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Crimes of Opportunity

What is a crime of opportunity?

A **crime of opportunity** is a **crime** that is committed without planning when the perpetrator sees that he or she has the chance to commit the act at that moment and seizes it. This opportunity is usually one that offers a high reward with little risk – an open or unlocked door, visible property in a vehicle, bicycles left outside unlocked are just a few examples.

What can we do to prevent these types of crimes from occurring? Here are a few ideas:

- Make sure you lock all doors and windows to your home while you are away or are asleep
- Lock your vehicle, even when it is parked in your driveway
- Never leave visible property in your vehicle, even when the vehicle is locked
- Never leave property on your porch or in your yard unattended
- If you are having packages delivered to your home, have a trusted neighbor pick up the package if you won't be home, or contact the delivery company to arrange delivery when you will be home

We can always protect our property and neighborhoods by being observant. If you see something that doesn't look right, or see unknown people in your neighborhood that don't look like they have a purpose being there, please contact the police department!



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Teen Academy Registration Begins March 31st!

It's that time of year again! Registration for this summer's Teen Academy begins on March 31st, 2014. The Teen Academy is a great opportunity for teens to learn all about the Police Department and various career opportunities within the department. As an added bonus, all hours spent at the class earn the student community service hours needed for graduation.

Students will have many hands-on activities, as well as participate in a ride-along. The class is open to all Costa Mesa residents attending Costa Mesa High School, Estancia High School, or any local private high school.

This class fills up fast – download your application today at www.costamesapd.org.

**DO YOU NEED
COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?
TEEN ACADEMY**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS
MARCH 31, 2014**

Classes are limited to the first 30 students

Applications are available online at www.costamesapd.org or mailed upon request

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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JUNE 26 - JULY 31, 2014

The Costa Mesa Police Department's Teen Academy is a great way to earn community service hours towards your graduation requirement. This six week class is designed to be a fun learning experience that will increase understanding of police operations and provide an avenue of communication between the Police Department and young adults. Instructors will encourage students to ask questions and express their concerns about pertinent issues.

Students will learn from Department experts in SWAT, Explorer program, narcotics, patrol, traffic laws, and driving under the influence. All students will participate in practical demonstrations and will accompany an officer on a ride-along.

The class meets on Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. and is open to all Costa Mesa residents attending Costa Mesa High School, Estancia High School, or any local private high school.

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