

## Resource Numbers

<b>Alexandria Police Department</b>	<b>1-318-449-5099</b>
<b>SafeAlex Community Police</b>	<b>1-318-441-6462</b>
<b>Rapides Sheriff Department</b>	<b>1-318-473-6700</b>
<b>Alexandria Fire Department</b>	<b>1-318-441-6600</b>
<b>Domestic Violence</b>	<b>1-888-411-1333</b>
<b>LA Child Protection Services</b>	<b>1-855-452-5437</b>
<b>Rapides Medical Center</b>	<b>1-318-769-3000</b>
<b>St. Francis Cabrini</b>	<b>1-318-487-1122</b>
<b>National Runaway Hotline</b>	<b>1-800-426-5678</b>
<b>Poison Control Center</b>	<b>1-800-222-1222</b>
<b>Substance Abuse Hotline</b>	<b>1-800-662-4357</b>
<b>Suicide Prevention</b>	<b>1-800-273-8255</b>
<b>Senior Protective Services</b>	<b>1-318-484-2219</b>



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## Message From the Mayor

For years, Alexandria has been a small city with a big-city crime problem. Confronting and reducing crime requires difficult decisions, bold action, and challenging many of our preconceived notions and practices. It requires us to confront some hard truths, not only about law enforcement practices, but also about the responsibilities of parents; teachers, schools, churches, the courts; and the effectiveness of neighborhood watch groups and other community organizations.

We must confront and fully recognize the underlying causes of crime: decaying neighborhoods, irresponsible or absent parents, poverty, unemployment, and a culture in which crime isn't only acceptable but considered a rite of passage for some kids.

Alexandria's problem with crime did not occur overnight, and we must recognize while there is no quick fix, we cannot afford to be complacent or reluctant to reform. Alexandria's "big city" crime problem not only shatters families and ruins lives; it threatens the future and the prosperity of our entire community.

If we are to eliminate the culture of crime, we must be united as a community, in a spirit of cooperation. We need parents, mentors, and pastors to proactively intervene in the lives of young adults. We need these young people to understand and appreciate the value of an education and a job. More than anything else, education and employment are the most effective ways of reducing and preventing crime.

- Mayor Jacques M. Roy



## Disaster Preparedness: A Checklist

### In the Event of a Hurricane or Severe Weather...

- Listen to weather bulletins.
- Cut off water sprinkler systems, garden hoses.
- Clean storm drains and catch basins, if safe, free of debris.
- Do not walk or drive in flooded areas (danger of contaminants and open hazards invisible to you).
- Heed executive orders and essential business directives.
- Stay off the road if at all possible; take care of family members who need you; and get to higher ground in areas prone to flooding.
- Keep debris and trash out of diversion canals and drainage right-of-ways.

### Know what to do after the storm:

- Assist in removing minor debris from storm drains to reduce street flooding.
- Limit travel during and immediately following the storm.
- Be mindful of downed power lines; do not touch any low hanging lines of any type.
- Avoid removal of debris in the vicinity of downed lines until declared safe by proper authorities.

### City contacts before, during, & after the storm:

First Call Non-emergencies	318 - 441 - 6231
Alexandria Police Department	318 - 441 - 6442
Alexandria Fire Department	318 - 441 - 6911
To Report a Power Outage	318 - 473 - 1301

## DIAL 911

Dial 911 when the situation is an emergency or a crime is in progress:

### Any fire

If you see or hear a fight or a domestic dispute

If you see someone trying to force their way into a home or a car

If you hear screaming or call for help

If you hear gunfire

If you hear a child being forced or beckoned into a car or a home

If you hear an alarm or breaking glass

Any other emergency

## DIAL 318-449-5099

Call APD directly any time the situation is not an emergency:

If you see suspicious behavior - such as someone walking in and out of yards or looking into cars

If you see a car driving around the neighborhood repeatedly with no apparent destination

If you see something that just looks out of place or unfamiliar and seems suspicious

If you see unknown people carrying property from a neighbors house or car

Any other non-emergency situation

## Our Mission

The need for strengthening and securing our communities has taken on a greater significance. SAFEAlex is one of the most effective means available for keeping crime out of our neighborhoods. It relies on the best crime fighting tool ever invented – a good neighbor.

When neighbors work together with law enforcement, it creates one of the best crime fighting teams around. SAFEAlex takes a degree of commitment on the part of citizens. It requires meetings, patrols, and other activities. When the crime rate in SAFEAlex areas decreases it's because of those who have given their time and energy to the project.

Your community has never needed you more. As citizens, we all share the responsibility for reporting and preventing crime in our community. Being alert and aware of those activities in your neighborhood is your only commitment to protecting your family and neighbors that will truly make the difference. We thank you for answering the call, and doing your part to help keep Alexandria safe and strong.

For detailed information on how you can become a vital member of the SafeAlex team and learn how to safely and discreetly eradicate crime from your neighborhood, please contact:

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