

The City of Lyndhurst



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Lyndhurst Resident,

You've heard it before, but it bears repeating: *Residents are the eyes and ears of the police.* I can't stress enough the importance of working collaboratively with the police to fight crime in our community. This means being aware of your surroundings and promptly notifying police when you observe suspicious activity.

What is suspicious activity? It is anything out of the ordinary that makes you feel uncomfortable or causes you to pause out of concern. Taking a moment to consider suspicious things you see or hear, and promptly notifying police, may make the difference between the police capturing a criminal in the act, or the community being victimized by a offender who escapes. Don't be concerned that you might be "bothering" the police. We are here to serve and protect, and the flow of information from you is crucial. We would much rather be notified of a suspicious circumstance and investigate to find no cause, than to not be notified and have a crime occur.

When reporting suspicious circumstances, be prepared with a brief description of the person(s) involved (sex, race, approximate age and clothing), any vehicle involved (make, model or style, color and license plate, if possible), and a direction of travel. But even if you do not have many details, the little information you do provide may still be valuable. We won't know if you don't call.

Never investigate a potentially dangerous situation yourself. Call the police. Keep their phone number handy (440-442-1234 for Lyndhurst P.D.) and help them protect you and your community. Help protect yourself, your neighborhood and the community by being aware of your surroundings and promptly reporting suspicious activity when it occurs.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Porrello", is written over a faint, large watermark of a police officer's uniform.

Rick Porrello
Chief of Police

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