



Suspicious Activity Reporting



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Briefing Objectives

- SAR Outreach
- Overview of Key Concepts
- Current Analytical Picture
- Opportunities for Participation



Outreach

- Public Awareness Campaign
“See Something, Say Something”
- Critical Infrastructure Outreach
“7 Signs of Terrorism”
- Public Safety Partners
“National SAR Initiative”



SAR Key Concepts

What is the likelihood that the missing SAR data could negatively impact the ability of decision makers to protect Virginia's citizens and assets?

How much suspicious activity reporting fails to reach the VFC?

How much suspicious activity is recognized but not reported?

How much suspicious activity in VA is not recognized or reported?

How much "suspicious" activity is normal for any neighborhood or business?
How much of this unusual, but normal activity is really SAR?



SAR Key Concepts

Criminal Intelligence Gathering

Reasonable suspicion

Determined by a trained law enforcement or criminal justice professional

Product of investigation

- Data gathering
- Data analysis

Criminal subject (individual or organization)-focused

Suspicious Activity Reporting

Any level of suspicion (criminal nexus)

Behavior observed by *anyone*

Product of officer or agency documentation and two-step review process to determine “potential nexus to terrorism” (ISE-SAR)

May be based on or lead to an investigation

Observed behavior-focused



Nationwide SAR Initiative

Key Objectives of the NSI (ISE-SAR):

- Ensure that SAR data has been legally gathered and determined to have a potential nexus with terrorism-related criminal activity
- Ensure that standard policies and procedures protect citizen privacy and civil liberties
- Support institutionalization by training executive, front-line, and analytical staff
- Establish appropriate technology at participating sites to enable sharing across the Information Sharing Environment (ISE)

Represents the standardization of processes based on the Intelligence Cycle



Categories of SAR

Defined Criminal and Potential Terrorism Nexus Activity



- Breach/Attempted Intrusion
- Misrepresentation
- Theft/Loss/Diversions
- Sabotage/Tampering/Vandalism
- Cyber Attack
- Communicating a Threat
- Suspicious Aviation Activity

These activities can be entered into the Shared Space immediately



Categories of SAR

Potential Criminal or Non-Criminal Activity



**Times Square Bomber Faisal Shahzad
Purchasing Fireworks**

- Eliciting Information
- Security Probes
- Photography / Videography
- Observation/Surveillance
- Materials Acquisition/Storage
- Acquisition of Expertise
- Weapons Discovery
- Sector-Specific Incidents

These activities require additional investigation before entry into ISE-SAR system



SAR in Southeast VA

- Photography and videotaping of bridges and tunnels
- Photography and possible observation of maritime facilities
- Bomb threats and threats to government officials



Fusion Liaison Officer Program

- Initial pilot training in Hampton Roads
- Program expanding beyond UASI areas
- New emphasis on involving all public safety, public works, and others
- Involves additional training on terrorism and SAR trends