SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING (SALUTE)

When reporting suspicious or criminal activity, provide law enforcement with all relevant information. Based on the military model of reporting intelligence information can be critical. To the best of ability and without endangering yourself, coworkers and the public, consider the following critical pieces of information and report appropriately. Do not conduct your own investigations. Report the suspicious activity to your local law enforcement agency. In the event it is an emergency, call 9-1-1.

S = Size:
- Actual number of people involved. Look for evidence of other individuals, such as using communications equipment or hand signals.

A = Activity:
- Describe the suspicious activity and explain why you believe it is suspicious. If the activity is moving, give the direction and the method of transportation. Take your time. Be specific. Include small details, even if they seem insignificant.

L = Location:
- Clear description of where the incident took place.

U = Unique identification:
- Full description of individuals. Descriptions should include height, weight, build, age, sex, race, hair color and style, eye color, dress, outstanding characteristics (marks and tattoos, facial hair, accent, glasses, scars, limps, etc.) and complexion.

T = Time and date:
- Time, date and duration of the incident. Is the activity around a particularly vulnerable time, such as rush hour, the holiday season, a special event, etc.?

E = Equipment
- Describe the type of equipment used during the suspicious activity. This could include weapons, electronics, photography equipment, night vision, body armor, vehicles, etc. Remember the make and model of the vehicle, the license number, the color and any unique markings (e.g., dents, rust, bumper stickers, body damage, etc.).