

# Dispatcher: Suspicious Activity Report

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## DVD-ROM Video

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A suspicious activity report (SAR) provides law enforcement with another tool to help prevent terrorism and other related criminal activity by establishing a national capacity for gathering, documenting, processing, analyzing, and sharing SAR information. A SAR may be filed for either a terrorist act, a criminal act, or a non-criminal act that may be a precursor to a terrorist or criminal act-- and may be filed by law enforcement, public safety personnel, critical infrastructure personnel, or even the general public. SARs are completed at the local, state, or Federal law enforcement levels and shared with fusion centers, who can then make the information available to local law enforcement agencies, the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security, the FBI, the Department of Defense, and private partners.

The goal of this training program is to train and educate law enforcement dispatchers on how to best process a SAR. Foundational in combatting terrorism and criminal activity, SARs lose their value when information is neglected or the filing process was improper. This program explains the actions necessary to properly complete and submit a suspicious activity report.

Segments include:

- Overview
- Why Is It Important?
- What to Look For, What to Act On?
- The SAR Process
- Resources
- SAR Stories
- Final Thoughts

The DVD-ROM video program offers two viewing modes and printable instructor and trainee documents as follows:

### Facilitated/Group Viewing

Each segment features a short introduction, followed by scenarios with related questions and activities to assist in facilitating a group discussion. The facilitator has the option to play subject matter expert comments after the discussion to re-emphasize a training point or to ensure all topics are covered. A "Facilitator Guide" document (PDF) is included on the DVD-ROM for printout from a computer.

### Informational/Individual Viewing

This viewing mode allows an individual trainee or a small group of trainees to view the training video without formal (classroom) facilitation by an instructor. Features the same scenarios and questions or activities as the "Facilitated Group Course" track. Individual viewers may view sample group discussions, followed by comments from subject matter experts that reiterate and reinforce the teaching points. A "Student Workbook" document (PDF) is included on the DVD-ROM for printout from a computer.



## Video Program Guide

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