

## **Answers to the Most Asked Questions Behind the Gate**

1. Call 911 for emergency, injury, in-progress robbery, assault, burglary, or any other incident where imminent danger exists.
2. Call (936)760-5800 for all other law enforcement needs including but not limited to: after the fact burglary, criminal mischief, and all past violations where no violator is present.
3. You should make the above calls to the numbers listed and be prepared to answer certain questions that will assist you in having the correct service sent to your location in the shortest time. You will be required to sign a complainant's affirmation before any follow-up investigation will be done, as this is a requirement of the prosecution. You may call April Sound Security after you make the call to Law Enforcement but do not rely on anyone other than yourself to make the contact. You are the one who knows what is happening and you are the one who can get this information to the Deputy.
4. Traffic violations are not a violation of the law and therefore are not enforceable by law enforcement. This includes stop signs, speed limits, and yield signs, etc.
5. Law enforcement officers cannot enforce POA rules and regulations and should not be called to do so.
6. Motor vehicle accidents are not law enforcement reportable unless there is an injury involved. Amount of damage, fault, and disregarding warning signs are all civil matters and not of criminal nature.
7. Vehicles that have caused reckless endangerment to the public or have caused damage to personal property may be subject to criminal apprehension if they are considered to be doing so in a manner that is hazardous to another person or property.
8. A Deputy will be dispatched to your call and enroute as soon as possible. Remember that the Deputy may be on another call and have to finish that call before responding to your problem. Emergency calls are always given priority and answered before other less serious crimes. Please be patient.
9. Animal calls are handled by animal control at (936)442-7738. On weekends and holidays, as well as after hours, telephone calls are transferred to MCSO Communications. On animal bite cases and vicious dog calls, MCSO will page an animal control officer. After hours, animal control only has one unit that is on call so they cannot be sent to loose animal calls. You will be instructed to call animal control during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.
10. Fishermen who are in the water and not standing, tying up to and/or damaging the bulkhead or other personal property of a property owner are not in violation of the law and may fish near or under docks, moored boats, or bulkheads.