**How to Describe a Person**

Depending on the situation and considering your personal safety, take a good look at the suspect, so that you will be better able to describe the suspect later. Here are some of the things to look for and to report:

- Sex, Race, Complexion, Age
- Height (estimate in 2 inch blocks; for example 5’8” and 5’10”)
- Weight (estimate in blocks of 10 pounds, for example 130 to 140 pounds)
- Build – large, medium, small, stocky, fat, slender, or thin, plus any distinguishing features on parts of the body (tattoos, eyeglasses, etc.)
- Hair – color, thick or thin, balding or full, sideburns
- Mustache or beard – describe including color
- Clothing – type, color, style (start at top and work down: hat, coat shirt, pants, shoes)

**Method of escape:**
Example: Male, white, approximately 45 years old, between 5 foot 6 and 5 foot 8, 150 – 160 pounds, medium build, gray hair, and long sideburns. Wearing a blue baseball cap, no coat, white shirt, dark pants and sneakers. Last seen at 1st Street and Compton Avenue and headed toward the East Rancho Dominguez Park area (and whether the suspect was on foot, bike, or in a car).

**Contact Parks Bureau at:**
(213) 974-8000
(800) 834-0064

**Useful Websites**
WWW.LASD.ORG
WWW.LACOUNTY.GOV
WWW.PARKS.LACOUNTY.GOV
WWW.NIXLE.COM
WWW.CRIMESTOPPERS.COM
WWW.LACOUNTYFRAUD.ORG
Why is there a need for Park Watch?

Park Watch was designed as a way to fight crime by preventing it before it occurs. The main concept of the program is for park staff and patrons to stay alert to unusual activity and contact the authorities. It helps eliminate the criminal's two greatest tools: public apathy and easy opportunity. An incident involving theft or vandalism within a Los Angeles County historical, scenic, or recreational park, directly affects a person's level of enjoyment. By implementing this innovative program, crime will decrease.

The following are some of the most common crime issues involving Los Angeles County Parks:

- Theft
- Alcohol and drug use
- Vandalism
- Unauthorized after hours use
- Boating and motor vehicle violations

How to Report a Crime

To report a crime in progress, a medical emergency, or a fire, call 9-1-1. Before you call, gather all the facts you can, and if possible write them down so that you will not forget them. Take a second look; a minute gathering more complete information may be worth the delay. A license plate number is great, if you can spot it. Do not put yourself at risk to obtain it. Do not put yourself at risk to obtain it. If the vehicle has a ladder on top or a dented left fender is more useful than simply describing the vehicle as a “blue van.” You want to be able to answer the usual who, what, where, when and how questions, or as many of these as you can.

Please report ALL suspicious incidents, even if minor in nature. Reports will be kept in our database for future reference. When calling in a crime or emergency, take your time and speak clearly and concisely.

We would never want to see a witness hurt, so please don't try to get involved if a crime occurs...

Trust Your Instincts

You know when something doesn’t look right. You may not know why, but somehow it is out of character and arouses your suspicion. Call it in! We will investigate all calls for service.

Determining Priority

Use of the 911 system is for emergencies only! An emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from police/sheriff, fire department, or ambulance. Examples include:

- A fire
- A crime in progress or just occurred
- A car crash, especially if someone is injured
- A medical emergency

Stay on the Line

In an emergency, the complaint officer will ask you a number of questions which are necessary prior to sending a deputy. Be patient and provide whatever information is requested. The officer will dispatch the call to responding field units and continue to ask questions to update the units. To Report a Non-Emergency: If you are in a Los Angeles County Park call (800) 834-0064. If you are reporting a suspicious vehicle or person, or a vehicle was broken into and the suspects fled the area, you are in fact dealing with a crime that may be committed in the future or a crime that has already been committed. These are not Crimes in Progress, do not call '9-1-1’. Call (213) 974-8000, for these types of incidents.