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### Approaching Emergency Vehicles

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Questions have come up recently in reference to what the proper response to an approaching emergency vehicle is. Here are some relevant City of Tulsa traffic ordinances, all are from Title 37.

#### Section 604 - Operation upon approach of authorized emergency vehicles:

*“Upon the approach of an authorized emergency vehicle making use of audible and visual signals meeting the requirements of the traffic ordinances of the City of Tulsa, or of a police vehicle properly making use of an audible signal only, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to such emergency vehicle even when such vehicle is proceeding against an official traffic-control device, and shall immediately drive to a position which is clear of any intersection, parallel and as close as possible to the right-hand edge or curb of the street, alley or public or private roadway and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle*

*has passed or stopped, except when otherwise directed by a police officer.”*

#### Section 605. - Following fire apparatus:

*“The driver of any vehicle, other than Police and Fire Department members, shall not follow an emergency vehicle traveling in response to an emergency call with siren sounding closer than five hundred (500) feet or drive into or park such vehicle within the block where emergency apparatus has stopped in answer to an emergency call.”*

#### Section 665. - Driver of a motor vehicle approaching a stationary emergency vehicle:

*A. The driver of a motor vehicle, upon approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle that is displaying a flashing combination red or blue lights or any combination of red or blue lights, shall:*

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# Approaching Emergency Vehicles

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*1. If traveling on a street, roadway or highway that consists of two (2) or more lanes that carry traffic in the same direction of travel as that of the driver, the driver shall proceed with due caution and shall, if possible and with due regard to the road, weather and traffic conditions, change lanes into a lane that is not adjacent to the stationary authorized emergency vehicle; or if the driver is not able to change lanes or if to do so would be unsafe, the driver shall proceed with due caution and reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to a safe speed for the existing road, weather and traffic conditions; and*

*2. If traveling on a street, roadway or highway other than that described in paragraph 1. of this subsection, the driver shall proceed with due caution and reduce the speed of the*

*motor vehicle to a safe speed for the existing road, weather and traffic conditions.*

In other words, when an emergency vehicle approaches, whether from in front of you or from behind, pull to the right, as close to the right-hand edge of the roadway as possible, stop and remain stopped until the emergency vehicle has passed.

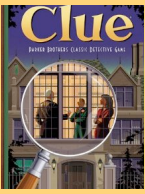
Don't ever follow behind an emergency vehicle, staying back at least five hundred (500) feet. To put that into perspective, that's about one and a half football fields.

Finally, when approaching a stationary emergency vehicle that has their lights on, slow down and move to the left, if at all possible. Just remember, the person in need of that emergency vehicle could be someone you know.

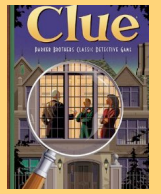
## Just Say "No" to Panhandlers



Transients, bums, hobos, panhandlers, beggars. They are frequently standing at a highway off-ramp with a cardboard sign asking for "help". Some are mentally ill and some simply prey upon the public's sympathy, knowing that there are good-hearted people willing to "donate" their hard-earned money. Police departments across the country encourage citizens NOT to give money to panhandlers for a variety of reasons. First, and foremost, is concern for everyone's safety. Criminals will often pose as a panhandler to gain trust and then rob the giver. They will also assault and rob panhandlers that they've watched receiving money. Secondly, the giver's hard-earned money usually doesn't go toward food or shelter, but for illegal and illicit activities. Lastly, there are many charities that are specifically set up to assist the homeless, the hungry, and the mentally ill in getting their needs met. People are not the only ones suffering in this economy, but charities also need the giver's hard-earned dollars to continue to provide aid. Included is a sample web page that lists a large number of charities that help people who are down on their luck. ([http://www.charity-charities.org/Oklahoma-charities/Tulsa\\_2.html](http://www.charity-charities.org/Oklahoma-charities/Tulsa_2.html))



# CRIMESTOPPERS CLUE CLUB



Burglary Detectives need your help in identifying the subject in the photos below.

On August 25, 2011, between 4:45 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., the suspect cut the perimeter fence to CVD Associates, located at 2133 N. Sheridan Road. The suspect entered the property and cut the electrical wires and copper lines to an air condition unit. While attempting to remove the unit the suspect was interrupted. The suspect ran from the scene before he could remove the unit. The suspect appears to be a white male. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Crime Stoppers at 918.596.9189.



## FROM THE CRIME ANALYST'S DESK...

### ROBBERIES

There were twelve total robberies reported, of which, two were businesses and ten were of individuals. 75% of the robberies were committed during daylight hours with Thursday and Saturday being the most popular days at three apiece. Unfortunately there were no common patterns or descriptions among the suspects to aid in identification.

### BURGLARIES

Wednesday was the most popular day for burglaries with Monday and Thursday tying for second. 72.8% of burglaries occurred between the hours of 6 am and 7 pm. The most common method of gaining entry remains using force on (otherwise known as "kicking") the front door. Large screen TVs and gaming devices continues to be the "hot" items most reported stolen.

### AUTO THEFTS

The most popular day for auto thefts during this time period was Thursday with eight. The next most popular was Friday with six. There were twelve cars, eleven pickups, three utility vehicles, two motorcycles, two cargo vans, and one minivan stolen. GM products were the most popular brand stolen with thirteen taken and Ford products were the next most popular with five. Three of the four outside recoveries (cars reported stolen in another city) were pickups. Eighteen of the thirty one stolen vehicles reported stolen were made before 2000.

### LARCENIES

There were forty-one total larcenies reported. 24.4% of all larcenies were from vehicles, otherwise known as burglary from vehicle. 9.7% were larcenies from retailers, otherwise known as shoplifting. Most popular day to commit a larceny was Tuesday followed by Monday.

## *Upcoming Downtown Events*

### BOK Arena

Alan Jackson - Sep 15

Katy Perry - Sep 17

Def Leppard with Heart - Sep 20

Taylor Swift - Sep 21

### Brady Theater

Pretty Lights - Oct 28

### Cain's Ballroom

Fleet Foxes w/ the Walkmen - Sep 17

TV on the Radio - Sep 18

### ONEOK

### Performing Arts Center (PAC)

### Special Events

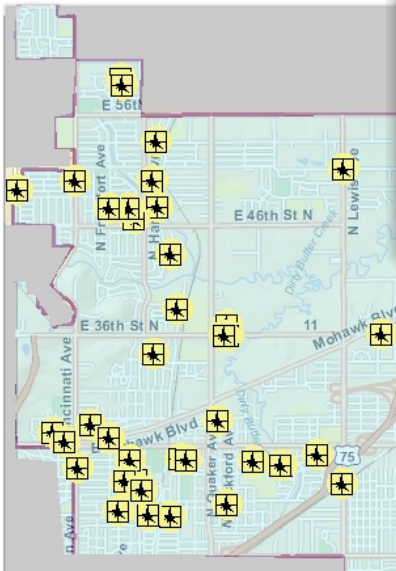
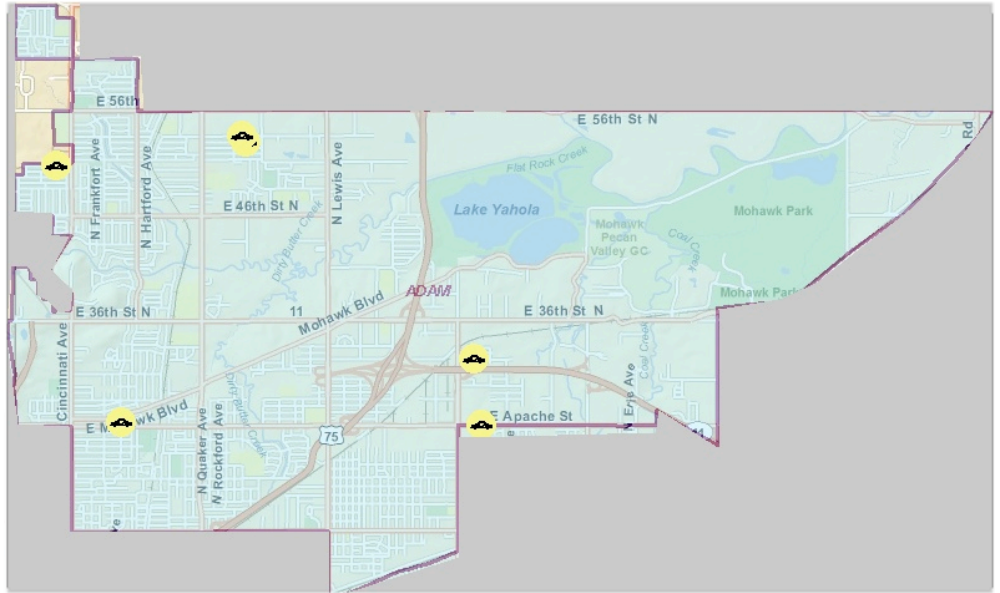
### Tulsa Convention Center

Straight No Chaser - Oct 16



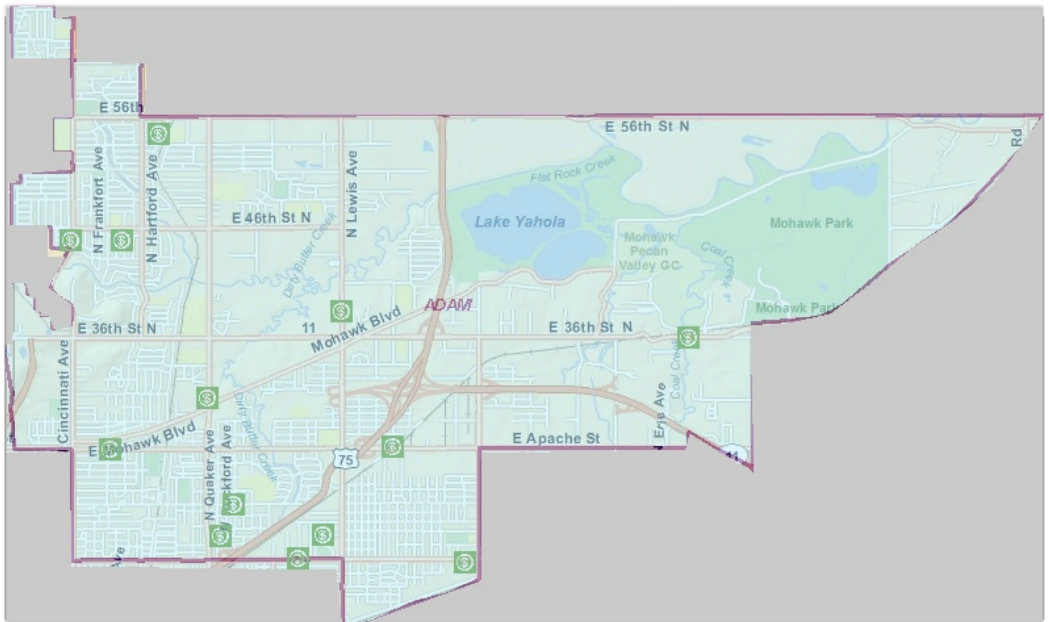
# Adam Squad – Crimes Trending Now

## Auto Thefts



## Burglaries

## Larcenies



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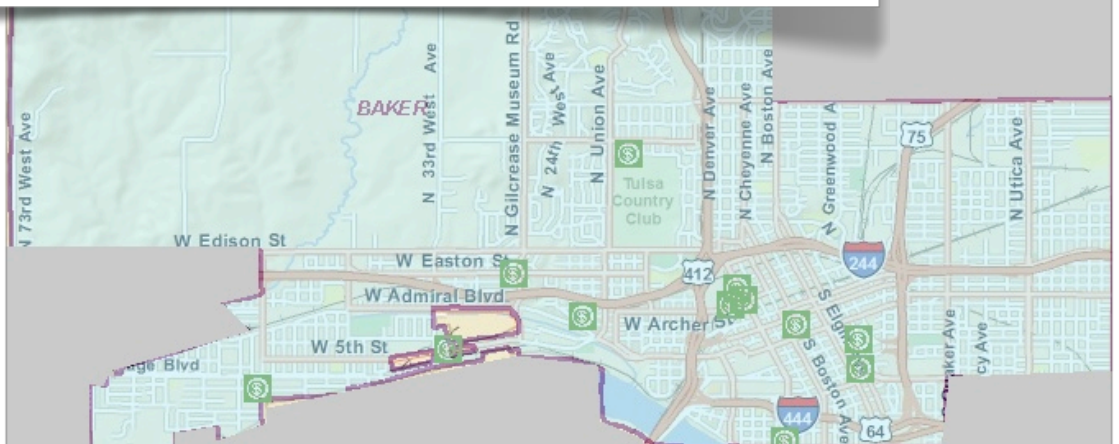
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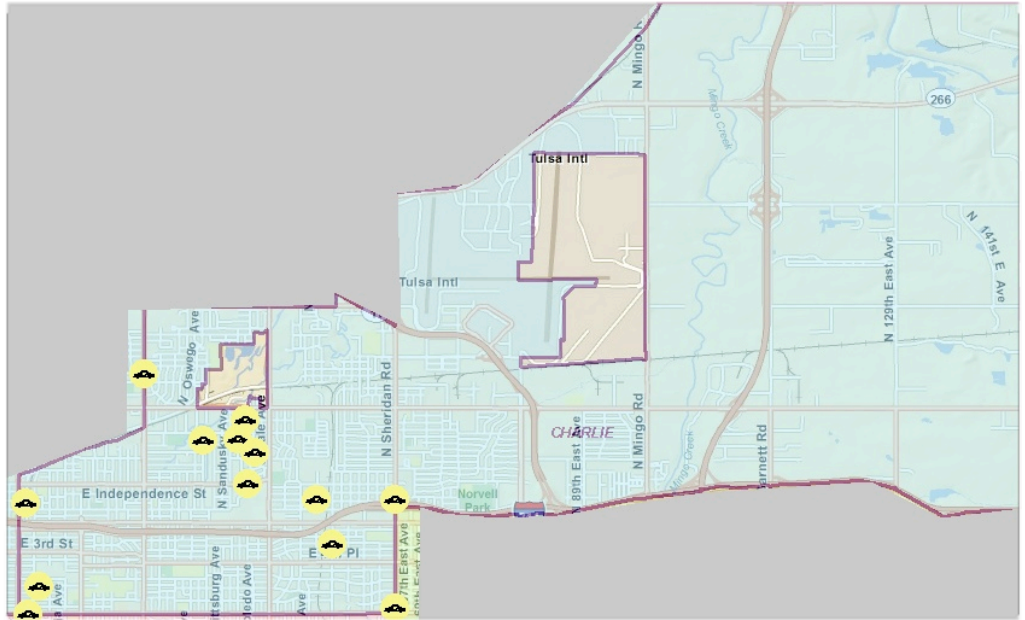


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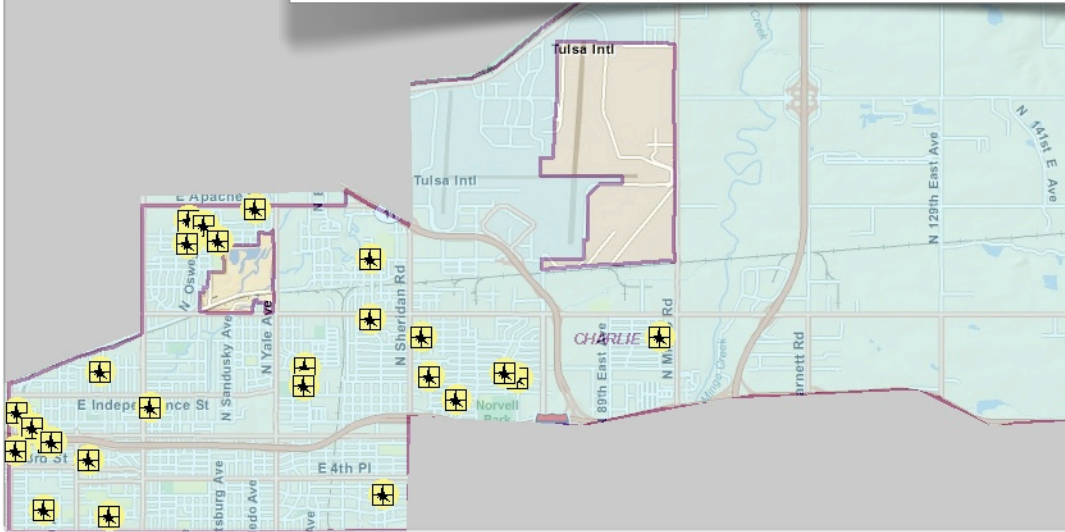


# Charlie Squad – Crimes Trending Now

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## Burglaries



## Larcenies

