

# **ZANESVILLE**

## **CRIME STOPPERS WATCH**



**KEEPING A WATCHFUL EYE ON OUR COMMUNITY**

# Download An Observation Report

- Before using this trainer, please download an Observation Report from the ZCSW Website if you don't have a copy.
- [http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Crime\\_Stoppers\\_Watch/home](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Crime_Stoppers_Watch/home)

# Introduction

- Observation Reporting
  - The Key To Combining Suspicious Activities Which Will Help Law Enforcement Reduce Crimes In Our City.

# Purposes

- Why Use Them
- How To Use Them
- When To Use Them
- Where To Use Them
- What To Report

# Why Use Them?

- Combining All The Pieces Of The Puzzle, The Suspicious Activities, Aids Law Enforcement In Reducing and/or Removing Crime Risks
- Ensures Law Enforcement Are Not Overwhelmed With Calls Which Are Not An Emergency In Nature
- Emergencies Call 911 Immediately

# How To Use Them?

- Computer Form: Fill In The Information By Left Clicking To The Right Of Each Heading.
- Be Sure To Save A Copy of Your Report.

# When To Use Them?

- Because ZCSW Members Are Trained In What Suspicious Activities Are, You Understand Exactly When You View An Activity which is NOT Normal.
- Suspicious Activities which seem NOT Normal are Reported ASAP.

# Where To Use Them?

- Normally members will report Suspicious Activities which are viewed in the Area in which they live and/or do business.
- Can Report Suspicious Activities Viewed In Other Areas By Altering The Location Viewed In On The Observation Report To Coincide With The Observation.



# What To Report

- When Filling Out An Observation Report, Be **Very Specific**.
- Take Pictures when possible.
- Use a Small Recorder to help you remember **Exact Details** when possible.
- Take Videos When Possible.
- Use **All Technologies you have**

# Overview

- Putting The Pieces Of The Puzzle Together
- When The Puzzle Is Together, Law Enforcement Can Reduce Crime Risks



# **Membership Responsibilities**

**What  
Is  
My  
Part?**

# Area Members

- Views Suspicious Activity
- Completes Observation Report
- Saves A Copy Of The Report
- Emails Area Captain The Report

# Area Captains

- Views Observation Reports
- Saves A Copy To Folder
- Combines Reports
- Removes Viewed By From Reports
- Removes Security Code
- Emails Reports To Ward Coordinator

# Ward Coordinator

- Views Area Captain's Reports
- Saves Reports In Area Folder
- Combines Reports
- Emails Reports To Law Enforcement, The Safety Director, and The Mayor

# Law Enforcement

- Reviews Ward Reports
- Saves a Copy
- Does An Appraisal of Compiled Reports
- Initiates Appropriate Actions
- Removes and/or Reduces Crime Risks

# Board of Directors

- Reviews Observation Reports
  - Ensures Suspicious Activities Are Being Addressed
- Improves Policies and Procedures
- Directs ZCSW Operations
- Promotes ZCSW's Future



# The Report

# Heading

- Stay Calm
- Remain Alert to your Surroundings
- Begin With The Basics

# Heading cont.

- Move To The Specifics
- Broaden Your Perspective
- Add Details

# Post Observation Activities

- Write down your observation ASAP
- What is a Suspicious Activity?
  - Something Unusual
  - Something very different
  - Something which may be illegal
  - Others?

# Personal Information

- Security Code
  - Your personal identity
    - Known by your Ward Coordinator and Area Captain only.
- Location: Where You Live, The Park, or Where you viewed it.
- Suspicious Activity
  - What you believe you may have seen
    - Name it!

# Additional Information

- Date: of suspicious activity
- Time: of suspicious activity
- Viewed By: other than ZCSW member
  - Friend
  - Family
  - Visitor
  - non-member neighbor

# Observation

- How did you see it?
  - Examples: while walking, driving, window watching
  - Exactly what did you see?
- Example: While my wife and I were taking an evening walk, we saw a man checking autos to see if they were locked. He seen us walking towards him, and got in a truck and quickly left the area.

# Physical Setting

- He was spotted in front of 75 Lucy St. home.
- His vehicle was parked at 95 Lucy St.



# People

- There was only one man involved
- He was white
- He was older (50 to 60)
- He was wearing blue-jeans and a red sweat-shirt.

# People cont.

- He was acting like he lost something.
- He was in a hurry

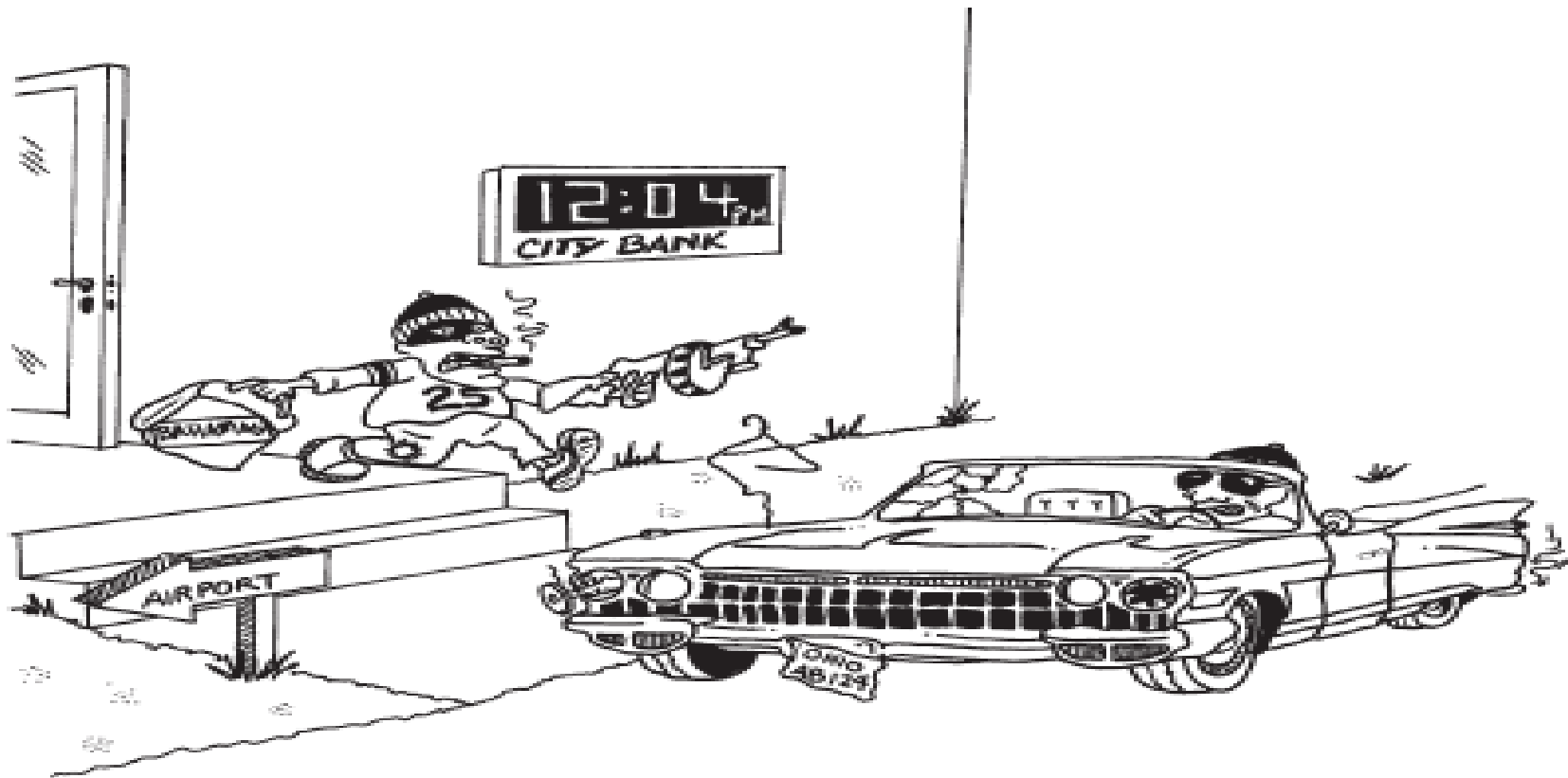
# Specific Items - Routines

- He was driving an older model red Ford pickup with a white cap on the back.
- His license plate number was Just Me.
- He was looking in the driver's side windshield too. It looked as if he was writing down Vin numbers.
- We have reported him twice before, but on a different streets in our neighborhood.
- He visits our area in the evening just before dark.

# Are You A Good Witness?

- The following exercise will help you learn how to know important details that will be helpful when you report a crime or a suspicious activity.
- The next slide depicts a crime scene. You will view the crime-setting, and then the you will list your findings on the Observation Report you printed.
- Then you will rate yourself.
- Now study the next slide for one minute.

## Are You a Good Witness?



# Activity

- Now, for the next three minutes fill out your Observation Report without looking at the previous slide.
- Now review those items you listed with the previous slide.
- How many items did you get correct?
- How many items did you miss?
- Ratings: Items listed
  - 1 to 3 = Poor
  - 4 to 7 = Good
  - 8 to 11 = Very Good
  - 12 and above = Excellent

# Suspicious Activities - Burglary

- A stranger entering a neighbor's house while the neighbor is away.
- A stranger crossing your or your neighbor's yard looking at back entrances.
- Anyone trying to open a neighbor's door.
- A moving truck or van pulling into your neighbor's driveway while your neighbor is away.
  - Burglaries often happen at times when appearances seem normal.

# Stolen Property

- Someone carrying certain types of property like a TV, Stereo, etc.
  - Especially when they are not wrapped as if purchased.



# Burglary or Vandalism

- The sound of breaking glass
- A loud crashing noise of a door being broken open.

# Vehicle or Theft from a Vehicle

- Anyone peering into vehicles as they walk down the street.
- Someone removing license plates, gasoline, or accessories from a vehicle.
- Someone attempting to enter a vehicle using a coat hanger or other device
- Never assume it's their vehicle if you don't know them.
- Be suspicious of anyone you don't know is tampering with the hood or trunk of a vehicle.

# Vehicle Theft

- An improperly parked car or an abandoned vehicle.
- Someone leaving one vehicle and driving away in another.
- These could be signs of a vehicle theft.

# Possible Abduction

- Anyone forced into a vehicle
- Someone screaming for help.
- Persons loitering around schools, parks, secluded areas, or in your neighborhood.
- Child molesters.
- Sex Offenders

# Drug Sales

- Apparent business transactions conducted from vehicles.
  - Around schools or parks if juveniles are involved.
- A constant flow of strangers to and from a particular residence on a regular basis.
- They deliver
  - Late or unusual times
  - If you see a neighbor who does not work and comes and goes many times during the day and/or night.
  - Driving a fancy vehicle with dark windows
  - They meet at parks and/or secluded areas
  - They meet in large parking lots where they can blend in.

# Fencing Operation

- Offers of merchandise at unusually low prices.

# Robbery or Assault

- Loud screams
- Gun shots
- Sex offenses
- Additional?

# Solicitations

- Strangers selling or offering merchandise without proper permits
- Rule of thumb
  - If it seems too good to be true, it usually is.



# Communications

- Email: [crimestoppers43701@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crimestoppers43701@sbcglobal.net)
- Website:  
[http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Crime\\_Stoppers\\_Watch/home](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Crime_Stoppers_Watch/home)
- Telephone: 740.455.3289