

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.

## **SDPD WEBSITE**

The CRIME STATISTICS AND MAPS section of the SDPD website at **www.sandiego.gov/police/services/statistics** contains links to the following:

- San Diego County's Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS) website, which has links to the following:
  - o CrimeMapping.com for regional crime maps and automated e-mail alerts of crimes in your neighborhood
  - Crime statistics for various report of crime by region
  - State of California Megan's Law information on registered sex offenders, including San Diego County Sheriff details, photos, and neighborhood map
  - Restraining/Protective Orders information web site
  - Online Warrants issued by San Diego County Superior Court
  - Who's in Jail San Diego Sheriff inmate log
  - SD Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line for community members to report crime
- ARJIS Crime Statistics 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.
- Crime Mapping & Alerts which are discussed in the next subsections
- Crime Data for the most recent 180 days from CrimeMapping.com
- Clery Act Campus Crime Reports

This section also has the following data:

- 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

## **CRIME MAPPING**

For crime information in the past 180 days you can go directly to **www.CrimeMapping.com**. You can click on the arrow on the bottom of the screen for information on how it works and more about it. To search for crime Near a Location, first enter the location address and click on the complete address in the box below it to get a map with

the location shown in the middle of the screen by a red dot. Then in the Filters column on the left side of the screen, use the What, Where, and When buttons to input your search conditions:

- What is for crime types. There are 15 types plus Sex Offender and Sexual Predator.
- Where is for the location address and a search distance. Click on APPLY.
- When is for the time period. You can use one of the listed options or set a custom time range. If you do the latter you have to click on APPLY to get a map of the crimes.

After this you can get a summary of your search conditions, a report with a record of all the mapped crimes, and a bar chart with numbers of crimes by type by day of the week. You can also print the map and crime report.

### **CRIME ALERTS**

You can sign up to receive automatic e-mail alerts of recent crime activity within a specified distance of any location in the San Diego County. On any screen of **CrimeMapping.com** you can click on RECEIVE ALERTS in the upper right corner then select an alert type and name, and enter an e-mail address, e-mail preference, location address, search distance, and crime types you want to be notified about. Then you should VERIFY ADDRESS, indicate whether you want a link to sex offenders in the alert, and click on SAVE ALERT. When you get an alert you can also click on a link to CrimeMapping.com that will show the location of the crime on a map.

### **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.

#### 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.