Crime Reporting Guide for APD

APD wants to hear from you. Residents reporting crimes, small or large, help us track what is happening in our city and enhance public safety.

To ensure our dispatchers can prioritize emergency calls, there are multiple ways to report crime and suspicious activity to the department.

911:

Call 911 in an emergency, if your or someone else's life is in danger, if there is a crime in progress, if someone needs serious medical attention, or if there is a fire.

Non-Emergency Line (907-786-8900 press 0):

The non-emergency line can be used when a crime has been committed but the suspect is no longer on the scene, if a person needs non-life threatening medical attention, or any situation where you believe an officer should respond but it is not an emergency. The non-emergency line is answered by 911 dispatchers, but it may take a little longer to get through while they are handling 911 calls. Please be patient.

Online Report:

For crimes where an officer will not be able to respond, but the department still wants to know the information, use the online reporting tool. Incidents eligible for online reporting are: suspected drug activity, fraud or identity theft, harassing phone calls, liquor violation, lost property, suspicious activity, shoplifts (for businesses only) IF there is no suspect information, theft (not including a theft of a firearm or vehicle), theft from vehicle, vandalism, and vehicle tampering. The online report forms can be found at www.muni.org/police.

Crime Stoppers:

Residents can call or email anonymous crime tips through Anchorage Crime Stoppers. Callers can remain anonymous and are eligible to receive a cash reward if the information given leads to the arrest of a wanted felon or solves a felony crime. To report a tip call 561-7867 or go online to anchorage crimestoppers.com

Homeless Camps:

The Anchorage Police Department takes reports of illegal camps in the Anchorage area. Find a camp reporting link on the muni.org homepage, the APD homepage, or through ANCWorks. A resident can report a camp anonymously and request status notifications. When reporting a camp, residents can drop a pin on a map, take a photo, or use their exact location. That report is placed on the APD Community Action Policing team's workflow system to start to the cleanup process.

How Not To Report:

For a report to be official, it needs to be given to dispatch or reported online through the APD website www.muni.org/police. The Anchorage Police Department cannot take reports of crime through social media channels such as, NextDoor, Facebook, Facebook messages, Twitter, and the ask APD email account. These channels are not monitored 24/7 and dispatchers cannot send an officer to respond unless something is properly reported.