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Log onto www.lapdonline.org today! You can view information on crime in your neighborhood; you can get the monthly newsletter and sign up for e-policing, a real-time way to get information from LAPD to you!

Many thanks to Senior Lead Officer Parra and her fellow officers, the National Night Out committee, community volunteers and sponsors, who made the 27th National Night Out in West Valley Area a tremendous success. Several hundred community members gathered at the Randal D. Simmons Park in Reseda to enjoy barbequed hot dogs and chili dogs at this yearly event. National Night Out increases awareness about the various police programs available in the community. This event represents the kind of spirit, energy and enthusiasm that help make our neighborhoods safer throughout the year.

Commanding Officers Captain John Egan and Captain Nick Zingo were joined by Chief Beck, Alan Skobin, Vice President of the Los Angeles Police Commission, Congressman Brad Sherman, City Controller Wendy Greuel, representatives from Senator Alex Padilla's and Assemblyman Bob Blumenfield's office, Council President Eric Garcetti, as well as Councilman Dennis P. Zine. The event offered a great opportunity to get to know your community representatives and Senior Lead Officers. The children especially enjoyed the kid's zone which included bouncers, face painting, and cotton candy, while their parents took advantage of the opportunity to have their children fingerprinted. The highlight of the evening for the kids was a special visit from Ronald McDonald.

Thanks to all for another successful National Night Out in West Valley!

IWATCH, IREPORT, I KEEP US SAFE (IWATCH)



Report suspicious behaviors and activities to www.iWATCHLA.org or call (877) 284-7328

What is iWATCH?

iWATCH is a community program and partnership with L.A.P.D. to help your neighborhood stay safe from terrorist activities. You and your fellow community members can report behaviors and activities that make you feel uncomfortable or do not look right (suspicious behaviors). It can prevent terrorist activities in your neighborhood. You report behavior and activities that are unusual or seem out of the ordinary.

Do NOT jeopardize your safety or the safety of others. Preventing terrorism is a community partnership. By learning what to look for, **YOU** can make a positive contribution in the fight against terrorism. The partnership between the community and law enforcement is essential to the success of anti-terrorism efforts.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS. We rely on our senses every day of our lives. If a behavior or activity makes you feel uncomfortable, report it!

If it doesn't LOOK right, report it!

A video store clerk SAW anti-American material on a DVD he was asked to copy. Police captured and arrested individuals planning a bomb attack.

If it doesn't SMELL right, report it!

A grandmother SMELLED bad odors from the neighboring apartment and noticed that the empty apartment was frequented by various people; police discovered a poison gas factory.

If it doesn't SOUND right, report it!

Residents were concerned with a person's threats of violence. Police captured and arrested a group planning a subway attack.

HOW DO I REPORT?

There are four ways to make a report:

- ✓ Report online at www.iWATCHLA.org
- ✓ Call 1- (877) A-THREAT/ 1- (877) 284-7328.
An expert will answer the call and listen to you.
- ✓ Call your local police station and speak to a desk officer. A trained officer will take your report.
- ✓ Call 911 for an emergency.

All information will be kept confidential. Any information submitted will be carefully assessed and, if warranted, investigated by trained investigators. All information gathered and all investigative activity will be subject to strict policies designed to protect the privacy and civil liberties of American citizens while protecting our city and our nation from terrorism.

Some activities, taken individually, could be innocent and must be examined by law enforcement professionals in a larger context to determine whether there is a basis to investigate. The activities outlined in this handout are by no means all inclusive but have been compiled from a review of terrorist events over several years.

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POTENTIAL INDICATORS OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES RELATED TO STORAGE FACILITIES

What should I consider suspicious?

- Failing to complete personal information when completing rental paperwork.
- Using cash to pay rental fees in advance.
- Inquiring about security and surveillance equipment utilized at the storage facility.
- Placing unusual items in storage units or facility dumpsters.
 - Fertilizer or agricultural products
 - Chemicals or chemical containers
 - Fuel or fuel containers
 - Weapons, ammunition or explosives
- Entering and leaving the storage facility at unusual times.
- Avoiding contact with rental facility personnel.
- Leaving burn marks or discoloration on the walls or doors of a storage unit.
- Storing items that emit unusual odors or leak liquids.



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POTENTIAL INDICATORS OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION FACILITIES

What should I consider suspicious?

- Removal or altering of survey stakes on a construction site.
- Anyone inquiring about security at a construction site.
- Environmental and/or antigovernment slogans, banners or signs at the sight or nearby area.
- People entering the work site after work hours.
- Unscheduled deliveries of materials/equipment.
- Items found on-site that do not belong or are not part of the site materials.
- Evidence of intentional damage to cables, gas lines, or power lines.
- Vandalism at the site, including window breakage, slashed tires, spray-painting, sand/sugar in fuel tanks, cutting of fuel and brake lines, and/or glued locks.
- Arson at buildings under construction, work sheds, or any kind of equipment, including trucks, bulldozers, and cranes.

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Next Neighborhood Watch Meeting – Thursday, September 9 - 7:00 p.m.
L.A.P.D. Community Room

POTENTIAL INDICATORS OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES RELATED TO SHOPPING MALLS & CENTERS

What should I consider suspicious?

- Efforts to surveil or “case” the shopping center (i.e. taking pictures, making videos, or drawing diagrams of the location).
- Unusual inquiries about security procedures.
- Test of security responses.
- Vandalism accompanied by a message or claim.
- Individual(s) with unseasonal bulky attire.
- Unattended packages, briefcases, satchels or bags.
- Unattended, unfamiliar delivery vehicles in loading zones or in front of store entrances.
- Extremist graffiti spray-painted at the center.
- Attempts to access restricted areas, including the roof, hallways, and electrical rooms.
- Thefts of official vehicles, uniforms, identification, or access cards.

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OTHER POTENTIAL INDICATORS OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

What should I consider suspicious?

- People drawing or measuring important buildings.
- Strangers asking questions about security or building security procedures.
- Briefcase, suitcase, backpack, or package left behind.
- Cars or trucks left in “No Parking” zones in front of important buildings.
- Intruders in secure areas where they are not supposed to be.
- Chemical smells or fumes that worry you.
- Questions about sensitive information such as building blueprints, security plans or VIP travel schedules without a right or need to know.
- Purchasing supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs or weapons or purchasing uniforms without having the proper credentials.

It is important to remember that just because someone’s speech, actions, beliefs, appearance, or way of life is different; it does not mean that he or she is suspicious.

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