## **HOW TO USE 911**

Dial 911 in emergency to report information to the police. If you are not sure, call 911 and let us determine if the situation requires an emergency response. If we determine your call does not meet the emergency guidelines, we will supply you with the telephone number to call the agency that can provide the services needed.

911 is a phone number that is used to get the police to respond to anything that has to do with safety. It does not have to be an emergency in progress. For example, you would call 911 to report an auto burglary that was just discovered

but happened a week ago. 911 can be called free of charge from any phone including a cell phone. The dispatcher (the person answering the call) can quickly see where the caller is and can send a police officer to that location even without the caller giving any information about where they are or what is happening. For example, if someone breaks into your home at night and you are afraid to talk out loud for fear that you might be heard, the dispatcher can send a police officer to your residence to check on your welfare

without your even saying a word. Please note, cell p h o n e users must give the dispatcher their location.



## Do not call a police station

to report anything that requires an officer to respond.

Please do not visit a police station or division headquarters to report a crime. The police stations are staffed by support personal. Police Officers are in the field so they can efficiently respond to calls. 911 is the best way to



reach the police about a crime or suspicious activity.

## KNOW YOUR PCR OFFICER

The Police Community
Relations (PCR) Unit of
the Oklahoma City Police
Department is made up of
a group of specially trained
officers whose focus is
presenting information to
neighborhood associations,
businesses, churches, and other
groups. To find your division,
look at bit.ly/OCPD\_divs

Each division has a PCR officer, listed below:

Hefner Division MSgt. Bob Skalla robert.skalla@okc.gov 405-316-5035

Santa Fe Division MSgt. Steve Brackeen steve.brackeen@okc.gov 405-316-4806

Springlake Division MSgt. Erick Huff erick.huff@okc.gov 405-316-5138

Will Rogers Division MSgt. Michael Loruse michael.loruse@okc.gov 405-316-4525

Some people calling 911 get frustrated when the 911 Call Taker asks more details about an emergency after the basics are given. The frustration comes when the reporting party thinks an officer has not yet been sent to the emergency because they continue to be asked for details about the incident.

The first information you give the 911 call taker is sent by their computer to a dispatcher who dispatches the emergency call over the police radio as soon as the information is given. Do not worry when the 911 call taker asks you for more information!