



# Lakeview Crime Prevention District

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## Letter from the President

Dear Lakeview Residents,

I would like to take the opportunity to update you on the progress of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District and the LCPD Officers. I personally thank LCPD Commander, Sergeant Doug Eckert who has been working very hard on our behalf. We have to commend them on their efforts. Since the inception of the LCPD in 1998 with reported crimes numbering 626, the reported crimes have gone down significantly to a 2009 total of 226. Please refer to LCPD Commander Doug Eckert's article found on page 2.

We need to help our law enforcement personnel in preventing crime. Here are some of the things that we can do that will definitely help:

- ❖ Lock your car and do not leave anything of value in view.
- ❖ Lock your outdoor shed and place all yard equipment, tools, and other belongings inside.
- ❖ Install peripheral lighting around your home. This can be flood lights that come on with a timer or those that have motion detectors.
- ❖ Install a video camera system that places several lenses on the outside of your home in places where they can capture activity.
- ❖ Install an alarm system and have it monitored. If you have an alarm system, use it. Not only does it keep you safe, it also protects you regarding your insurance policy. Many policies will not support a break in or a fire at your home if you own a security system and it was not set when the crime/fire took place.
- ❖ Trim all large bushes that may interfere with your view from your door and windows. These are also good places for perpetrators to hide out.
- ❖ When you exit or enter your home, be aware of your surroundings. Check all around you before you leave your home and/or vehicle.
- ❖ Be a good citizen. If you see anything that does not look right, it probably isn't. 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 **821-2222**. It is critically important to report anything suspicious.

There are three websites that are very helpful in keeping up-to-date with crime trends. The LCPD website address is: <http://www.lcpdonline.com/>. 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.

The LCPD board meets at 6 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month, with the exception of July and December, at the St. Dominic Rectory. Please join us.

Sincerely,

Charles P. Ciaccio, President  
Lakeview Crime Prevention District

**VOTE  
on  
November 2**

**The LCPD  
renewal  
is on the  
ballot.**

## From the LCPD Commander

by Sergeant Doug Eckert, Commander, LCPD

2010 has been a difficult year in terms of crime for the Lakeview area. Each month this year, from January through and including June, there has been an increase in crime compared to the same months for 2009. The main areas of concern are in property crimes, e.g. burglaries, automobile burglaries, thefts, and automobile thefts. I look at crimes committed within Lakeview on a daily basis, but also look at areas that closely border Lakeview, including those in Jefferson Parish. I study the crime maps and crime trends day to day and I look at weekly as well as monthly patterns.

With the increase of these crimes in mind, it is necessary for me to change some of my tactics as they relate to deployment of officers, adding manpower in some time slots and possibly decreasing manpower in time slots that may not need as much presence. I assure you that I will continue to make changes on my end and will accept any innovative ideas that will assist in keeping Lakeview the safest place to live. As for crime prevention and while I am committed to do my part, I am asking you to do your part as many of you already do. I am urging you to get involved in one, if not the most, important issues we are facing - crime. I am asking you to really get involved! Get involved with me and the Lakeview Crime Prevention District. One way to become more involved and understand how the LCPD works is by attending the monthly LCPD meetings. Since I have been given the privilege of working for you, I have noticed that the attendance for the LCPD meetings by the community has been very light, but mostly no attendance at all.

I encourage everyone that has a vested interest in Lakeview to attend these meetings! Another way to really get involved with the reduction of crime in Lakeview is through the "Neighborhood Watch" program. It is a great way of networking with your immediate neighbors for the sake of telling criminals that you are watching! This program will prepare you in when to call the police, what to look for, how to react, how to prevent you from becoming a victim, and many others ways to gain knowledge of how to keep safe. If anyone is interested in starting or learning more about "Neighborhood Watch" please contact me at (504) 258-2391, or by email, [deckert@cityofno.com](mailto:deckert@cityofno.com).

Also, if you would like to meet with me one on one, I am available! I'll meet with you at your residence or business and discuss any strategies needed to make you as safe as you can possibly be. I'll advise you on exterior lighting, alarms, what to report, when to report, what you should leave in your automobile or on your front lawns, fencing, or whatever you would like discuss. You can learn from me, but more importantly, I can learn from you!

If you have any thoughts on how I, or we as a team, can make Lakeview safer through the Lakeview Crime Prevention District, I would like to hear from you. Please call me at (504) 258-2391, or by email, [deckert@cityofno.com](mailto:deckert@cityofno.com). I am interested in your thoughts and opinions for any practical changes that you would like to see.

Respectfully,  
Sgt. Doug Eckert

Have a question or concern? Contact LCPD by email: [info@lcpdonline.com](mailto:info@lcpdonline.com)

Make sure to check our website regularly for updates:

<http://www.lcpdonline.com/>

Escort Service Daily  
7 pm - 7 am  
(504) 858-5273

**Be cautious at all times. Report criminal activity and any *suspicious* activity immediately. Dial 9-1-1.**

**LCPD  
2010 Meeting Schedule  
(October and November)**

**October 28  
November 18**

**Location:  
St. Dominic Church  
Harrison Avenue  
Rectory**

**Time: 6:00 PM**

**December - no meeting**

**Learn to Protect Yourself from 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.

**LCPD Patrols**

*by Val Cupit, Commissioner, Lakeview Crime Prevention District*

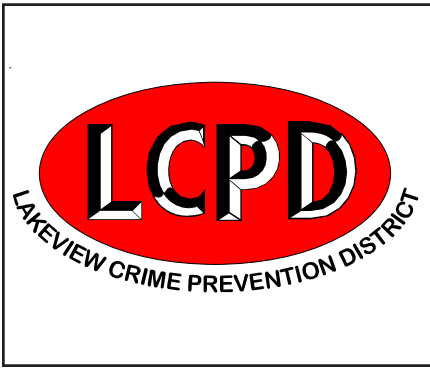
Recently we had a brave and smart Lakeview resident call in an Auto Burglary in progress to the police. This victim of crime gave a great description of the perpetrator and the LCPD Police were first on the scene in less than one minute. The NOPD 3rd District Police were right there behind them. This took place at 1:00 a.m. in the morning, when most of us were sound asleep. The perpetrator was apprehended on the spot; he didn't have a chance to run. I went to the block and much to my surprise, the majority of the cars that were burglarized were left unlocked.

There is a reason for reducing crime in Lakeview - your family, your investment in property, and great neighbors - just to name a few. If you make it easy for criminals by not practicing safety 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, we will never realize our goals.

I can be reached at [valcupit@bellsouth.net](mailto:valcupit@bellsouth.net).

The Lakeview area recorded 226 crimes for the year 2009. This represents a 10.32 % reduction in crime compared to the year 2008. This is the lowest amount of crimes reported since the inception of the Lakeview Crime Prevention District in 1998. Additionally, the officers working the Lakeview Crime Prevention District arrested over 800 individuals and wrote nearly 1800 traffic citations for the 2009 year. The following are the number of crimes for the perspective years:

1998	626 crimes
1999	559 crimes
2000	604 crimes
2001	588 crimes
2002	465 crimes
2003	360 crimes
2004	370 crimes
2005	327 crimes
2006	341 crimes
2007	381 crimes
2008	252 crimes
<b>2009</b>	<b>226 crimes</b>



Always be alert and report any suspicious activity.

Call **911** for an emergency. For a non-emergency, call **821-2222**.

## Orleans Parish Security Districts Annual Fee Comparisons

Lakewood Crime Prevention and Improvement District	\$400
Lake Forest Estates Improvement District	\$385
Upper Hurstville Security District	\$365
Lakeshore Crime Prevention District	\$360
Lake Oaks Subdivision Improvement District	\$350
Audubon Area Security District	\$325
Lake Terrace Crime Prevention District	\$300
Lake Carmel Subdivision Improvement District	\$250
Kenilworth Improvement District	\$200
Spring Lake Subdivision Improvement District	\$200
Huntington Park Subdivision Improvement District	\$175
<b><i>LAKEVIEW CRIME PREVENTION DISTRICT (LCPD)</i></b>	<b><i>\$100</i></b>

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serve in a voluntary capacity and receive no

compensation.

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.