New Jersey Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness

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NJSARS
(Suspicious Activity Reporting System)

Report Suspicious Activity:
1-866-4-SAFE-NJ

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What is NJSARS?

NJSARS contains:

- Terrorism and homeland security information related to suspicious activity reports (SAR).

NJSARS is a Statewide database through which SAR information is disseminated throughout:
- OHSP
- FBI JTTF (Newark and Philly)
- County Counter-Terrorism Coordinators (CTCs)
- Local law enforcement
NJSARS is following the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI) model.

- **SAR is defined as an:**
  - “Official documentation of observed behavior reasonably indicative of preoperational planning related to terrorism or other criminal activity.”

- **SAR Process:**
  - “The end-to-end process of gathering, processing, reporting, analyzing, and sharing of SARs.” The SAR process focuses on what LE agencies have been doing for years—gathering information regarding behaviors and incidents associated with crime and establishing a process whereby information can be shared to detect and prevent criminal activity, including that associated with domestic and international terrorism.
Types of Reports

Banking/Financial Activities

- Suspicious wire transfers - domestic or int’l;
  - Large, frequent cash transactions

Bomb Threats/Explosive-related

- Include Schools

Anthrax, Chemical, Biological or Nuclear threats or events

- Confirmed/Unconfirmed Suspicious Substances

Counterfeit/Pirated, Untaxed Items

- Terrorism Funding

Computer/Cyber-related terrorism

- Cyber Attack

Document Frauds/Identity Thefts

ICE/INS Immigration Violations

- Lost/Stolen IDs
  - SSN Cards, Passports, LE, Emergency Services, Military, Utilities

Expressed or Implied Threats

- Verbal or written against U.S. Govt. &/or public

Stolen Vehicles

- Emergency Services, i.e. Ambulances, Police, Buses, Security, Tankers, Mail Delivery, Utilities

Suspicious Persons/Vehicles (To include aircraft & marine)


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Types of Reports

Suspicious Thefts

- Government Thefts, Containers, Mail Boxes

Trespassing/Security Breaches & Attempted Intrusions/Loitering

- Around Critical Infrastructure Sites

Unattended Bags/Packages

Video/Photographing

- Critical Infrastructure Sites, Government Facilities, Schools, Transportation, Utilities, etc.

Weapons Related Activity

- With Possible Nexus To Terrorism

Certain School Related Threats

Bomb threats, suspected or suspicious explosives devices, to include incidents that results in a school evacuation (with exception of security drills.)

School security threats, including terroristic threats & any other serious /reckless threats of violence to general school community including discovery of dangerous weapons, explosives devices, components or precursor material.

Violence/Intimidation (Hate Crime)

Unusual theft/loss of dangerous chemicals from lab facilities or storage.

Possible surveillance activities or intrusions by suspicious persons in or around school grounds/property

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8 Signs of Terrorism

1) Surveillance
2) Elicitation/Seeking Information
3) Tests of Security
4) Acquiring Supplies
5) Suspicious People Who Do Not Belong
6) Dry Run/Trial Run
7) Deploying Assets/Getting Into Position
8) Terrorist Funding
Reporting SARs

What About: Photographing, Videotaping, Disabled Vehicles, etc.
SAR submissions in NJ decreased 19% from 2008 to 2009.

- SAR submissions in NJ have decreased (with the exception of 2007) since 2005.
- Consistent with overall decrease in SAR submissions nationwide.
- Increase in 2007 SAR submissions may be due to such factors as:
  - Fort Dix Plot (May 2007)
  - JFK Plot (June 2007)
  - London and Glasgow Attacks (June 2007)
What To Report?

• Any suspicious activity or incident that you feel is related to homeland security or terrorism, either domestic or international.
How To Report?

• All SARs should be reported to OHSP & entered into NJSARS.
  – NOTE: OHSP is NOT first responders; use your initial reporting process of your organization.

• Depending on the reporting process in your specific county:
  – SARs may be sent to your Municipal Counter Terrorism Coordinator (MCTC) or County CTC, who will enter the report into NJSARS.
  – SARs may be also reported to the OHSP Counter Terrorism Watch Tips Line at **1-866-4-SAFE-NJ**.
Remember…

• “IF YOU SUSPECT IT, REPORT IT”

• Activity or person may not be criminal BUT may be suspicious.

• OHSP is not an Initial Responder.

• Follow the normal initial reporting process of your organization.
Contact Info

- Public Tip Line: 1-866-4-SAFE-NJ
- E Mail Tips: tips@NJHomelandSecurity.gov
- Fax Tips: 609-530-3650
- Web form: www.njhomelandsecurity.gov
  Click on “Report Suspicious Activity”
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