



TIPS FOR OBTAINING CRIME INFORMATION

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A great deal of statistical and graphical information about the kinds, frequencies, and locations of crime in San Diego County is now available on the Internet. Residence locations of registered sex offenders are also available. City public libraries have some summary statistical information as well as computer terminals for Internet access.

SDPD WEBSITE

The CRIME STATISTICS AND MAPS section of the SDPD website at www.sandiego.gov/police/services/statistics/index.shtml contains the following crime data:

- Clery Act Campus Crime Reports, which contain actual numbers of FBI-index crimes (major types of violent and property crimes that affect the general public), arson incidents, and alcohol, narcotics, and weapons arrests by year from 2007.
- Numbers of index crimes and crime rates for the entire city by year since 1950
- Numbers of index crimes and crimes rates by neighborhood by year since 2003

It also has a link to the San Diego County's Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS) website, which has index-crime data since 2008 from which tables of crimes can be generated by month, time period, and city. And for the City of San Diego tables can be generated by beat, command area, service area, council district, and neighborhood. The link for Interactive Mapping Application gives you access to CrimeMapping at www.crimemapping.com, which is discussed below.

CRIME MAPPING

For crime information in the past 180 days you can go directly to CrimeMapping. There you first click on California and then on San Diego Police. Then you select from up to 15 types of crimes, a date range, and enter an address. Then click on Search to get a map and select a search radius. You can also generate a report that lists all the mapped crimes.

REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

Information on registered sex offenders is available on California's Megan's Law website at www.meganslaw.ca.gov. You can search by name, address, city, ZIP code, county, parks, and schools, and obtain a map of approximate offender locations, or a list of offender names. The latter also provides pictures and personal profile information on the offenders. Although this information is updated frequently, its accuracy cannot be

guaranteed. Offenders may have moved and failed to notify local law enforcement agencies as required by law; thus, the locations of offenders without established addresses are not included. And remember that not all sex offenders have been caught and convicted, and that most sex offenses are committed by family, friends, or acquaintances of the victim. You can also click on the links on the left of the home page to learn how to protect yourself and your family, facts about sex offenders, and sex offender registration requirements in California, and to obtain answers to frequently asked questions.

Additional information about sex offenders can be obtained at SDPD Headquarters at 1400 E St. between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. This database can be viewed by any California resident 18 years of age or older who has a California Drivers License or a Military ID, and no felony convictions. It can also be viewed by a minor accompanied by a parent or guardian. The database can be searched by ZIP code, county, or offender's name. It contains the registrant's picture, violations committed, tattoos, aliases, and the ZIP code of his/her residence.

CRIME ALERTS

You can sign up to receive automatic e-mail alerts of recent crime activity within a specified radius of any address or intersection in the San Diego County. Go to www.crimemapping.com/subscriptions/subscribe.aspx and provide your e-mail address, enter an address or intersection as a location of interest, select a radius about that point to define an area of interest, select the crime types you want to be notified about, and indicate whether you want a link to sex offenders in the alert.

You will also be able to get a map that shows where the crime occurred by clicking on "Map It" on the activity line. The balloon that points to the crime location has crime information and there SDPD links. The one entitled Crime Prevention and Education will take you to the SDPD website where crime prevention tips and other information can be seen.

NIXLE COMMUNITY INFORMATION SHARING

This free service allows the public to subscribe to and receive text and/or e-mail messages with timely and credible information on crime, safety, traffic, and community issues. To subscribe to this service log on at www.nixle.com and follow the instructions. You can also go directly to Nixle's website and see the latest alert and advisory messages, and community news by entering an address in the Navigate & Discover box and selecting a city or agency.

NEXTDOOR.COM

The SDPD has joined this nationwide social media network to provide crime alerts and prevention tips directly to local residents. Nextdoor.com offers residents in a self-defined neighborhood a free, private website on which they can see and post items of mutual interest. Now SDPD CROs will post information on a police page that residents can read and post a public or private reply. The CROs will only be able to see their postings and public replies. This website enables the SDPD to communicate directly with the neighborhood residents, and the residents to communicate with each other and to the SDPD. To join you first go to www.Nextdoor.com and create an account with your home and e-mail addresses, real name, and a password. Your address will be verified by a postcard to your home. Then you can sign onto your neighborhood website and see and post information.