

CRIME IN PROGRESS

If You Are a Victim or a Witness

Individuals who observe a crime, have a crime committed against them, or are involved in an emergency situation, should dial 359-7500 to notify the Office of Public Safety. In the case of a crime in progress you should dial 911 to notify the Sarasota Police Department. Do not take any unnecessary chances. The best way you can help in resolving a criminal incident is to BE A GOOD WITNESS. Make a mental note of, or if you can, write down, any information which may be helpful to the police. The Dispatcher will ask you for the following information at the same time police assistance is being sent:

Description of the person(s) involved
Nature of the incident
Location of the incident
Nature of injuries, if any
Type of weapons involved, if any
Location of perpetrator, if known
Direction of travel of the perpetrator, if known

When calling, stay calm and carefully explain the problem and location to the Dispatcher. **DO NOT HANG UP UNLESS TOLD TO DO SO BY THE DISPATCHER.** Emergency help is not being delayed because the Dispatcher is asking questions. The Dispatcher is directing police assistance by radio as you are providing the requested information.

Armed Robbery