

# *If you think you hear* **GUNSHOTS...**

**Call 911 immediately.** Report as accurately as possible where the shots came from. If you want the responding officers to talk with you, let the 911 telecommunicator know. Likewise, if you don't want the officers to contact you, tell them that.

Do not investigate by going outside; wait for officers to arrive.

If you are outside, find cover immediately.

If you have seen a person with a gun, give a specific description when talking with the 911 telecommunicator. Report such things as type and color of clothing, age, height, build, gender, race, address where you saw the person, and direction headed. Give vehicle information and direction of movement when appropriate.

If this is a recurrent problem in your neighborhood, invite neighbors to a block club meeting. You and your neighbors may learn more about the problem by documenting dates and times shots have been heard. Forward this kind of information to the commander of your local precinct to help with directing patrol efforts.

## ***When police arrive***

- The extent of their investigation will depend on the detail of the information they have received.
- If the suspects are gone when the officers reach the scene, they may continue on patrol.
- If a person matching the suspect's description is still present, the officers will usually question him or her and try to locate the weapon.
- If you have additional pertinent information which maybe useful to investigating officers, call 911 again to relay that specific information.

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