference will be made up from a \$365,000 surplus from previous years. Please refer to the chart outlining area security fees. We can still boast of the lowest fee for these services. At present, there are 12 officers on patrol throughout Lakeview per day, 2 per 4 hour shift, resulting in continuous 24 hour surveillance. In addition, Commander Eckert is on duty 12 – 16 hours per day.
- Crime statistics reveal that 665 arrests have been made since January 2007 and 1,294 traffic citations have been written. Both arrests and citations were from pro-active enforcement, not from calls for service.
- There are three websites that are very helpful in keeping up-to-date with crime trends. The NOPD crime map link is: <http://cno-gisweb02.cityofno.com/crimemaps/>. The Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's website address is: <http://www.opcso.org/>. In addition, the Citizen Crime Watch page is also a very useful tool: <http://citizencrimewatch.org>. These sites continue to add updated information and are interactive. I encourage you to check the sites frequently.

If you see criminal activity in Lakeview, call **9-1-1** immediately. If you are suspect of criminal activity, or if you need help or guidance, call **9-1-1**. It is critically important to report anything suspicious.

The LCPD board meets at 6 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at the St. Dominic Rectory. Please join us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles P. Ciaccio".

President, Lakeview Crime Prevention District

SAFETY CHECKLIST

- ✓ **Install a monitored security system if at all possible. Don't just rely on telephone lines. Add a cellular backup so that if the telephone lines are cut by a perpetrator, the backup will alert the security monitoring company.**
- ✓ **If you are unable to install an alarm system, some less expensive options include a sound detecting socket that plugs into a light fixture and makes the light flash when it detects certain noises, or motion sensing outdoor lights that turn on when someone approaches, or lights with photo cells that turn on when it is dark and off when it is light.**
- ✓ **Be sure the outside doors of your home have strong deadbolt locks.**
- ✓ **Keep spare keys with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in a mailbox.**
- ✓ **Valuable items, such as televisions, stereos, and computers should be inscribed with your driver's license number. Engravers can be borrowed at your nearest Beacon of Hope location <http://www.lakewoodbeacon.org/?page=main>.**
- ✓ **Lock gates, garage doors, and shed doors after every use.**
- ✓ **Keep lawn equipment, tools, bikes and other valuables locked inside your garage, shed or home when not in use.**
- ✓ **Illuminate or eliminate places an intruder might hide: the spaces between trees or shrubbery, stairwells, alleys, hallways, and entryways.**
- ✓ **Be sure that every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors.**
- ✓ **If you have a sliding door, make sure that it has strong, working key locks. A dowel or a pin to secure a glass door should be installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track.**
- ✓ **Trim shrubs or bushes so that there is no place for someone to hide.**
- ✓ **Set timers on lights when you're away from home so it appears to be occupied.**
- ✓ **Never leave a message on your answering machine that indicates you may be away from home. Rather than saying "I'm not at home right now," say "I'm not available right now."**
- ✓ **When you arrive home, if something looks questionable – a slit screen, a broken window or an open door – don't go in. Call the police from a neighbor's house or a public phone.**

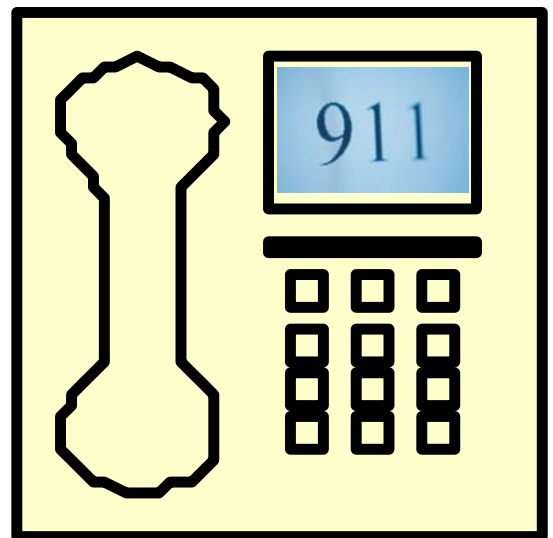
Avoiding False Alarms

False alarms, calls to 9-1-1 in error, are overwhelming the emergency response system nationwide. These incidents are more than an inconvenience. They waste the time and energy of law enforcement and other emergency personnel who may be needed to respond to real life-or-death emergencies.

Preventing False Alarms

Anti-theft alarms were designed to protect lives and property. False alarms are usually accidental, most often caused by user error, poor installation, and faulty equipment. There are many steps alarm owners can take to prevent false alarms.

- Lock doors and windows properly.
- Train all users.
- Know what to do if you accidentally set off the alarm system.
- Write down the procedures for activating and deactivating the system, and make them available near the control panel.
- Place the alarm monitoring center's phone number near the phone or control panel.
- Do not leave codes or passwords with instructions in unsecured places.
- Make sure your emergency contact names and phone numbers are updated with the alarm-monitoring center.
- Make sure pets, fans, plants, and balloons are away from motion sensors.
- Service and maintain the system (including batteries) properly.



When To Call 9-1-1

You need to report a situation that threatens human life or property and requires immediate dispatch of police, fire, or emergency medical services, such as a crime in progress, a serious crime that has just occurred, a fire, a serious illness, or an injury.

You aren't sure whether the situation is an emergency but want the 9-1-1 personnel to determine the type of response your situation requires.

How To Make a 9-1-1 Call

Dial 9-1-1 from any kind of phone, including a pushbutton, rotary, wireless, cordless, or pay phone.

Do not program 9-1-1 into your speed dial.

When the emergency personnel answers, remain calm and speak clearly.

Do not hang up until the call taker tells you to unless it is not safe for you to stay on the telephone.

Security Fee Comparisons

<i>Lakewood Crime Prevention District</i>	\$450
<i>Twinbrook Security District (Uptown)</i>	\$400
<i>Audubon Area Security District</i>	\$325
<i>Hurstville District (Uptown)</i>	\$395/\$485
<i>Lake Forest Estates</i>	\$385
<i>Lakeshore Crime Prevention District</i>	\$360
<i>Lake Oaks Improvement District</i>	\$350
<i>Lake Terrace Crime Prevention District</i>	\$300
<i>Lake Carmel Improvement District</i>	\$250
<i>Kingswood District (New Orleans East)</i>	\$240
<i>Kenilworth District</i>	\$200
<i>Spring Lake Improvement District</i>	\$200
<i>Lakeview Crime Prevention District</i>	\$100

Have a question or concern? Contact LCPD by email:

info@lcpdonline.com

Make sure to check our website regularly for updates:

www.lcpdonline.com

Learn to Protect Yourself Against Crime

Stay Alert.

Avoid Dangerous Situations.

Take precautions at home, at work, on vacation, in the car and in the street.

Work with law enforcement officials to prevent and solve crimes.

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The Lakeview Crime Prevention District was formed by Revised Statute 33:2740.35 of the Louisiana Legislature during the 1997 regular session. The purpose of the District is to aid in crime prevention and to add to the security of residents of the District, providing an increase in law enforcement personnel in the District.