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Community Involved in Crime Reduction

As the summer months continue in Los Banos the Police Department would like to remind you that your information does help the Police Department deter crime. This year the Police Departments Anonymous Crime Tip-Line has received approximately 35 actionable tips on criminal activity. These tips have resulted in at least 10 arrests, primarily for drug related crimes.

“Though we do not generally encourage citizens to become involved in the apprehension of a criminal or otherwise intervene in criminal activity, citizens of Los Banos can do a lot to help keep their neighborhood safe, such as being a good witness. If criminal activity occurs in front of you, do your best not to become involved. Remembering a vehicles license plate number or the description of a suspect, their clothing or tattoos or other distinguishing marks can go a long way to helping the Police identify them. It is important to remain calm, and if the opportunity presents itself, write down what you see on a piece of paper, your arm, your hand, or anything else that will be legible later. Here’s the other important part to being involved; **you need to tell someone**. I understand that ‘getting involved’ is a scary thought, but we offer two telephone lines for anonymous information where your identity is not known to the Police. Please take the time to contact us if you’ve seen criminal or suspicious activity because anonymous information is far better than no information at all.”

- Los Banos Police Chief Chris Gallagher

On our web page we’ve also established a “Most Wanted” page for individuals wanted by the Los Banos Police Department. If you see the individual pictured do not approach them, rather notify us as quickly as possible. Information such as where this individual was seen, what type of vehicle they were driving or a description of who they were with can be extremely valuable to us.

The Police Department can be reached **anonymously** through our crime tip line (209) 827 7070 Ext 288, our graffiti tip line (209) 827 7070 Ext 224, or the Police Departments web page at losbanos.org. Just click on the graffiti photo within the Police Department section of the web site.

As always in case of an emergency dial 911.