

HOW TO CALL THE POLICE

911 is for life threatening situations or crimes in progress. In Talmadge, also call 911 to report Suspects/or people who appear to be casing, especially if suspect description and/or vehicle & plate match up to prior reported incidents in Talmadge.

619-531-2000 is the non-emergency 24-hour police number

When you call the police regarding a situation requiring police response, the dispatcher will ask several questions of you. The questions are to ensure that the police will be able to respond to your call in an efficient manner with the proper resources. Remain calm and answer the questions to the best of your ability. When giving a location; you may give an exact street address, the hundred block, or 2 cross streets.

Questions the dispatcher may ask you:

For a crime that just occurred:

1. "What is the location?"
2. "How long ago did it occur?"
3. "Is anyone injured?"
4. "Where is the suspect?"
5. "What is the suspect's race, age, height, weight and clothing description?"
6. "Do they have any weapons?"
7. "Did they leave on foot or in a vehicle?"
8. "What is the direction of travel?"

For a traffic accident:

1. "What is the location?"
2. "Is anyone hurt?" If there are injuries, the caller will also be connected to paramedics who will ask similar questions.

For a disturbance:

1. "What is the location?"
2. "How many people are involved?" You may be asked for descriptions of individuals.
3. "Are there any weapons involved?"
4. "Is anyone drunk or on drugs?"
5. "Is anyone hurt?"

For suspicious activity:

1. "What is the location?"
2. "What looks suspicious?"
3. "Can you describe the suspect or any vehicles involved?"

For any calls for police assistance:

1. "What is your name?"
2. "What is your address and phone number where you are calling from?"
3. "Can an officer contact you if necessary?"