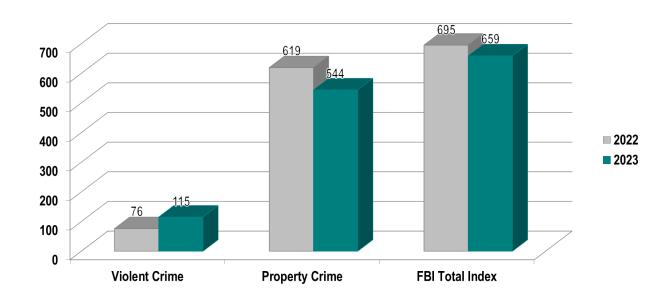
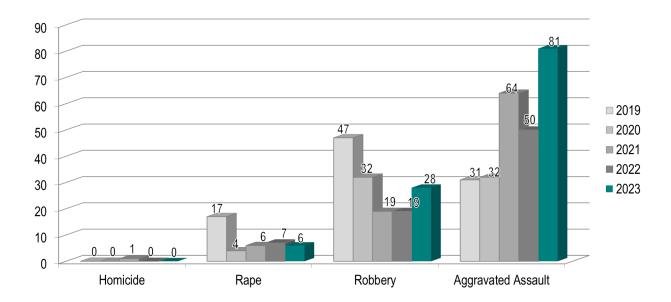
Crime Trends and Statistics

The 2nd quarter of 2023 concluded with 22.1 crimes per thousand residents compared to 23.2 crimes per thousand in the 2nd quarter of 2022, which represents a 5.2% decrease in the number of crimes. During this period violent crime increased 51.3% and property crime decreased 12.1%.



FBI Part 1 Crimes 2nd Quarter Year to Date

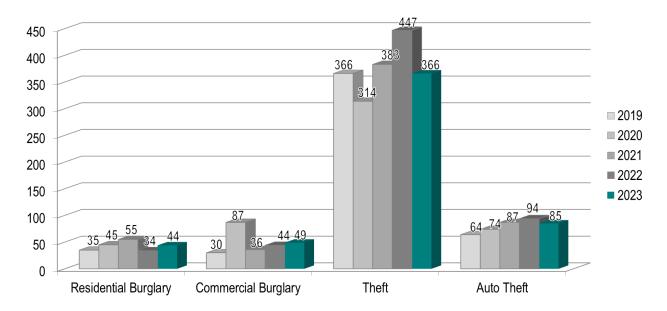
Historical Violent Crime Comparison, 2nd Quarter Year to Date



While incidents of homicide and rape remained relatively the same compared to last year, incidents of robbery and aggravated assault increased. Both commercial and street level robberies increased year-to-date in 2023 compared to the same period in 2022. Overall, robberies during the 2nd quarter of 2023 decreased 44% compared to the 1st quarter of 2023. Sixty-one (61) percent of all robberies were closed by arrest year-to-date in 2023. Sixty (60) percent of aggravated assaults were domestic violence related in the 2nd quarter of 2023. Domestic violence related assaults increased 170% in the 2nd quarter of 2023 compared to the 2nd quarter of 2023.

Case Clearances

On April 26, 2023, a 40-year-old individual was shot in the arm while inside a residence in the 4900 block of Clearview Way. The shooter and his two companions fled the residence and the victim's friend called 9-1-1. The victim was transported to the hospital and recovered from his injury. Detectives were called to the scene and during the course of their investigation were able to identify the suspect in this case. The suspect was taken into custody on June 1, 2023 and was booked at jail for attempted murder.



Historical Property Crime Comparison, 2nd Quarter Year to Date

Compared to the previous year, residential burglary increased 29.4%, commercial burglary increased 11.4%, theft decreased 18.1%, and auto theft decreased 10.0%. Twenty-three (23) percent of residential burglaries in 2023 have been cleared by arrest.

Case Clearances

On March 30, 2023, at approximately 5:30 AM, two unknown suspects burglarized Duke's Old-Fashioned Onion Burgers, located at 5020 Baltimore Drive, La Mesa. The suspects forced entry through the doors of the restaurant and stole the safe. The empty safe was later recovered in a nearby parking lot. La Mesa Police detectives obtained surveillance video from the restaurant and surrounding businesses and determined the suspects were driving a stolen vehicle. On April 3, 2023, at approximately 5:00 AM, the same suspects burglarized Marie Calendar's located at 6950 Alvarado Road, La Mesa. The suspects broke into the office of the restaurant before stealing two liquor bottles. A "Be on the Lookout" flyer was distributed to local law enforcement agencies to attempt to identify the suspects.

In May, La Mesa Police detectives were contacted by detectives from Riverside Police Department (RPD). RPD had identified the La Mesa suspects and advised they were responsible for 24 burglary cases across San Diego and Riverside Counties. Both suspects had been arrested in Riverside. The La Mesa cases were added to their charges.

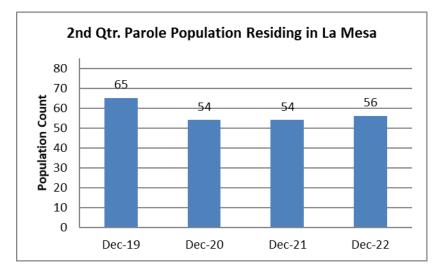
During the early morning hours of April 1, 2023, two unknown suspects broke into a residential garage in the 7300 block of Parkway Drive. The suspects stole an electric scooter and numerous tools. Two weeks later, the same two suspects burglarized a residence on Collins Avenue in La Mesa, stealing the resident's laptop and passport. While conducting follow-up investigation on another case, a La Mesa Police Department Community Service Officer discovered video evidence depicted the suspects in the two

previously mentioned residential burglary cases. La Mesa Detectives were able to identify the two suspects and determine their whereabouts. Both suspects were taken into custody and a subsequent search of their vehicle and residence produced additional stolen property from other burglary cases. Ultimately, the suspects were tied to seven residential burglary cases in La Mesa and three residential burglary cases in San Diego. They have been charged with those crimes and are pending sentencing.

Supervised Persons in the City

Parolees and Probationers

Below is a graph representing the number of individuals on Parole that have resided in La Mesa over the last four years. Please note that the below graph does not include Post-Release Offenders (AB109).



Registered Sex Offenders

There are currently ninety-nine (99) active sex registrants in the city. Throughout the year, patrol officers conduct compliance checks on the registrants living in La Mesa. Three (3) registrants were out of compliance during the 2nd Quarter of 2023, meaning they have not completed their annual or monthly check-in and residency verification as required. One (1) of the registrants was discovered to have had a medical emergency and has since been able to register. Arrest warrants are pending for the other two (2) registrants who could not be located by La Mesa Police Detectives.

Traffic Unit

Traffic Collisions

	2023				
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	YTD
Total Traffic Collisions	102	71			173
Collisions Involving Injury	63	39			102
Total Vehicle Occupants Reporting Injury	78	52			130
Occupants Reporting Serious Injury	4	1			5
Fatality	0	0			0

Top Three Collision Locations

- 1. Baltimore and Fletcher Parkway
- 2. Baltimore and El Cajon Blvd
- 3. Fletcher and Grossmont Center

Traffic Enforcement Operations 2nd Quarter

Date	Enforcement Operations	Focus	Location	Total Officers
04/07/2023	Traffic Enforcement	Distracted Driving	Citywide	2
04/28/2023	Traffic Enforcement	Distracted Driving	Citywide	2
04/21/2023	Traffic Enforcement	Distracted Driving	Citywide	3
05/26/2023	Traffic Enforcement	Click it or Ticket	Citywide	4
05/27/2023	Traffic Enforcement	DUI	Citywide	2
06/24/2023	DUI Enforcement	DUI	Citywide	3

Community Engagement and Information Sharing

Social Media

Social Media Platform	Followers	
Nextdoor	22,544 La Mesa Residents	
Facebook	7,380	
Twitter	5,407	
Instagram	3,556	

During the 2nd quarter, the Social Media Team shared information with the public related to driving under the influence of alcohol and marijuana, distracted driving, legal restrictions on the use of marijuana, and information on the dangers of fentanyl.

Events and Presentations

Crime Prevention and Outreach Services		
Neighborhood Watch Meetings	0	
Community Presentations	2	
Residential Security Inspections	0	
Commercial Security Inspection	0	

On April 24th, the Department participated in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. The dropoff site collected over 110 pounds of unwanted prescription drugs.

On May 30th, La Mesa Police Department staff, alongside other San Diego County law enforcement agencies, was honored to participate in The Law Enforcement Torch Run in support of Special Olympics. The annual Torch Run is the largest public awareness vehicle and grassroots fundraiser for Special Olympics, with more than 2,000 officers participating in Southern California - championing acceptance and inclusion.

On June 3rd, the Department participated and supported the 24th Annual La Mesa Flag Day Parade. Department staff walked in the parade distributing badge stickers and meeting residents, and supported parade operations with traffic control.

During second week of June, the Department held the 2023 La Mesa PD Youth Leadership Camp. This camp is designed to teach high school students the foundational elements of leadership, teamwork, ethics, mindfulness, and self-awareness.

On June 18th, La Mesa Police Department staff attended the La Mesa Juneteenth Foundation's Jubilee event at MacArthur Park.

School Resource Officer

The School Resource Officer position is currently vacant.



Officer J. Seydel carries the torch and Officer W. Wilson carries the Special Olympics flag in the Law Enforcement Torch Run on May 30.



Senior Volunteer Guarnotta (left), CSO Matthews-Blue (center), and Senior Volunteer Boatright (right) providing support at the 24th Annual La Mesa Flag Day Parade.



Captain Matt Nicholass (left) and Captain Greg Runge (far right) joined Chief Ray Sweeney at the La Mesa Juneteenth Foundation and Friend's Jubilee celebration.

Staffing and Training

New Officers

No new officers completed field training this quarter.

Police Academy Graduates

No new officers graduated from the Academy this quarter.

Hiring Updates

Police Officer Ashley Ufers was hired during the 2nd quarter of 2023 and began her Field Training on June 4th. Police Officer Juan Rangel was also hired during the 2nd quarter and began his Field Training on June 11th.

Vacancies

Position	Authorized	Filled	Vacancies
Sworn Officers	70	65	5
Dispatchers	12	11	1
Community Service Officers	4	4	0

The Department currently has five vacancies for police officer and one vacancy for police dispatcher. Applications are being accepted for the following positions: Police Officer Lateral/Academy Graduate, Police Officer Trainee, and Police Dispatcher. Please visit the City of La Mesa's website for more information or to apply.

Promotions

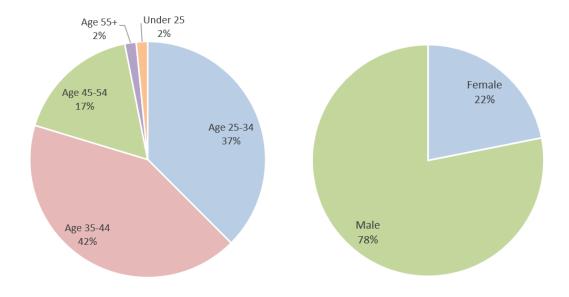
No promotions during the second quarter.

Officer Training

During the 2nd quarter, all sworn personnel completed quarterly firearms qualifications and First Aid/CPR/AED recertification.

Department Demographics

Race/Ethnicity	Total Officers	Percent of Officers
Asian	1	1.5%
Black or African American	6	9.2%
Hispanic or Latino	16	24.6%
White	42	64.7%
Grand Total	65	100.0%



Department Wellness

The Department remains committed to the wellness of our staff and we offer a variety of resources to our police officers and professional staff. Our Peer Support Team responded to several call-outs during the past quarter to support staff who were impacted by critical incidents. Our Facility Dog, Declan, has also been called upon to provide his unconditional love and support to those team members impacted by trauma, stress, and the often-challenging realities of first responder work. The La Mesa Police Department contracts with a local mental health clinician who is culturally competent in assisting first responders with processing life and work trauma. This clinician is an invaluable asset and helps us protect our people so they can continue to protect you.

Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA) Reporting

The Racial and Identity Profiling Act of 2015 prohibits racial and identity profiling by law enforcement, and requires all agencies to annually report vehicle and pedestrian stop information, as well as citizen complaints of profiling, to the California Attorney General's office. The La Mesa Police Department began collecting stop information in 2022 in compliance with the legislation. Data for 2022 was reported to the Department of Justice at the beginning of the 2nd Quarter of 2023. The latest report from the California RIPA Board can be found on the California Attorney General's website by following the link below.

https://oag.ca.gov/ab953/board/reports